



**Township of Howick Council Minutes  
Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.  
Howick Council Chambers**

**1. Call to Order**

Reeve Harding called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**2. Confirmation of the Agenda**

**Moved by: Councillor Grimes**

**Seconded by: Councillor Rognvaldson**

That the Council of the Township of Howick hereby adopts the June 3, 2025, Council Agenda as presented.

**Carried.**

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest under the “Municipal Conflict of Interest Act”**

None declared.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**Moved by: Deputy Reeve Gibson**

**Seconded by: Councillor Grimes**

That the Council of the Township of Howick hereby adopts the following minutes:

**4.1 May 13, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes**

**Carried.**

**5. Public Meetings/Hearings**

**6. Delegations and/or Presentations**

**6.1 Kim Spratt, re. community swap event at the Howick Community Centre**

Kim Spratt would like to have fees for the Howick Community Centre waived to host a Howick family swap. Have people donate what they don't need anymore free of cost, and families can come and see what is available and take what they need. Currently supply teaching and bus driver for Howick Central Public School and

sees the struggle of local families. Be respectful of those that are struggling. Keep items out of our landfill. June 20-21, 2025 are tentative dates. Will send out advertisement through the public school email to notify them of the dates. Drop-offs will be accepted a few days prior.

Council gave direction to waive the rental fees for the Howick Community Centre for a community swap event.

## **7. Consent Agenda**

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and are enacted in one motion. Prior to the motion being voted on, any Council Member may request that one or more items be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed and/or voted on separately.

**Moved by: Deputy Reeve Gibson**

**Seconded by: Councillor Grimes**

That Consent Agenda items 7.1 to 7.3 be received for information and approved.

**7.1 PW-2025-15, May Department Update  
For Information Only.**

**7.2 FIN-2025-22, Accounts Payable  
For Information Only.**

**7.3 PLN-2025-02, Bill 17, Protected Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter  
Act, 2025- Proposed Changes  
For Information Only.**

**Carried.**

## **8. Regular Agenda**

**8.1 Planning – Huron County Planner Sarah Kurtz**

**8.2 Municipal Drains - Drainage Superintendent Scott Richardson**

## **9. Staff Reports**

**9.1 Chief Building Official Ed Podniewicz**

**9.2 Fire Chief/Manager of Development & Protective Services - Josh Kestner**

**9.3 Manager of Public Works – Scott Price**

**9.3.1 PW-2025-16, Curbside Waste and Recycling Collection**

Luiza Furtado of Waste Management was present to answer questions regarding the change in collection day and waste bins and automated trucks coming in 2026. As of January 1, 2026, CMO will be fully responsible for the recycling program and we will need to make a

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decision on our provider for curbside waste collection. Through COVID-19 there has been a significantly higher amount of curbside recycling and waste. Because of the growth in volume at the curb, Waste Management is finding they don't have enough spare staff available on Wednesdays. Additional spares are available on Mondays. Two new recycling plants are being built to accept more in recycling.

Waste Management works on statutory holidays other than Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Apartment buildings, smaller multi-unit buildings would require a front-end bin. Some feedback received is that waste bins are unsightly in towns and cities, up against garage door, could affect snow removal when they are at the roadside. Waste carts launched in Goderich in September. Luiza confirmed that cardboard is still a recyclable and can be processed. There will be substantial marketing and an open house ahead of implementing waste carts.

Waste Management estimates July 2026 arrival of new automated collection trucks. New automated collection trucks will have tablet GPS for more accurate routes than current maps being used.

**Moved by: Deputy Reeve Gibson**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Rognvaldson**

That the Council of the Township of Howick receive report PW-2025-16 Curbside Waste and Recycling Collection for information;

And That Howick Council authorize staff to proceed with changing waste curbside collection and Howick Landfill operations from Wednesday to Mondays effective July 7, 2025;

And That Council direct staff to bring a by-law to a subsequent meeting authorizing an amended agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Howick and Waste Management for curbside collection until December 31, 2025;

And That Council direct staff to proceed with drafting a five-year contract with Waste Management for waste curbside collection effective January 1, 2026, and the implementation of Waste Management owned waste carts in July 2026.

**Carried.**

**9.4 Manager of Recreation and Facilities - Brady Ropp**

**9.5 Treasurer/Manager of Finance - Amy Van Meeteren**

**9.6 CAO/Clerk Caitlin Gillis**

**9.6.1 ADM-2025-06, Engineering for Spencetown Road Bridge Repairs**

CAO/Clerk Gillis outlined the report, stating that the Spencetown Road Bridge was chosen to

be engineered in replacement of the Adams Line Culvert. Costs have increased significantly over the past couple of years and are only going to keep increasing. BM Ross believes that the scope of work required on Spencetown Road Bridge is greater than what was outlined in the September 2024 OSIM report. Preliminary estimates are at \$868,000, including \$140,000 of provisional work. Engineering costs are estimated at \$96,500, so additional funds would be required from reserves to proceed with engineering in 2025. If both the Orange Hill Road Culvert and the Spencetown Road Bridge are scheduled for repair in 2026, the cost will be over \$1.2 million. Staff are investigating costs of loans with Infrastructure Ontario. Council would be interested to know how many years will we get out of the bridge before it will need major repairs if we spend \$868,000 in 2026?

Direction was provided to staff to research steel culvert for the replacement of concrete box culverts.

**Moved by: Councillor Grimes**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Rognvaldson**

That the Council of the Township of Howick receive report ADM-2025-06, Engineering for Spencetown Road Bridge Repairs;

And That Council authorize staff to proceed with the Spencetown Road Bridge Structure 11 Design and Engineering in 2025;

And That Council authorize staff to reallocate the OCIF funding amount of \$45,000 that had been designated in the 2025 Capital Budget for Engineering of the Adams Line Culvert to the Spencetown Road Bridge Structure 11 Design, Engineering and Administration Costs;

And That Council authorize the additional \$51,500 plus applicable HST required for the Spencetown Bridge anticipated Engineering, Design and Administration costs to be pulled from the Road Construction Reserve.

**Carried.**

## **10. Committee and Board Reports**

**Moved by: Deputy Reeve Gibson**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Grimes**

That the Council of the Township of Howick approve the following Board or Committee minutes:

**10.1.1** Belmore Arena Board Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2025

**Carried.**

## **11. Correspondence**

**11.1 Ministry of Natural Resources – Reintroduction of the Geologic Carbon Storage Act**

**11.2 Avon Maitland District School Board Meeting Highlights- May 27, 2025**

**11.3 Town of Goderich – Notice of Motion – Rejection of President Trump’s Rhetoric Regarding the Annexation of Canada and Trade Tariffs.**

**Moved by: Deputy Reeve Gibson**

**Seconded by: Councillor Hargrave**

To support the resolution from the Town of Goderich regarding the rejection of President Trump’s Rhetoric regarding the annexation of Canada and Trade Tariffs.

**Carried.**

**12. Unfinished Business**

**13. Council Reports**

**14.1 Council Member Reports**

**Reeve’s Verbal Update from County Council**

Building homes faster is fine, but municipalities need to make sure that infrastructure can keep up with growth and be able to pay for it.

**Verbal Update from Council Members**

**14.2 Requests by Members**

**14.3 Notice of Motions**

**14.4 Announcements**

Wroxeter Hall is having annual Fish Fry on June 13.

Hockey bbq fundraiser at Watsons June 28 from 10am – 2pm.

Fordwich Parks Board Wing Night – Friday, June 6

June 14<sup>th</sup> Minor Ball Day in Howick - Gorrie and Fordwich.

Fordwich Parks Board Strawberry Social is June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Howick 170<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Krispy Kreme Donuts – Delivery June 26<sup>th</sup>, orders due by June 16<sup>th</sup>, pickup at the arena between 4:00pm – 6:00 pm.

Belmore Homecoming Weekend June 20-22.

**15. Other Business**

**16. Enactment of By-laws – First, Second & Third Reading**

Only a confirming by-law is listed this evening.

**17. Closed Session**

**Moved by: Councillor Grimes**

**Seconded by: Deputy Reeve Gibson**

That a closed meeting of Council of the Township of Howick be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 8:17 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Township Office, in accordance with Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the purpose of considering the following matters:

- a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- b) personal information about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees;
- e) litigation or pending litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

**Carried.**

**Agenda moved to Closed Agenda at 8:17 p.m.**

**Agenda returned to Open Agenda at 9:39 p.m.**

**18. Motion to Reconvene into Open Session and Reporting Out**

**Moved by: Councillor Rognvaldson**  
**Seconded by: Deputy Reeve Gibson**

That the Council of the Township of Howick reconvene into Open Session at 9:39 p.m.

**Carried.**

Reeve Harding reported out that Council met in Closed Session to discuss:

- a) Personal matters about an identifiable individual regarding proposed road work; and
- b) The security of the property of the municipality or local board and (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipal or local board, regarding the Belmore Community Centre.

**19. Confirming By-law**

**19.1 By-law 34-2025**

**Moved by: Councillor Rognvaldson**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Grimes**

That the Council of the Township of Howick give first, second, third and final reading to By-law 34-2025;

Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council meeting held on June 3, 2025.

**Carried.**

**20. Adjournment**

**Moved by: Councillor Grimes**

**Seconded by: Deputy Reeve Gibson**

**Recommended Motion:**

That the Council of the Township of Howick adjourn the June 3, 2025  
Council meeting at 9:40 p.m.

**Carried.**

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**Reeve, Doug Harding**

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**CAO/Clerk Caitlin Gillis**