



**Township of Howick Council Agenda
Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
Howick Council Chambers**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Confirmation of the Agenda**

Recommended Motion:

That the Council of the Township of Howick hereby adopts September 30, 2025, Council Agenda as presented.

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

- 4. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Recommended Motion:

That the Council of the Township of Howick hereby adopts the following minutes, as amended:

4.1 [September 9, 2025](#) Council Meeting Minutes

- 5. Public Meetings/Hearings**
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5.1 Committee of Adjustment

Application MV02-2025 – Mulder Farms Inc. c/o Cheryl and Tim Mulder, 44216 Spencetown Road (CON 5 PT LOT 7)

Recommended Motion:

That the Council of the Township of Howick hereby adjourns their Council meeting and the Committee of Adjustment hereby opens a meeting to review application for Minor Variance MV02-25, submitted by Cheryl and Tim Mulder

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING

- 5.1.1 Call to Order**
- 5.1.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**
- 5.1.3 Purpose**

The purpose of this application is to request relief from Section 4.5 of the Howick Zoning By-law to reduce the required Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) II setback for the construction of a new broiler barn from 201m to 113m. The proposed barn will be sited a minimum of 113m from the farmhouse that was recently severed from the subject property. As proposed, the barn will meet all other MDS and zoning requirements.

5.1.4 Application Process

An application for a Minor Variance was submitted by Cheryl and Tim Mulder

Notice of Public Meeting was mailed by the Township to all property owners within 60m of the property on September 3, 2025, and notice was posted on the subject property.

A report has been prepared by Huron County Planner Sarah Kurtz regarding this application.

5.1.5 Comments

1. Planner Report

2. Council's Questions and/or Comments
3. Applicant and/or Agent
4. Registered Delegation: Nick Gollan – request for deferral
5. Others

5.1.6 Recommendation:

It is recommended that Application MV02-2025 as applied be denied.

Should the applicant wish to pursue a revised application, it is recommended that the Committee defer making a decision to allow recirculation and further staff assessment to occur.

5.1.7 Committee of Adjustment Decision

Committee of Adjustment to provide decision to approve, deny or defer application.

Planner's recommendation is to deny application.

5.1.8 Close Committee of Adjustment

Recommended Motion:

That the Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Howick hereby adjourns their meeting at ____:____ a.m. and reconvened into Open Session.

6. Delegations and/or Presentations

6.1 [Annalies Hamers](#), Maitland Valley Conservation Park in Gorrie

Petition of interest for Howick Township to assume responsibility of the Gorrie Park from Maitland Valley Conservation Authority.

Phil Beard, MVCA General Manager/Secretary Treasurer has requested an on-site meeting with the CAO/Clerk, Reeve, Deputy Reeve, Ed McGugan, Chair of MVCA Board and Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator to discuss petition and options moving forward. He has also requested that the petition be submitted to the MVCA Board and for residents to delegate at their October 15th meeting.

6.2 [Stephanie Johnson](#), Howick 170th Homecoming

Request for a donation of facilities and staff time for the Howick 170th Homecoming celebration and community signage support.

6.3 [Cynthia Low](#), Resident in the Village of Gorrie

Requesting an amendment to prohibit large fires late at night especially on weekdays.

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.

Recommended Motion:

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

7.1 [PW-2025-26](#), Department Update For Information Only.

7.2 [FIN-2025-34](#), Accounts Payable For Information Only.

7.3 [FIR-2025-20](#), Department Update For Information Only.

8. Regular Agenda

8.1 Planning – Huron County Planner Sarah Kurtz

8.1.1 [Consent Application C46-2023](#), Change of Conditions

Recommended Motion:

It is recommended that Howick Council approve the change of

conditions for consent File No. C46-2023 by replacement of Condition #9 as follows:

“The retained lands be registered in the name of Jeroen Peters and Ashley Peters to the satisfaction of the County.”

And that this amendment be forwarded to the County of Huron for consideration.

8.1.2 DB01-2025, Deeming By-law Application

Recommended Motion:

The attached by-law under Section 50(4) of the Planning Act to deem Lot 48 and Lot 60, Plan 317 not a plan of subdivision be passed.

9. Municipal Drains - Drainage Superintendent Scott Richardson

10. Staff Reports

10.1 Chief Building Official Ed Podniewicz

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

10.3 Manager of Public Works – Scott Price

10.4 Manager of Recreation and Facilities - Brady Ropp

10.4.1 REC-2025-12, Belmore Flooring Replacement

Recommended Motion:

That the Council of the Township of Howick receive report REC-2025-12, Belmore Flooring Replacement;

And That Council approve the funds of \$1,895 be taken from the Recreation Reserve Fund to complete this work.

10.5 Treasurer/Manager of Finance - Amy Van Meeteren

10.6 CAO/Clerk Caitlin Gillis

11. Committee and Board Reports

Recommended Motion:

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

12. Correspondence

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12.1 **Municipality of Bluewater** – Closure of Before and After School Programs

Recommended Motion:

That the Council of the Township of Howick endorse resolution received from the Municipality of Bluewater urging the Province of Ontario to immediately implement other service delivery models that are being successfully modeled elsewhere in the province to address the Early Childhood Educator shortage.

12.2 **Huron County** – Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario

Recommended Motion:

That Council of the Township of Howick approve the following motion and actions:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has posted ERO 025-0923, Consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion, seeking feedback from municipalities, Indigenous communities, and other stakeholders on how Phase Three (3) could best support access to natural gas for community development;

AND WHEREAS expanding access to natural gas is identified as a tool to support affordability and economic growth in Ontario communities, with Phases One (1) and Two (2) estimated to enable connections for approximately 17,000 buildings across 59 communities, and 16 projects completed to date;

AND WHEREAS the County of Huron is working toward its need for 10,630 additional housing units by 2051 and supporting Ontario's broader objective to build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031; as well, the County's agricultural and manufacturing communities require reliable and affordable access to natural gas and recognizes that timely servicing solutions (including natural gas where appropriate) can help enable these targets;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Howick currently does not have access to natural gas and recognizes that is a deterrent to local economic development, workforce attraction and retention, energy affordability and investments in affordable housing;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's energy future relies on a balance of affordability, reliability, and sustainability by leveraging a mix of energy solutions, including natural gas, electricity, and emerging energy technologies, to meet growing community needs;

AND WHEREAS natural gas continues to play a critical role in supporting energy affordability, economic competitiveness, and enabling housing and employment growth across the province.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK:

1. Supports the Ministry's consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion (NGEP Phase 3) and endorses the County of Huron's resolution regarding access to natural gas as an option to other energy solutions to advance Huron County's housing, agriculture, employment lands, and economic development objectives;
2. Directs staff to submit comments directly to the Ministry of Energy and Mines as the consultation period closed on September 22, 2025 for ERO 025-0923.
3. Forwards this resolution to MPP and Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson, the Minister of Energy and Mines, the Ontario Energy Board and AMO.

12.3 Bonfield Township – Canadian Union of Postal Workers and Canada Post

Recommended Motion:

That the Council of the Township of Howick endorse the resolution received from Bonfield Township urging the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Federal Government to promptly return to the negotiating table;

And calling upon CUPW to reconsider the suspension of flyer deliveries, which includes municipal communications, to ensure the continued dissemination of critical community information

12.4 Howick Minor Hockey – Holiday Dinner and Dance Invitation

Recommended Motion:

That the Council of the Township of Howick accepts Howick Minor Hockey's invitation to the Holiday Dinner and Dance and directs staff to proceed with the purchase of tickets for members of council, all municipal employees and spouses should they be available to attend.

12.5 Maitland Valley Conservation Authority – Phil Beard Retirement

12.6 Maitland Valley Conservation Authority – June 18, 2025 Minutes

12.7 Huron Clean Water Project – HCWP Encourages Best Management Practices in Municipal Drainage Work

12.8 United Way Perth-Huron – Belonging Matters

12.9 What's Happening in Howick – Newsletter

Due to the Canada Post strike, the What's Happening in Howick October Newsletter has been listed as correspondence.

13. Unfinished Business

14. Council Reports

14.1 Council Member Reports

Reeve's Verbal Update from County Council

Verbal Update from Council Members

14.2 Requests by Members

14.3 Notice of Motions

14.4 Announcements

15. Other Business

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

16.1 By-Law 48-2025

That the Council of the Township of Howick give first, second, third and final reading to By-law 48-2025;

Being a by-law to deem part of Registered Plan No. 317 in the Township of Howick not to be a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of Section 50(3) of the Planning Act.

17. Closed Session

Recommended Motion:

That a closed meeting of Council of the Township of Howick be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at _____ a.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:

b) personal information about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees;

d) labour relations and employee negotiations

Agenda moves to Closed Agenda

Council to refer to Closed Agenda for September 30, 2025

Agenda Returns to Open Agenda

18. Motion to Reconvene into Open Session and Reporting Out

Recommended Motion:

That the Council of the Township of Howick reconvene into Open Session at _____ a.m.

Reeve Harding to report out the reasons Council met in Closed Session.

Any member of the public would like more information on an agenda item please contact the Clerk's office at 519-335-3208 ext 2 or email clerk@howick.ca, alternative formats of this publication available upon request

19. Motion Coming Out of Closed Session

Recommended Motion:

That the Council of the Township of Howick receive report ADM-2025-18, New Full-time Landfill/Public Works Employee for information;

And That Council approve the hiring of a full-time, permanent Landfill Attendant/Public Work Operator to begin in November 2025, with responsibilities split between the Howick Landfill and the Public Works department.

20. Confirming By-law

20.1 By-law 49-2025

That the Council of the Township of Howick give first, second, third and final reading to By-law 49-2025;

Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council meeting held on September 30, 2025.

21. Adjournment

Recommended Motion:

That the Council of the Township of Howick adjourn the September 30, 2025 Council meeting at ____:____ a.m.



**Township of Howick Council Minutes
Tuesday, September 9, 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 September 9, 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

Council clarified that the motion listed under Report FIR-2025-17, Car 2-1 Replacement in the August 12, 2025 Council minutes should include the words “from the fire reserve”. The minutes will be amended to add this.

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Gibson

Seconded by: Councillor Grimes

That the Council of the Township of Howick hereby adopts the following minutes, as amended:

4.1 August 12, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Carried.

5. Public Meetings/Hearings

6. Delegations and/or Presentations

7. Consent Agenda

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Moved by: Councillor Rognvaldson
Seconded by: Deputy Reeve Gibson

That Consent Agenda items 7.1 to 7.2 be received for information and approved.

**7.1 PW-2025-25, Department Update
For Information Only.**

**7.2 FIN-2025-32, Accounts Payable
For Information Only.**

Carried.

8. Regular Agenda

8.1 Planning – Huron County Planner Sarah Kurtz

9. Municipal Drains - Drainage Superintendent Scott Richardson

9.1 DRN-2025-04, Drain #20 Municipal Drain

Residents reached out to the Drainage Superintendent with concerns about ponding and water collection causing crop damage on PT Lot 6 and 7 of Concession 3 along the east side of Gorrie Line. The existing municipal drain is an old award drain and should be made a municipal drain, upsizing it to today's standards. Staff reached out to Huron County as the tile runs under the County road. Investigation determined that the tile has collapsed and will need to be replaced. MVCA has no objections to this proposal and there will be no financial obligations to the Township.

Moved by: Councillor Grimes
Seconded by: Deputy Reeve Gibson

That the Council of the Township of Howick, in accordance with Section 78 and 4 of the Drainage Act, proceed with the request for major improvement and extension by petition, for Drain # 20 Municipal Drain.

And That the Council of the Township of Howick appoint Dietrich Engineering to investigate, design and prepare a report for Drain # 20 Municipal Drain.

Carried.

10. Staff Reports

10.1 Chief Building Official Ed Podniewicz

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

10.2.1 FIR-2025-19, Fire Station Steel Cladding

The 2025 capital budget includes funds for sand blasting and painting the exterior of the Gorrie Fire Hall. In 2024, a quote was received from a company for just over \$20,000.00. This company was contacted again in 2025 and they no longer do sandblasting, just painting. Staff reached out to some other companies and the consensus was that this job is not big enough.

Staff obtained quotes to alternatively replace the steel completely, and were surprised the pricing received was comparable to sandblasting and repainting the steel. A quote from Prior Property & Renos to completely replace the existing cladding came in at \$24,295.00. In addition to the cladding replacement, the standby generator will require a snow damage guard, the fire hall sign will need to be replaced, and the training tower re-cladded. Approximately \$3,000.00-\$5,000.00 additional required to do the extra proposed upgrades. Staff expressed that the exterior of the Fire Hall is in rough shape. A new steel exterior would add additional value and curb appeal when the building is either re-purposed or sold in the future if a new Fire Hall is constructed.

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Gibson

Seconded by: Councillor Rognvaldson

That the Council of the Township of Howick accepts report FIR-2025-19 – Fire Station Steel Cladding for information;

And that Council accept the three (3) quotes gathered for the Howick Fire Station Steel Cladding project as listed in this report;

And that Council approve the quote from Prior Projects and Renos of Mildmay in the amount of \$24,295.00;

And that Council direct staff to proceed with additional work outside of the original quotes, not to exceed the approved budget amount of \$40,000.00.

Defeated.

Council felt as though this should be re-visited. They do not want to put extra money into the existing fire hall when the township is potentially in the planning process of a new fire hall.

10.3 Manager of Public Works – Scott Price

Acting Manager of Public Works Scott Price provided an overview of report PW-2025-25, Department Update. Staff touched on the virtual meeting that he and CAO/Clerk Gillis attended with representatives from Infrastructure Ontario, the Ministry of Energy and Mines, the Accelerated High Speed Internet Program Technical Assistance Team, and Xplore Inc. regarding the installation of new utility poles in Howick Township for fibre internet. Neil Kaminski, Senior Manager of Fibre Construction with Xplore Inc. said that they will be using a different contractor for phase two, which will be heading north up Orange Hill Road. Xplore Inc. is waiting on work permits from Hydro One to use existing utility poles. Apologies were given for no response to letter, council resolution and pictures sent to Infrastructure Ontario, the Ministry of Energy and Mines and the Technical Assistance Team back in May 2025.

Council recommended that we evaluate the quality of products used by the contractors,

specifically the topsoil they use as all the maintenance in the future will be completed by township staff and not the contractors or Xplore.

10.4 Manager of Recreation and Facilities - Brady Ropp

10.4.1 REC-2025-11, Howick Community Centre Rooftop HVAC Units Replacement

Manager of Recreation and Facilities Brady Ropp provided an overview of his report. 50% of this project was budgeted for in the 2025 Capital Budget, contingent on receiving funds through the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) grant. Unfortunately, Howick was not a successful recipient of the grant.

Staff are requesting that Council authorize the reallocation of \$45,000.00 from two 2025 Capital projects that were contingent on receiving CSRIF grant funds to be spent on purchasing and installing two new HVAC units at the Howick Community Centre. Both units are reaching the end of their useful life. The HVAC units are 20 years old and were installed when the addition went on to the Howick Community Centre. The library HVAC unit has completely stopped working and staff anticipate the repair to cost anywhere from \$3,000.00 - \$5,000.00. The Auditorium unit is currently working, but money has been put into the unit for repairs.

The lowest bid received through the RFP was from Jayden's Mechanical. They are located in Dashwood, providing references including the Municipality of South Huron. They are considered a local company since they have locations within Huron County.

Moved by: Councillor Hargrave
Seconded by: Councillor Grimes

That the Council of the Township of Howick hereby receive report REC-2025-11, HCC Rooftop HVAC Units Replacement for information;

And That Council approves the capital project to remove two existing rooftop HVAC units and to purchase and install two new rooftop HVAC units at the Howick Community Centre;

And That Council authorizes the reallocation of \$45,000 from two 2025 capital projects that were pending Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Funding to be spent on this project;

And That Council authorizes the Reeve and the CAO/Clerk to enter into an agreement with Jaydens Mechanical Inc. and to execute all necessary documents for the project.

Carried.

10.5 Treasurer/Manager of Finance - Amy Van Meeteren

10.5.1 FIN-2025-33, 2024 Wroxeter Bridge Project

Finance staff recently received a new payment certificate from B.M. Ross for the 2024 Wroxeter Bridge Project. A calculation error was missed on payment certificate #2, with a difference of \$15,255.65 still owing to the contractor. This amount was originally budgeted for in the 2024 budget. This amount was originally to be taken from the gas tax reserve in 2024. During the 2025 budget process, we allocated the full amount of gas tax to go to the landfill project, which will not be completely used by the end of the 2025. This would leave enough money to cover this outstanding amount.

Council suggested pulling the money from a reserve fund and keeping the Gas Tax funds where it is. Council recommended pulling the funds for the outstanding invoice from the Road Construction Reserves.

Moved by: Councillor Rognvaldson
Seconded by: Councillor Grimes

That the Council of the Township of Howick approve the payment of \$15,255.65 to Theo Vandenberg Inc. from the Road Construction Reserve for the 2024 Wroxeter Bridge project.

Carried.

10.6 CAO/Clerk Caitlin Gillis

10.6.1 ADM-2025-17, New Township Banners

Deputy Clerk/Communications Coordinator Alana Dick presented the report. The current Howick Township banners were not displayed this year as they have reached the end of their life. Funding was received from the SLED grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 to cover most of the cost of purchasing new banners for the township. Staff have designed new banners which will be ordered and displayed throughout the township beginning in Spring 2026.

Staff would like to offer a banner sponsorship program for local businesses and organizations to have the opportunity to advertise their business or organization on one of our banners. Sponsorship would cover the cost of the banner, new hardware and the initial installation. Currently we only have 64 banners and lots of poles without banners. It would be nice to see these vacant spaces utilized in time for the 170th Homecoming celebrations in July 2026.

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Gibson
Seconded by: Councillor Hargrave

That the Council of the Township of Howick receive report ADM-2025-17, New Township Banners, for information;

And That Council approves the proposed design of the new Township Banners that will be displayed throughout the municipality beginning in Spring 2026;

And That Council approves the implementation of the Banner Sponsorship Program in Howick Township.

Carried.

11. Committee and Board Reports

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Gibson
Seconded by: Councillor Hargrave

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

11.1 Belmore Arena Board Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2025

11.2 Wroxeter Hall Board Minutes – August 7, 2025

Carried.

12. Correspondence

12.1 The Town of Goderich – Opposition to Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster Act, 2025

Council discussed the current issue with the infrastructure not being able to keep up the growing number of residents. Small schools and hospitals are also at maximum capacity. Council provided direction to support this resolution.

Moved by: Councillor Rognvaldson
Seconded by: Deputy Reeve Gibson

That the Council of the Township of Howick endorse the letter sent from the Town of Goderich to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re. the opposition to Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster Act, 2025

Carried.

12.2 The Town of Goderich- Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

This resolution is regarding run-off from farms and what is it doing to the land in Goderich.

Moved by: Councillor Rognvaldson
Seconded by: Deputy Reeve Gibson

That the Council of the Township of Howick endorse the resolution received from the Corporation of the Town of Goderich regarding the Standing Senate Committee of Agriculture and Forestry and urges the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to commit to recognizing a sense of urgency and act accordingly in order to protect and conserve soil as per Recommendation 25.

Carried.

12.3 Belmore Non -Profit Housing Corporation – Support for adopting the new affordable housing property tax subclass

This is a new subclass of property tax for affordable housing. Treasurer Van Meeteren investigated it and determined that it must be implemented at the County level prior to being adopted by lower tier municipalities. Treasurer Van Meeteren reached out to Huron County Treasurer Michael Blumhagen who informed her that the County could not have it approved for 2026 before the September 30, 2025 deadline. Staff will respond to Ms. Walker's letter informing her of this information and to contact Huron County for more information.

12.4 Corporation of the Municipality of Tweed – Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario

Moved by: Councillor Rognvaldson
Seconded by: Deputy Reeve Gibson

That the Council of the Township of Howick endorse the resolution received from the Municipality of Tweed regarding investigate the possibility of working together with the Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments as well as our manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that our waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices so that our future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement and to request support from these organizations as well as letters being sent to all municipalities in Ontario, and Premier Ford.

Carried.

12.5 The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay – Exemption to O.Reg. 343/22 – Firefighter Certification Requirements

Council asked the Manager of Development and Protective Services/Fire Chief to give his opinion on whether to support this resolution. Fire Chief Kestner suggests training fire fighters to a level of training that we thought necessary based on department needs. The new certification consists of 300 hours of training which is a combination of online and in-person. There is a live fire portion of the training process that requires all fire fighters to have gear that is in date and not expired which costs anywhere from \$4,000.00-\$5,000.00 per firefighter. It is unrealistic to demand that volunteer firefighters be trained to the same level of full time fire departments in urban areas. Howick had 4 recruits go through the training, with one successfully completing the training. That individual is now leaving and moving to Waterloo. Senior members of the Howick Fire Department have expressed that they will not be doing the certification which must be completed by July 2026. Fire Chief Kestner recommends supporting the resolution.

Moved by: Councillor Rognvaldson
Seconded by: Deputy Reeve Gibson

That the Council of the Township of Howick endorse the resolution received from the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay regarding formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22;

And that this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP Lise Vaugeois, the Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, and NOMA.

Carried.

12.6 Municipality of Central Huron – Elect Respect Pledge

12.7 The Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc – Blue Box Producers

Moved by: Councillor Rognvaldson

Seconded by: Deputy Reeve Gibson

That the Council of the Township of Howick endorse the resolution received from the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc regarding the Blue Box Producers and request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling product from all sources;

And that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ric Bresse, Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, Minister of Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack and all Ontario Municipalities

Carried.

12.8 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Proposed Updated to the Projection Methodology Guideline

12.9 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Updated to the Housing and Homelessness Services in the 2026 FIR

12.10 Ministry of Natural Resources – Proposed regulations to support the implementation of the proposed Geologic Carbon Storage Act

12.11 Huron Chamber of Commerce – Invitation to Inaugural Huron Marine & Economic Forum

12.12 Ministry of Natural Resources – Proposed updated to certain operational policies under the Aggregates Resource Act

12.13 United Way Perth-Huron – Join United Way Perth-Huron's Social Research & Planning Council

12.14 Ministry of Environment – Updated to Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' Compliance Policy

12.15 Perth County – 2025 Comprehensive Zoning By-Law Review Notice of Project Initiation

12.16 United Way – Built for Good Report, Building the Housing Ontario Needs

12.17 Resident Complaint – Roadside Maintenance

Acting Manager of Public Works Scott Price explained that at the beginning of the month, the Vortex rental flail mower was received and staff have been working in the northwest corner of the township cutting to the fence. Staff suggested relocating money spent on spring spraying and hiring a contractor with a heavy mulcher to mulch the ditches in the areas where there is large mature overgrowth. Staff suggest maybe a 2-3 year rotation with mulching and spraying. Mulching head unit would make quick work of the job as opposed to spraying which wilts the leaves but isn't preventing overgrowth.

A member of Council felt maintaining the ditches to the fence is the key. The rental machine is doing a good job because it has been taking care of the 2–3-year-old growth without any issue. Council would like to see staff contact neighboring municipalities to see if they would like to tackle the problem jointly. Research Howick buying a machine and contracting us out to neighboring municipalities who are in the same situation for additional revenue.

13. Unfinished Business

14. Council Reports

14.1 Council Member Reports

Reeve's Verbal Update from County Council

Mayne Corners will be getting a four-way stop, not a stop light. This was passed at County Council. Photo radar was also proposed but shot down. Photo radar at the municipal level can only be within a community safety zone, which means it can only be within a specified proximity to a school.

Gravel pits getting a lot more attention across the Province and it is easier to get a licence. They are very supportive of the villages and settlement areas.

Huron View Demo Farm in Huron County just south of Clinton has been rented by HSCIA (Huron Soil and Crop Improvement Association) who demonstrate sustainability in action. They are transitioning to a no-till system and planted cover crops over winter to keep soil in place until planting, reducing erosion and nutrient loss to the Bayfield River and Lake Huron. They are also working on a controlled drainage project which is underground control gates that regulate the outflow from the tile and the water levels in the soil.

Verbal Update from Council Members

14.2 Requests by Members

14.3 Notice of Motions

14.4 Announcements

15. Other Business

16. Enactment of By-laws – Third and Final Reading

Any member of the public would like more information on an agenda item please contact the Clerk's office at 519-335-3208 ext 2 or email clerk@howick.ca, alternative formats of this publication available upon request

16.1 By-Law-46-2025

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Gibson
Seconded by: Councillor Grimes

That the Council of the Township of Howick give first, second, third and final reading to By-law 46-2025;

Being a by-law to Authorize the Entering into and Execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Howick and Jaydens Mechanical Inc. for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Two (2) Rooftop HVAC Units for the Howick Community Centre as outlined in RFP REC-2025-02

Carried.

17. Confirming By-law

17.1 By-law 47-2025

Moved by: Councillor Grimes
Seconded by: Councillor Rognvaldson

That the Council of the Township of Howick give first, second, third and final reading to By-law 47-2025;

Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council meeting held on September 9, 2025.

Carried.

18. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Hargrave
Seconded by: Deputy Reeve Gibson

That the Council of the Township of Howick adjourn the September 9, 2025 Council meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve, Doug Harding

CAO/Clerk Caitlin Gillis



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To: The Township of Howick
From: Sarah Kurtz, Planner
Date: September 24th, 2025
Re: Minor Variance Application MV02/25 (Muldale Farms Inc. c/o Cheryl and Tim Mulder)
Property Address: 44216 Spencetown Road (CON 5 PT LOT 7)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Application MV02-2025 as applied for be **denied**.

Should the applicant wish to pursue a revised application, it is recommended that the Committee defer making a decision to allow recirculation and further staff assessment to occur.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this application is to request relief from Section 4.5 of the Howick Zoning By-law to reduce the required Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) II setback for the construction of a new broiler barn from 201m to 113m. The proposed barn will be sited a minimum of 113m from the farmhouse that was recently severed from the subject property. As proposed, the barn will meet all other MDS and zoning requirements.

BACKGROUND

The subject property is municipally known as 44216 Spencetown Road and is approximately 95 acres in size. The subject property is zoned AG2-3 (Farmland from a surplus residence severance), NE1 (Natural Environment Full Protection) and NE2 (Natural Environment Limited Protection) on Key Map 'South West Howick'. The subject property is designated Agriculture and Natural Environment in the Howick Official Plan. The property currently contains a shed, grain bins, and a broiler barn. The purpose of this application is to permit the construction of a second broiler barn. See Figures 1-3 for air photos and a photograph of the subject property.

Figure 1: Subject Property – 2020 Air photo of subject property outlined in orange showing the approximate size and location of the proposed broiler barn with distance to the impacted neighbouring residence.



Figure 2: Subject Property showing MDS II Buffers. Note that the buffer from the east property is sited approximately at a new residential unit which does not show up in the 2020 aerial mapping.



Figure 3: Site Visit Photo of Subject Property. New barn proposed to be located to the west of the existing barn.



This application seeks the approval for the construction of a new broiler barn with a reduced MDS II setback to one neighbouring residence. The MDS II calculation for the proposed barn requires the barn to locate a minimum of 201m away from neighbouring residences, whereas the application proposes to locate 113m from the neighbouring residence, which is an approximate 44% reduction.

A minor variance application was submitted for a broiler barn of the same size last year on the same property (MV01-2024), where a 15% reduction to the MDS II setback was approved. Per MDS Guideline #27, when a barn is proposed within 3 years of the construction of a barn on the same property, the barns are contemplated together and result in larger required setback.

COMMENTS RECEIVED

Comments were received from the neighbour to the east of the subject property regarding concerns related to the noise generated by the existing barn fans and the possibility that this may worsen with the construction of the new barn.

At the time of writing this report, there were no concerns received from Township staff regarding this application.

REVIEW

The purpose of MDS setbacks is to serve as a tool for dealing with nuisance issues related to odour, however they do not address other nuisance issues such as noise. Instead, OMAFA has an existing process to address noise concerns outlined in Section 2.9 of the MDS Guidelines Document:

“When a neighbour is bothered by what they perceive as abnormal odours, noise, dust, light, vibration, smoke or flies, they should first try resolving the matter by speaking with the farmer believed to be creating the nuisance. If further mediation is still necessary, neighbours or farmers can contact OMAFRA’s Agricultural Information Contact Centre. The Contact Centre will arrange

for the appropriate OMAFRA staff person to contact the parties and facilitate a conflict resolution process. For those issues that cannot be resolved through mediation, the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board, established under the *Farming and Food Production Protection Act, 1998*, provides a forum for complaint resolution.”

The applicant and neighbouring landowner are encouraged to engage in this process to address the noise concern.

Minor variances are required to satisfy four tests under the Planning Act before they can be approved. To be approved the requested variance must be:

- 1) minor,
- 2) desirable for the appropriate development or use of the land, building or structure,
- 3) maintain the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law, and
- 4) maintain the general intent of the Official Plan.

The requested 44% reduction is such that there is a potential to create conflict with the neighbouring residence. MDS calculations are based on the scale and type of livestock operation to ensure appropriate land use compatibility. Reducing the required setback by nearly half increases the potential for negative impacts such as odour and neighbour complaints. The impact of the variance requested is not considered desirable in terms of the potential impacts on the abutting residence or the future occupants of the residence.

The intent of both the Howick Official Plan and Zoning By-law is that this property be used for an agricultural use. Although a broiler barn is considered a permitted use on agriculture properties, the general intent of the Zoning By-law is to establish separation between different land uses for the purpose of maintaining compatibility and avoiding conflict. Section 4.5 of the Zoning By-law states that no livestock housing facility shall be established or enlarged unless it complies with the Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formulae. A 44% reduction to the MDS required distance does not meet the intent of this provision.

Given that the variance is not minor in nature nor desirable for appropriate development in terms of impact on surrounding properties, it is recommended that the requested variance be denied. Planning staff would prefer to see the barn located a greater distance from the neighbouring residence.

Planning staff may be able to be supportive of a revised building location, but this will require a modification of the application (proposing a location further to the rear of the current proposal), recirculation to receive neighbour input and further analysis.

CONCLUSION

The variance as applied for cannot be considered minor. It is recommended that Application MV02-2025 be **denied**.

Should the applicant wish to pursue a revised application, it is recommended that the Committee defer making a decision to allow recirculation and further staff assessment to occur.

Please note this report is prepared without the benefit of input from the public as may be obtained through the hearing. The Committee should carefully consider any comments and/or concerns expressed at the hearing prior to making their decision on this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SKurtz', written over a horizontal line.

Sarah Kurtz
Planner

Date of Site Inspection: September 16, 2025

We the undersigned along with several villagers, Howick Township residents and taxpayers are formally requesting that Howick Township assume responsibility of the Gorrie Park.

When the dam was deemed unrepairable and then later decommissioned in 2017, it was determined by MVC that the park was going to be part of their naturalization plan in order to reduce the carbon footprint. They maintained the park would remain user friendly. The naturalization would include trees, shrubs, and wild flowers. It would become a sanctuary for birds, butterflies and wildlife. That sounds wonderful!

However eight years later the park has been taken over by weeds some of which are harmful. It is far from user friendly. A number of the spruce trees planted on the south side are being smothered out by weeds. The park has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and ticks with very few wild flowers in sight.

Considering that the park is the focal point of our village and downtown area, it has absolutely no curb appeal. There are many parks in rural Ontario that provide inviting green space without disrupting the natural habitat. One that comes to mind is the Formosa Lions park. It is truly worth a visit!

The current plan of the MVC is to naturalize the north side of the river. Which in turn will lead to it looking like the south side. Although the MVC is encouraged to include the community in their planning, these decisions are often made behind closed doors with no community input or public knowledge.

As residents and taxpayers it is our hard earned money that is paying the levy to the MVC. We have to ask ourselves are we getting our moneys worth? Are we being treated fairly? It is time to stand up for ourselves and our township and take on the responsibility of the Gorrie park.

As Howick Township residents we need to stand united, keep our township maintained and inviting. Have people want to live, work and play here. Raise their families in this great township! We need to be proud of our surroundings and foremost make the Township a beautiful place to visit!

We can do this it is a vision with endless possibilities.

We sincerely hope this request is given careful consideration.

Signed ;


A+hamers

Would you be in support of Howick Township
assuming responsibility of the Gorrie Park from the
Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
If so please sign

Cathie Utter 519 498 4581

Kofa Price 519 335 4095

Louise & Murray Loutch 519.335.6478

Brady Rupp 519-335-3883

Shelley Miller-Cameron 519-335-
241-7201

Joe Harkin 519-357-8718

KEEVAN MARSH 849 242 6654

ANNE PEGLAR 416-993-9061

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Deanne 335-6300

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Linda Stewart

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Kids Edgar

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Agnes Haasnoot

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Shirley Bott

Carol Mann

Ron Mann

Jessie Bos
+ Bill

Peggy Slaw

Dave Shaul

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Myrna Gibson

Jaime Gibson

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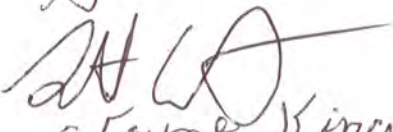
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Barb + Bob Walls.

Terry Ruppel
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Jana & McMath
Audrey Bugie
Ally Barty

Dorine Cherry
Shawn Schmidt

Kevin Stewart
Mandy Stewart
Muir Muir
Mitchell Becks

Heanne Dorman
Dennis Dorman
Nataliya Skipchak
Mikalai Kliashchuk
Elaine Gargu
Lloyd Townsend
Marie Stewart
Edmond A. Brooks


Tilus Bury
Dale Wice
Al Wollin
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Richard Bartsch
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Chelsey Alderton.


Tom Kelby
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John Rutledge
Marianne Bunn

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Christine Wylie

Rob Yane

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Dave Robertson

Dustin Robertson

Nyssa Van Wyk

Jake Caesar

Mark Wylie

Bonnie Kuller

Sheri Watson

Josey Graham

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Dear Caitlin,

On behalf of Howick Homecoming, we would like to request a delegation spot at an upcoming council meeting to discuss support for our event taking place July 2–5, 2026.

Specifically, we are seeking:

1. Use of Township Facilities and Staff during the event weekend as a donation from the Township in recognition of the event's benefit to the community. In return, the Township would be highlighted as a top Sponsor in all event advertising and promotional materials.
2. Community Signage Support – We would like to explore placing signs at the entrances to town to promote the event. Could these be placed on existing township sign posts, or is there a more suitable location council would recommend?

We believe this event will contribute to community spirit, and local economic activity. Your support would be invaluable in helping us make it a success.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to presenting to council and answering any questions.

Stephanie Johnson and Lindsay Dinsmore

Alana Dick

From: no-reply@mg.howick.ca on behalf of New Council Delegation Request <no-reply@mg.howick.ca>
Sent: September 19, 2025 2:02 PM
To: Caitlin Gillis; Howick Reception; Alana Dick
Subject: Council Delegate Request Form Submission
Attachments: IMG_3823.png; IMG_3711.jpeg

Council Delegation Request Form

First Name:

Cynthia Low

Last Name:

Cynthia Low

Email:

sindsu@wightman.ca

Phone:

+1 519-357-5606

Address:

Address 1: 2018 Victoria Street, Box 248

ZIP / Postal Code: N0G 1X0

Are you representing a group?

No

What is your preferred meeting date to appear as a delegation?

2025-09-30

Please indicate how you intend to interact with the Council Meeting

In person

Please describe the issue you intend to present

Large bonfires after dark on work nights, smoke and fumes waking us up, causing my husband to cough and choke. These are not camp fires they are not a problem- it is only the large ones my neighbour has night after night. I have sent two photos taken on my property demonstrating the amount of smoke coming over from the neighbours fire. I have more pictures as well.?

Please indicate specific actions you would like Council to take.

Requesting an amendment to prohibit large fires late at night especially on weekdays.

Staff Report # (if known)

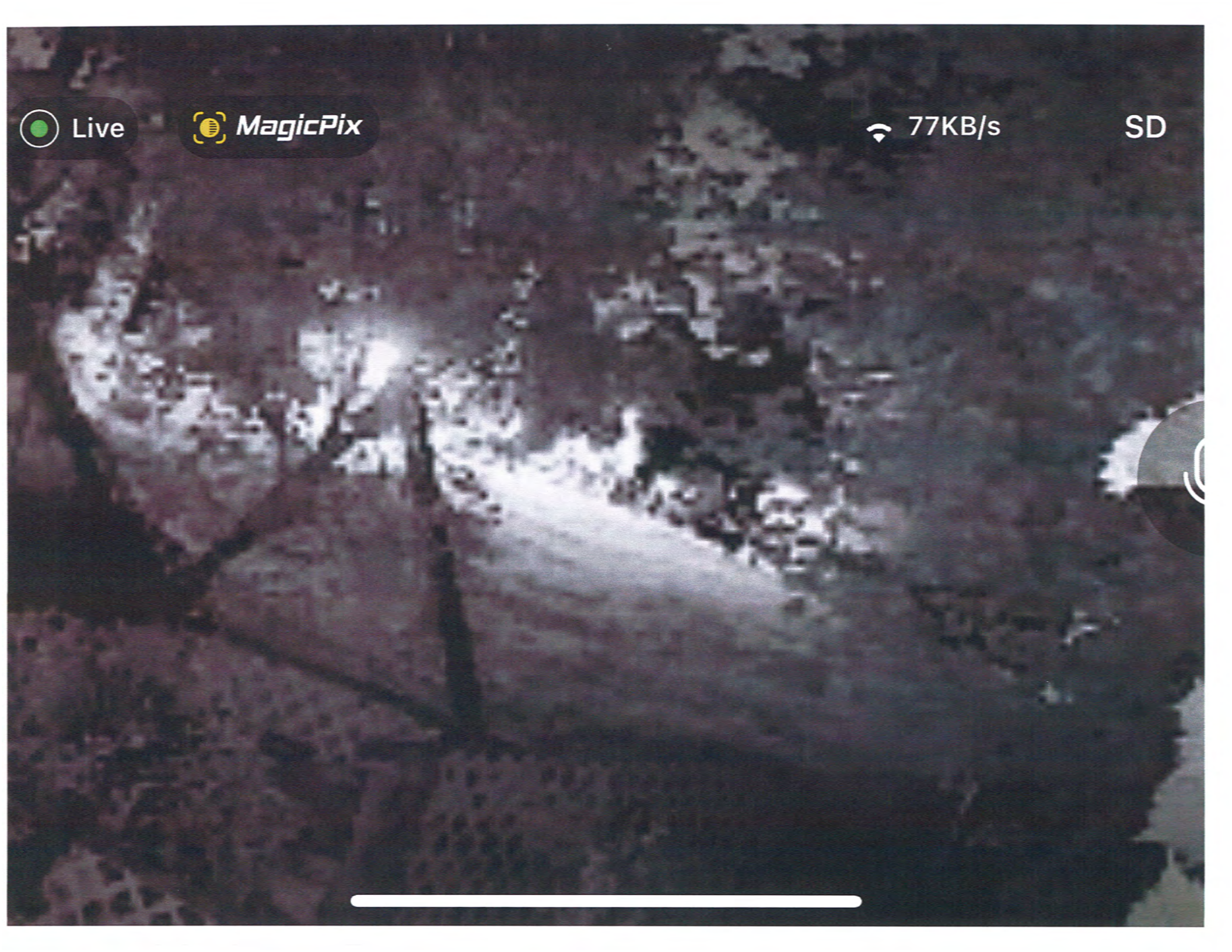
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Township of Howick**Department: Public Works**

To: Council Meeting**Meeting Date: September 30, 2025****Report Title: Department Update**

1. Recommendation:

That the Council of the Township of Howick receive report PW-2025-26, Department Update, for Information.

2. Purpose/Issues:

Staff are providing this report to update Council on a variety of activities that occur in the Public Works department.

3. Report Highlights:

- Roadside mowing has continued with the rented Vortex flail mower. The west side of the township has been mowed to fence line.
- The dead ash trees along Forest Line have been removed.
- Material has been moved to extend the fill area and the road has been relocated for winter operations.
- Signs that failed the reflectivity testing have been replaced
- Ditching has been completed on Salem Road.
- Ditching and Guardrail repair has been completed at Toll Gate Line bridge.
- Scale installation at the Howick Landfill is to begin mid October

4. Conclusion / Next Steps:

Staff provide information monthly to keep Council and residents informed as to the operational tasks being performed by the Public Works department.

Respectfully submitted by: Scott Price, Acting Manager of Public Works

Township of Howick**Department: Finance**

To: Council Meeting**Meeting Date: September 30, 2025****Report Title: Accounts Payable**

1. Recommendation

That the Council of the Township of Howick receive this report for information only.

2. Purpose/Issues:

To update Council on the Accounts Payable Report for the period of September 5 to 24, 2025 in the amount of \$270,465.06.

3. Attachments:

Appendix A: Accounts Payable September 5 to 24, 2025

Respectfully submitted by: Amy Van Meeteren, Treasurer

Accounts Payable

Bills and Accounts Sept 5 - 24 2025

Vendor 000000 Through 999999

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		01-1300-0000-50230 ADMIN AD				60.00
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		01-0000-0000-23300 2024 WROX BRIDGE				7,784.67
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		01-3800-3813-50554	2025-2026 LICENCE STICKERS			1,841.00
		01-3800-3821-50554	2025-2026 LICENCE STICKERS			361.00
		01-3800-3811-50554	2025-2026 LICENCE STICKERS			2,144.00
001063 MINISTER OF FINANCE-OPP	422808251415088	JULY POLICING	024592	2025-09-19	2025-09-19	47,745.00
		01-2200-0000-50556	JULY POLICING			47,745.00
001063 MINISTER OF FINANCE-OPP	420209250744212	APR-JUN 2025 LSR REIMBURS	024592	2025-09-19	2025-09-19	-510.81
		01-2200-0000-50556	APR-JUN 2025 LSR REIMBURS			-510.81
Vendor Total						47,234.19
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001091 P. E. INGLIS HOLDINGS INC.	52406	PORTABLE UNIT - LANDFILL	024593	2025-09-19	2025-09-19	175.15
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Vendor Total						367.25
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		01-1300-0000-50210	AMDSB			6.10
001064 RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CAIAUG 16-31 2025		PP#18 AUG 16-31 2025	001852	2025-09-12	2025-09-12	16,697.46
		01-0000-0000-25100	PP#18 AUG 16-31 2025			16,697.46
001649 SCHMIDT'S POWER EQUIPME	57972	WD BRIM/18" -325 BOLT	024595	2025-09-19	2025-09-19	248.80
		01-3100-3103-50555	WD BRIM/18" -325 BOLT			248.80
001303 SENTINEL PEST CONTROL	61124	FIRE HALL - PEST CONTROL	024596	2025-09-19	2025-09-19	175.17
		01-2100-2101-50554	FIRE HALL - PEST CONTROL			175.17
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001237 TEESWATER CONCRETE LTD	117813	A GRAVEL	024599	2025-09-19	2025-09-19	514.15
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001160 TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUROM	299510	DECONTAMINATION TESTING EQPT	024600	2025-09-19	2025-09-19	347.87
		01-2100-2101-50103	DECONTAMINATION TESTING EQPT			347.87

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		01-3100-3105-50656 EXCAVATOR - DITCHING				2,288.26
001812 TREVOR TOUT CUSTOM DOZI	4163	EXCAVATOR/SKIDSTEER- LANDFILL	024601	2025-09-19	2025-09-19	3,392.83
		01-4300-0000-50656 EXCAVATOR/SKIDSTEER- LANDFILL				3,392.83
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		01-4300-0000-50656 SINGLE STREAM COLLECTION				1,124.54
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		01-7100-7101-50556 CURBSIDE COLLECTION				203.87
		01-4400-0000-50656 CURBSIDE COLLECTION				1,159.02
		01-4400-0000-50656 CURBSIDE COLLECTION				5,708.43
		01-4300-0000-50656 CURBSIDE COLLECTION				5,750.62
		01-4300-0000-50656 CURBSIDE COLLECTION				3,565.59
Vendor Total						17,512.07
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		01-1300-0000-50555 HAND SOAP				13.54
001070 WATSON'S BUILDING CENTRE	153000	CAULKING GUN	001854	2025-09-11	2025-09-11	11.29
		01-3800-3835-50553 CAULKING GUN				11.29
001070 WATSON'S BUILDING CENTRE	151808	EXT CORD/ VLCR STRAP	001854	2025-09-12	2025-09-12	35.01
		01-2100-2101-50553 EXT CORD/ VLCR STRAP				35.01
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		01-2100-2101-50250 FIRE EXTNGUSHER/FIRE BLANKET				62.13
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		01-2100-2101-50553 GRB BAGS/SFTY TAPE				35.01
001070 WATSON'S BUILDING CENTRE	152889	GRB BAGS/ WINDEX CLN SUPPLIES	001854	2025-09-12	2025-09-12	21.45
		01-7100-7101-50550 GRB BAGS/ WINDEX CLN SUPPLIES				21.45
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001090 WIGHTMAN TELECOM LTD	12003344 SEPT 10/25	PHONE SWIMMING POOL	001855	2025-09-11	2025-09-11	98.90
		01-7100-7102-50530 PHONE SWIMMING POOL				98.90
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		01-1300-0000-50530 5193353208				83.27
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		01-1300-0000-50530	INTERNET			96.31
		01-1300-0000-50530	WEB HOSTING			11.24
		01-7100-7101-50530	DIGITAL TV			40.62
		01-1300-0000-50530	5193353208			8.60
		01-3900-3901-50530	5193353328			0.14
		01-7100-7101-50530	5193353838			1.83
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		01-1300-0000-50200	ENVELOPES #10 X4000-NO BP			659.92
002004 WIRE Q INC ELECTRICAL & VC 13080		SUPPLY & INSTALL FUEL LOCK	024603	2025-09-19	2025-09-19	12,286.18
		01-2100-2101-90000	SUPPLY & INSTALL FUEL LOCK			2,457.24
		01-7100-7101-90000	SUPPLY & INSTALL FUEL LOCK			2,457.24
		01-3900-0000-90000	SUPPLY & INSTALL FUEL LOCK			7,371.70
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001072 WORKPLACE SAFETY & INSUF JULY 2025 INTEREST		JULY 2025 INTEREST WSIB	001856	2025-09-12	2025-09-12	-29.77
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001072 WORKPLACE SAFETY & INSUF AUG 2025		AUG 2025	001856	2025-09-12	2025-09-12	4,566.33
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001163 WROXETER HALL BOARD	SEPT 18/25	WROX HALL DONATION	024604	2025-09-19	2025-09-19	750.00
		01-0000-0000-57100	WROX HALL DONATION			750.00
001261 WURTH CANADA LIMITED	26372306	SHOP-HHS 2000 397G	024605	2025-09-19	2025-09-19	312.09
		01-3900-3901-50555	SHOP-HHS 2000 397G			312.09

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Vendor		Invoice	Invoice	Invoice		Entry	Amount
Number	Name	Number	Desc	Chq Nbr	Date	Date	
Unpaid Invoices							0.00
Paid Invoices							188,280.95
Invoices Total							188,280.95
Selected G/L Account Total							188,280.95
Payroll PP#19 Council							4,453.78
Payroll PP#19							38,010.24
Payroll PP#20							39,720.09
Payroll Expenditures							82,184.11
Grand Total Expenditures							270,465.06

Township of Howick**Department: Fire**

To: Council Meeting**Meeting Date: September 30, 2025****Report Title: August 2025 Department Update**

1. Recommendation:

For information.

2. Purpose/Issues:

To provide council with an overview of the Fire Department's activity for the month of August 2025.

3. Report Highlights:**Calls for Service:**

The Howick Township Fire Department responded to 9 calls for service in the month of August 2025. These included three vehicle collisions, one arcing power line, two medical assists, one urban burn complaint, and one mutual aid activation for a field fire with South Bruce – Mildmay Station.

No incidents were reported as a result of any calls for service, and reports have been filed.

The year-to-date total calls for service as of August 31, 2025, is 46. A summary of these calls is attached as [Appendix A](#).

Operations:

Gabel Electric has completed the installation of the standby generator at the Fire Station. They are to return to complete additional testing.

A dry hydrant has been installed at D'Arcey Sand and Gravel on Gough Rd, Fordwich (image attached as [Appendix B](#)). This project was made possible with installation support from Bill D'Arcey and financial support from Fordwich Village Management. This dry hydrant is the first of its kind in Howick Township, allowing for a more reliable water supply during winter months, and quicker setup time for Howick and mutual aid departments when establishing a tanker fill site. T

The department plans to install additional hydrants throughout the Township once testing of this site is complete, to determine the ideal setup and equipment going forward. This site, along with improved standard fill sites will be marked with signage and mapped through fire dispatch.

Training:

A whole department training session was completed on August 28, 2025. Firefighters trained on relay pumping operations, and fill sites. This training was in preparation for the new dry hydrant program, as well as ahead of the planned joint training with Minto Fire – Clifford on September 24, 2025.

Training Officer Matthew Brodhaecker has completed NFPA 1041 Instructor 1 at Conestoga College. This finalizes his required Training Officer certifications.

Public Education:

The Howick Firefighters participated in the Howick Day Camp on August 22, 2025, offering the popular Jr. Firefighter obstacle course. This event was well received by the camp participants.

The Department participated in the annual Driftwood Beach Resort fireworks display on August 30, 2025. The department hopes to engage the resort in the future during different events, as this allows for access to a new and diverse demographic when delivering public education material.

Other:

The Remembrance Day Banner Program has been very successful in it's inaugural year, with 17 new banners being sponsored.

Previously, The Howick Legion Branch 307 had 23 banners to display annually. The addition of the new banners brings the total to 40, or a 74% increase.

Staff hopes that more banners will be sponsored in the years to come. Proofs of the additional banners have been attached as [Appendix C](#).

4. Attachments:

Appendix A – August 2025 Fire Call Summary

Appendix B – Fire Department Water Source #2-01

Appendix C – 2025 Remembrance Day Banner Proofs

Respectfully submitted by:

Josh Kestner – Manager of Development and Protective Services / Fire Chief



Howick Township Fire Department

Fire Chief :Josh Kestner

2005 Nelson St. N Gorrie ON NOG 1X0

PH : 519 335-3202 FAX : 519 335-3210

URL : www.howick.ca/living-here/fire-department

Date of Report

26 Sep 25 10:57

Appendix A - August 2025 Fire Call Summary

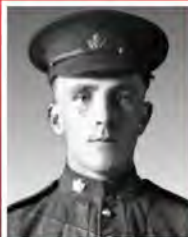
From Aug 1 25 to Aug 31 25

Date/No.	Address/Type	Minutes	Responders	Injuries	Fatalities
Aug 1 25 25-038	20:01:40 45841 HARRISTON RD Vehicle Collision	5	6		
Aug 3 25 25-039	22:17:32 2056 VICTORIA ST Human - Malicious intent, prank	18	10		
Aug 7 25 25-040	16:24:15 1364 HURON-BRUCE RD Fire	254	14		
Aug 10 25 25-041	05:52:41 HARRISTON RD / GORRIE LI Power Lines Down, Arcing	62	13		
Aug 12 25 25-042	10:19:18 43785 ORANGE HILL RD Vital signs absent, DOA	128	5		
Aug 21 25 25-043	19:31:31 88979 FORDWICH LI Vehicle Collision	113	13		
Aug 27 25 25-044	20:01:18 43297 AMBERLEY RD Vehicle Collision	23	12		
Aug 30 25 25-045	13:45:44 1043 MCLAUGHLIN ST CPR administered	54	7		
Aug 30 25 25-046	18:38:47 2016 VICTORIA ST Authorized controlled burning - complaint	17	9		
9 incidents for Howick Township Fire Dept		11 hrs 14 mins	89		
		11 hrs 14 mins	89		

Appendix B



Appendix B

 LEST WE FORGET  Wallace A. Gibson WWI - 1st Depot Bn, Manitoba Regt The Gibson Family 	 LEST WE FORGET  Alex J.G. Graham WWI - 161st Huron Battalion The Anderson & Medeiros Family 	 LEST WE FORGET  Austin Rowe WWI - Fort Garry Horse The Searle Family 	 LEST WE FORGET  Douglas Bates WWI - 153rd Wellington Bn The Dick Family 	 LEST WE FORGET  Fred Brittain WWI - 161st Huron Battalion 	 LEST WE FORGET  Garfield "Gar" Miller WWII - Royal Canadian Air Force The Miller Family 	 LEST WE FORGET  Gordon T. Topham WWII - Elgin Regiment 	 LEST WE FORGET  John Alexander Rasmussen WWI - 3rd Toronto Battalion The Austin Family 	 LEST WE FORGET  William A. Hood WWI - 43rd Bn Cameron Highlanders The Douglas Family 
 LEST WE FORGET  William J. Hall WWI - 161st Huron Battalion 	 LEST WE FORGET  Leslie Jones WWI 18th Western Ontario Battalion 	 LEST WE FORGET  Monty H. Brothers WWII - Royal Canadian Air Force 	 LEST WE FORGET  Ralph Smith WWI - 161st Huron Battalion The Dykstra Family 	 LEST WE FORGET  Roscoe Mahoney WWI - 161st Huron Battalion The Mulder Family 	 LEST WE FORGET  The Westlake Brothers William, Fred, Harry, Robert, Frank WWI - 161st Huron Battalion 	 LEST WE FORGET  Thomas Richie WWII - 100th Battalion 	 LEST WE FORGET  Thomas W. Montgomery WWI 7th British Columbia Battalion 	



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To: The Township of Howick
From: Sarah Kurtz, Planner
Date: September 24th, 2025

Re: Consent Application C46-2023 Change of Conditions

Part Lot 29 & Lot 30, Concession 12, Township of Howick (46041 Salem Road)
Owner/Applicant: Deb & Brian Molto

Recommendation

It is recommended that Howick Council approve the change of conditions for consent File No. C46-2023 by replacement of Condition #9 as follows:

“The retained lands be registered in the name of Jeroen Peters and Ashley Peters to the satisfaction of the County.”

And that this amendment be forwarded to the County of Huron for consideration.

BACKGROUND

Provisional consent was granted to File No. C46-2023 on January 10th, 2024. The conditions applying to the consent included Condition #9 with respect to Scott Reichard meeting requirements of surplus, and that the retained lands be registered in this name. Mr. Reichard is no longer purchasing the retained lands. Instead, Jeroen and Ashley Peters will be purchasing the retained lands from the applicants. As the Peters own another farm property with a dwelling, this results in farm consolidation that allows the applicants to meet the surplus farm dwelling severance policies, whereas the applicants on their own would not qualify without ownership of another farmhouse property.

This report serves as a minor change to these conditions by the replacement of Condition #9 with the following:

“The retained lands be registered in the name of Jeroen Peters and Ashley Peters to the satisfaction of the County.”

File No. C46-2023 was considered a disputed consent with concern from Planning staff on the proposed size of the severed parcel. The Planner recommended a condition to reduce the size of the severed parcel from the proposed 13 acres to 6 acres. At the December 5th, 2023 meeting, Howick Council recommended approval of the application as applied for, without the

recommended condition of reduction to the size of the severed parcel. At the January 10th, 2024 meeting, County Council also approved the application as applied for.

The proposed change to Condition #9 does not relate to the disputed portion of the consent. The question of whether the application qualified as a surplus farm dwelling severance was not in dispute. For this reason, the proposed amendment is considered a minor change.

As a disputed consent, the application must be returned to both local and County Councils for a final decision.

Conclusion

This amendment is considered a minor change to the conditions as it does not alter the disputed portion of the consent and maintains the intent of the original approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SKurtz", written over a horizontal line.

Sarah Kurtz,
Planner



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To: Township of Howick
From: Sarah Kurtz, Planner
Date: September 24th, 2025

Re: Deeming By-law Application DB01-2025

PLAN 317 LOTS 22 TO 25 48 TO;52 56 TO 62 PT WILSON ST PT;WALKER ST, Plan 317 (Wroxeter),
Township of Howick

Applicant: AMT Investment Group Inc. (Abe Thiessen)

Owners: Sara & Jacob Berg

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. The attached by-law under Section 50(4) of the Planning Act to deem Lot 48 and Lot 60, Plan 317 not a plan of subdivision be passed.

PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION

The applicant has transferred Lot 48 and Lot 60 of *PLAN 317 LOTS 22 TO 25 48 TO;52 56 TO 62 PT WILSON ST PT;WALKER ST*, Plan 317 to Sara and Jacob Berg. The subject lands are designated Settlement Area on Schedule F Wroxeter of the Howick Official Plan and zoned VR1 (Village Residential – Low Density) and VR1-H (Village Residential – Low Density- Holding) on the Wroxeter Zoning Map in the Howick Zoning By-law.

The applicant is requesting that Lot 48 and Lot 60 be deemed in order to permit the construction of a single detached dwelling. The existing lots separately are undersized and constrained by servicing limitations. Both the subject lots are currently vacant, and the increased lot area will improve compliance with zoning and servicing requirements, particularly regarding septic system functionality.

The deeming by-law is required to allow the Chief Building Official to consider the lots as one property for the purposes of issuing a building permit. Development will be limited to the Lot 48 portion, as Lot 60 is subject to a holding symbol that requires rezoning prior to removal and development.

COMMENTS

Section 50(4) of the Planning Act gives Council the ability by by-law to designate any plan of subdivision or part of a plan of subdivision that has been registered for eight years or more to be deemed not to be a plan of subdivision for subdivision control purposes (this is commonly referred to as a deeming by-law). There are no notice requirements for a deeming by-law before Council passes the by-law although the owner of the lands is required to be informed once the by-law is passed and must be

given the opportunity to address Council regarding the by-law, if such a request is received within twenty days of the notice of passing being sent.

PLANNING REVIEW

The resulting subject property complies with the Zoning By-law, as it fronts onto an open public road (Queen Street) and meets the frontage and depth requirements of the VR1 Zone. The proposal also conforms to the intent of both the local and County Official Plans, which direct residential development to Settlement Areas. While deeming the lots for this configuration may affect or limit the development potential of the remaining lots, the proposal is consistent with applicable policy.

A copy of the draft deeming by-law is attached to this report.

Figure 1. Plan 317 submitted by lawyer (original Plan is difficult to read) showing existing lot fabric and approximate lot sizes. Lot 48 = 0.6 acres, Lot 60 = 0.7 acres, size when deemed = 1.3 acres.

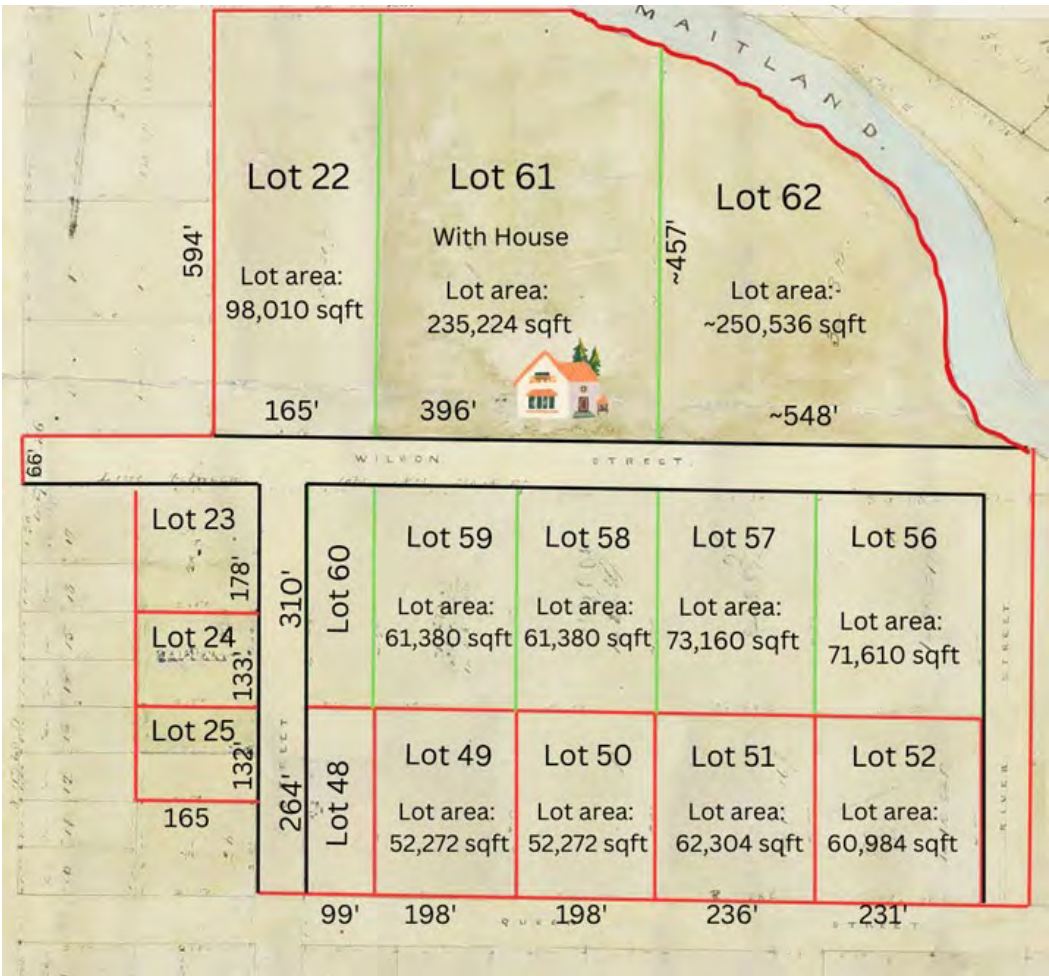


Figure 2. Air Photo of Subject Property showing Lot 48 and Lot 60 as one Lot.



It is recommended that the requested deeming by-law be passed.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kurtz, Planner

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK

By-law __-2025

Being a By-law to deem part of Registered Plan No. 317 not to be a Plan of Subdivision

Whereas subsection (4) of section 50 of the *Planning Act, 1990*, as amended, authorizes a local municipality to designate any plan of subdivision, or part thereof, that has been registered for eight years or more as not being a plan of subdivision for the purposes of subsection (3) of section 50 of the *Planning Act, 1990*, as amended; and

Whereas it is deemed expedient, in order to control adequately the development of certain lands in the Township of Howick, that a By-law be passed pursuant to the said subsection (4) of section 50 of the *Planning Act, 1990*;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Howick enacts as follows:

1. That part of Registered Plan No. 317 in the Township of Howick (Wroxeter Ward) described as Lot 48, Registered Plan No. 317, being all of PIN 41441-0264 (LT) and Lot 60, Registered Plan No. 317, being all of PIN 41441-0260 (LT) shall be deemed not to be a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of subsection (3) of section 50 of the *Planning Act, 1990*.
2. That Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with registering a certified copy of this By-law in Land Registry Office No. 22 and the giving of notice of the passing of this By-law in accordance subsection (29) of section 50 of the *Planning Act, 1990*.
3. This By-law shall not become effective until the requirements of subsection (28) of section 50 of the *Planning Act, 1990* have been complied with.

Read a first and second time this __ day of September, 2025.

Read a third time and enacted this __ day of September, 2025.

Mayor

Clerk

Township of Howick**Department: Recreation and Facilities**

To: Council Meeting**Meeting Date: September 30, 2025****Report Title: Belmore Flooring Replacement**

1. Recommendation:

That the Council of the Township of Howick receive report REC-2025-12, Belmore Flooring Replacement;

And That Council approve the funds of \$1,895 be taken from the Recreation Reserve Fund to complete this work.

2. Purpose/Issues:

- Provide details regarding the floor replacement of the players' bench and penalty box areas at the Belmore Community Centre.

3. Report Highlights:

- Flooring quote.

4. Background:

The flooring replacement at the Belmore Community Centre is a result of the Asbestos Abatement work that was completed in June. The flooring to be replaced is in the players' bench and penalty box areas. A site visit for measurements was conducted by Recreation staff with a member of the Belmore Arena Board. The conclusion of the visit was to replace these areas with resilient rubber flooring designed for use with skates. Belmore Arena Board will complete the installation in-house.

Rymar Flooring was chosen as the supplier as they are the only supplier of these specific rolls of resilient flooring. The online quote for the flooring is \$1,895 with taxes. Recreation staff will pick up the materials and deliver them to Belmore.

5. Financial Implications:

\$1,895 from the Recreation Reserve Fund.

6. Conclusion / Next Steps:

Staff will order the flooring, pick-up and deliver it to the Belmore Arena Board.

7. Input from Other Sources:

Jeremy Underwood, Belmore Arena Board

8. Attachments:

[Appendix A](#): Online Quote, Rymar Rubber.

Respectfully submitted by: Brady Ropp, Manager of Recreation and Facilities

Appendix A – Rymar Flooring Quote

Product		Subtotal
10mm Rubber Rolls (Heavy × 5 Commercial) - Black 4'x25' (100sqft)	This item is set for shipping. Click here to pickup this item.	\$1,895.00
Subtotal	.	\$1,895.00
Shipping	☐ You will be contacted with a shipping quote ☒ Local pickup (Be sure to specify location)	
GST		\$94.75
Total		\$1,989.75



September 4, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education
15th Floor
438 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M7A 2A5

via email: premier@ontario.ca
minister.edu@ontario.ca

RE: Closure of Before and After School Programs

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Calandra,

The Council of the Municipality of Bluewater passed the following resolution at their September 2, 2025 regular meeting:

MOVED: Councillor Harris **SECONDED:** Councillor Whetstone

WHEREAS on August 19, 2025, London Bridge Child Care Services Inc. advised that they will be closing all London Bridge Huron County Before and After School Programs, which affects Bluewater Coast Elementary School, Exeter Elementary School, and Precious Blood Catholic School; and

WHEREAS London Bridge Child Care Services Inc. cites ongoing staffing shortages in Huron County and across the province as the reason for this closure; and

WHEREAS the closure of the London Bridge Before and After School Programs, along with the Preschool Program at Bluewater Coast Elementary School, are creating a significant and immediate challenge for families with young children; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater recognizes the importance of before and after school programs which provide a trusted, safe, and consistent environment for children outside of regular school hours – support that many working parents and guardians rely on to balance their jobs and family responsibilities; and

WHEREAS the Avon Maitland District School Board and the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board do not operate licensed childcare programs, but partner with childcare providers to make use of school spaces where possible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater urges the Province of Ontario to immediately implement other service delivery models that are being successfully modeled elsewhere in the province to address the Early Childhood Educator shortage.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education, and all Ontario Municipalities. **CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander", with a large, stylized initial "A".

Chandra Alexander
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: All Ontario Municipalities



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September 17, 2025

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Premier's Office
Room 281
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Closure of Before and After School Programs

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their September 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

357-2025

Moved By: Aaron Neeb

Seconded by: Ted Oke

That South Huron Council supports the Municipality of Bluewater's September 2, 2025 Resolution regarding closure of before and afterschool programs; and

That South Huron Council voices similar concerns regarding schools within its boundaries; and

That a copy of this supporting resolution and originating documents be circulated to the Premier, Minister of Education, MPP Thompson and all Ontario Municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
Municipality of South Huron
kwebster@southhuron.ca
519-235-0310 x. 232

Encl.

cc: Minister of Education, Hon. Paul Calandra, paul.calandra@pc.ola.org;
MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; and all Ontario
Municipalities.



September 18, 2025

Sent via email to: MPP and Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson,
Minister of Energy and Mines Hon. Stephen Lecce
Ontario Energy Board,
AMO, and
Neighbouring and local municipalities.

RE: Resolution Regarding Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario

Dear Hon. Lisa M. Thompson,

Please note that at the County of Huron's Council meeting of September 17, 2025 the following motion was passed:

Moved by: Councillor D. Harding and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

That:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the following motion and actions:

WHEREAS the Province Ontario has posted ERO 025-0923, Consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion, seeking feedback from municipalities, Indigenous communities, and other stakeholders on how Phase Three (3) could best support access to natural gas for community development;

AND WHEREAS expanding access to natural gas is identified as a tool to support affordability and economic growth in Ontario communities, with Phases One (1) and Two (2) estimated to enable connections for approximately 17,000 buildings across 59 communities, and 16 projects completed to date;

AND WHEREAS the County of Huron is working toward its need for 10,640 additional housing units by 2051 and supporting Ontario's broader objective to build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031; as well, the County's agriculture community and manufacturing community require reliable and affordable access to natural gas and recognizes that timely servicing solutions (including natural gas where appropriate) can help enable these targets;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's energy future relies on a balance of affordability, reliability, and sustainability by leveraging a mix of energy solutions, including natural gas, electricity, and emerging energy technologies, to meet growing community needs;

AND WHEREAS natural gas continues to play a critical role in supporting energy affordability, economic competitiveness, and enabling housing and employment growth across the province.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Huron County Council:

Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk

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1. Supports the Ministry's consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion (NGEP Phase 3) and endorses access to natural gas as an option to other energy solutions to advance Huron County's housing, agriculture, employment lands, and economic development objectives;
2. Directs staff to submit comments to ERO 025-0923 reflecting Huron County's priorities, including: priority application types, alignment with Official Plan/Secondary Plans, sites and corridors where gas access would enable development (housing/employment lands), support the agricultural community, and address practical barriers (e.g., timing, permitting, costs, land access); and
3. Forwards this resolution to MPP and Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson, the Minister of Energy and Mines, the Ontario Energy Board, AMO, and neighbouring municipalities.

Carried

Should you have any questions, please reach out to me via email at clerk@huroncounty.ca.

Respectfully,

Susan Cronin
Director of Legislative Services/County Clerk



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

September 23rd, 2025

Motion 5

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS the labour dispute between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) remains unresolved despite months of negotiations; AND WHEREAS CUPW has suspended the delivery of flyers nationwide in an effort to bring Canada Post back to the bargaining table; AND WHEREAS this suspension significantly impacts businesses, non-profit organizations, and municipal governments, limiting their ability to communicate essential information; AND WHEREAS many rural municipalities, including the Township of Bonfield, have limited internet connectivity and rely heavily on Canada Post for the distribution of newsletters and other important communications to residents; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Bonfield:

1. Urges the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Federal Government to promptly return to the negotiating table; and
2. Calls upon CUPW to reconsider the suspension of flyer deliveries, which includes municipal communications, to ensure the continued dissemination of critical community information

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Nipissing Timiskaming MP, Pauline Rochefort, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, Canada Post, CUPW President, FONOM, and AMO.

Carried

DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark

Jason Corbett

Steve Featherstone

Dan MacInnis

Narry Paquette

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No.5 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of September 23rd, 2025, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Andrée Gagné

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Dear Howick Township Council and Staff,

On behalf of Howick Minor Hockey, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you and members of the Township to join us for our Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance.

✦ Date: Saturday November 22nd, 2025

✦ Time: 6pm

✦ Location: Howick Community Centre

✦ \$60

This festive evening is a wonderful way to come together in celebration of the holiday season. We are so grateful for the Township's continued support year after year—your generosity directly benefits our local hockey program and helps us make these events possible.

We look forward to sharing this joyful evening with you.

With appreciation,

Howick Minor Hockey



September 24, 2025

Caitlin Gillis, CAO - Clerk
Township of Howick
44816 Harriston Rd.
Gorrie, ON N0G 1X0

Dear Ms. Gillis,

The Members (Board) of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) are announcing the forthcoming retirement of the MVCA's General Manager - Secretary Treasurer, Phil Beard.

Phil has been with the organization for 46 years and has been the General Manager – Secretary Treasurer since 1998.

Phil has brought tremendous patience, grace and dignity to his position and has built an excellent team, and a great legacy that has been, and will continue to be, appreciated by the residents in our watershed.

A recruitment process is underway to support a planned transition ahead of Phil's retirement on July 3, 2026.

The MVCA's key programs including flood and erosion services that protect life and property, agricultural stewardship initiatives, and the protection of natural areas for residents and visitors throughout the Maitland River watershed will continue.

Our congratulations go out to Phil as together we make this transition.

On behalf of the Members,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed McGugan".

Ed McGugan
MVCA Chair



Membership Minutes

Membership Meeting #6-2025

June 18, 2025

Members Present: Alison Lobb, Ed McGugan, Alvin McLellan, Sharen Zinn, Megan Gibson, Andrew Fournier, Matt Duncan, Anita Van Hittersum, Evan Hickey

Members Absent: Ed Podniewicz, Vanessa Kelly

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Services Coordinator
Jason Moir, FRCA Parks Supervisor
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Supervisor of Planning & Regulations
Shannon Miller, Restoration Supervisor
Erica Magee, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chair, Ed McGugan, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

3. Minutes

The minutes from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) General Membership Meeting #5-2025 held on May 21, 2025.

Motion FA #66-25

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #5-2025 held on May 21, 2025, be approved.
(carried)

4. Business out of the Minutes:

- a) Solar System Installation Falls Reserve Conservation Area: Report #42-2025

Report #42-2025 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #67-25

Moved by: Anita Van Hittersum

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT MVCA Members agree with the restrictions currently in place regarding solar systems at FRCA.
AND THAT the decision of the Members be communicated to Mr. Shatz.

(carried)

- b) Additional Amendments to Records Retention Policy Report #43-2025

Report #43-2025 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #68-25

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT MVCA's Records Retention Policy be amended to incorporate the additional revisions outlined in Report 43-2025 and detailed in the attached track-changes copy of the Records Retention Policy.

(carried)

5. Presentations:

- a) 2025 Work Plan Highlights: Jayne Thompson, Communications/IT/GIS Coordinator
- b) Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program Funding: Shannon Millar, Restoration Supervisor

6. Business Requiring Direction and or Decision:

- a) 2025 Work Plan and Budget Update: Report #44a&b-2025

Report #44-2025 was presented to the members and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #69-25

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Sharen Zinn

THAT the budget update outlined in Report #44b-2025 be accepted as presented.

(carried)

- b) Insurance Coverage on Infrastructure Constructed by Other Groups on Conservation Authority Land: Report #45-2025

Report #45-2025 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #70-25

Moved by: Sharen Zinn

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT MVCA insure the replacement value on infrastructure that is donated by other groups that is not essential for MVCA operations and that is approved by MVCA;
AND THAT MVCA provide consistency in insuring donations of infrastructure that is constructed by others on Authority lands;
AND THAT moving forward, any infrastructure being donated or placed on MVCA property would have insurance coverage in place as determined by the Members.
(carried)

Motion FA #71-25

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Sharen Zinn

THAT donations installed on MVCA lands and property be insured for replacement value.
(carried)

Motion FA #72-25

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT once a building or asset is determined to be surplus to the Authority's needs, the asset is insured for salvage value only.
(carried)

Motion FA #73-25

Moved by: Anita Van Hittersum

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT assets deemed as low risk of loss not be insured.
(carried)

c) Wawanosh Campground Tour: Report #46-2025

Report #46-25 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #74-25

Moved by: Evan Hickey

Seconded by: Alison Lobb

THAT the Members tour the Wawanosh Campground on Wednesday, August 27th from 6pm to 8pm to have an overview of the operations and to see the park layout and infrastructure prior to the report being presented.
(carried)

7. Consent Agenda:

The following items were circulated to the Members for their information:

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for May: Report #47-2025
- b) Agreements Signed: Report #48-2025
- c) Bill 5 Conservation Ontario Comments attached
- d) Carbon Footprint Initiative Meeting Summary: Report #49-2025

Motion FA #75-25

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT Reports #47-25 through #49-25 along with the respective motions as outlined in the Consent Agenda be approved.
(carried)

8. Chair and Members Report:

Chair, McGugan mention that he and Phil will be attending the SVCA's 75th anniversary on July 29, 2025. He also noted that he had attended the MCF Donor Luncheon on June 10th in Brussels.

9. Closed session

Motion FA #76-25

Moved by: Anita Van Hittersum

Seconded by: Sharen Zinn

THAT the members move into a closed session.
(carried)

Motion FA #77-25

Moved by: Matt Duncan

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the members move back into open session.
(carried)

10. Adjournment: – Next Meeting Date, Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 7:00pm at the Administration Centre in Wroxeter.

Motion FA #78-25

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Sharen Zinn

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 9:10pm.
(carried)

Handwritten signature of Ed McGugan in black ink.

Ed McGugan
Chair

Handwritten signature of Phil Beard in black ink.

Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer



Huron Clean Water Project

September 15, 2025

Township of Howick:

Re: HCWP Encourages Best Management Practices in Municipal Drainage Work

The Huron Clean Water Project (HCWP) is one of the most successful on-the-ground water quality improvement projects in the province. The program offers financial and technical support for sixteen project categories for anyone in the County, including agricultural producers, community groups and municipalities. These project categories are different best management practices (BMPs) that help to protect and improve water quality. Since the inception of the program in 2004, HCWP has supported more than 4,111 projects. The total value of the projects completed through the program is more than \$16.6 million, almost four times the investment provided by the County. The program is an example of a local investment that results in local action.

In 2024, the Huron Clean Water Project (HCWP) celebrated its 20th anniversary. Since the inception of the program, the Project Review Committee ('the committee') and staff have worked diligently to review and improve the program to keep pace with a dynamic landscape and economy. One of the decisions that the committee is faced with is effectively allocating HCWP resources to support projects completed as a component of a Municipal Drain project.

The committee and staff appreciate the exceptional best management practices (BMPs) that have been incorporated into some municipal drains to help protect water quality. These BMPs have included Erosion Control Measures, such as grassed waterways and erosion control berms, as well as watercourse buffers. These additions to the drainage work help to manage water across the drainage system by reducing erosion and mitigating the sediment and nutrients that are deposited in the watercourse. Incorporating BMPs from the onset, that help to manage water and reduce erosion, may also enhance the effectiveness and longevity of the drainage system; therefore, reducing the long-term maintenance costs of the system. The committee understands the complex nature of municipal drain projects, but encourages municipal councils, and drainage superintendents to recognize the value of BMPs. Implementing BMPs that help manage water and reduce erosion is an investment in municipal drain infrastructure, and water quality.

The HCWP provides a unique opportunity for technical support, and to partner, and learn from one another across the County. Learning together, and working together leads to innovation and progress, with cumulative benefits that contribute to improved water quality for everyone in the County. To help facilitate this knowledge sharing, the committee encourages you to reach out to HCWP program delivery staff, Ben Van Dieten and Nathan Schoelier. Ben and Nathan are available to provide examples of these BMPs and connect you with Drainage Superintendents who have incorporated innovative water management techniques within municipal drainage systems.

HCWP's program delivery contacts may be reached at:

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority
Nathan Schoelier, Stewardship and Lands
Manager
nschoelier@abca.ca
(519) 235-2610 ext. 263

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
Ben Van Dieten, Agricultural Stewardship
Supervisor
bvandieten@mvca.on.ca
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Thank you for your contribution towards protecting Huron County's valuable resources.

Yours truly,

Jim Dietrich

Jim Dietrich

Chair, Huron Clean Water Project Review Committee

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FAMILY ATV RIDE Fundraiser

On September 13th, more than 200 ATVs and over 300 riders joined us for an afternoon trail ride through Howick, followed by a pork BBQ dinner. The event was organized to raise awareness for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and to support childhood cancer research at SickKids Hospital—a cause and hospital very close to our hearts following our daughter Alivia's cancer diagnosis and successful treatment for Retinoblastoma (eye cancer) in 2021.

In addition, a donation will also be made to Ty McCann & Stacey Helmka to support their family.

A heartfelt thank-you to the following for generously allowing trail access or hosting trailside stops at their cabins or ponds: Sue Robinson, Rick & Karen McCann, Bruce & Brenda Edgar, Jim Gibson, Murray & Dianne Stevens, Jackie Gibson, Paul & Stacey MacEwen, Barry & Janice Gibson, Steve Smith & Tamara Schumacher, Mike & Suzy Nichols, Jeroen & Ashley Peters, Don & Barb Gibson, James & Robyn MacEwen, Marv

& Bev Reesor, Rod & Jeni MacEwen.

We are also grateful to the following individuals and businesses for donating prizes for the kid's table: Chet & Katie Williams, C&K Williams Excavating Inc., Courtney Brooks, Donegan's Haulage Ltd. Steve & Lindsay Boyd, Boyd's Farm Supply Ltd., Ryan & Richelle Smith, Mike & Heather McDonald, McDonald Home Hardware, Roman & Kerry Leutenegger, Kurt & Karen Smith, Kurtis Smith Excavating Inc.

Special thanks to Robyn MacEwen, Janice Gibson, Bev Reesor, Reese MacEwen and Bria Gibson for donating and preparing sandwiches, snacks, and drinks for lunch. Thank you as well to Sue Robinson, Katie Hutchison, Jaron Ireland, JoAnn Hutchison, and Ashley Peters for helping to prepare dinner, and to Lee, Don & Barb Gibson for cooking all the meat and hosting the BBQ.

We are thrilled to share that the event raised over \$18,000! We are so grateful to everyone who rode, supported and donated so generously, both during and after the event. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day another great success. The support from our community was truly amazing!

Troy, Lindsey, Aubrey & Alivia Robinson



Community Calendar

TRI-COUNTY AG MACHINES & MEMORIES TOUR - Sun. Oct. 5. IH vintage tractor display, including Howick farmers Adam & Lynn Johnson. A free self-guided tour – visit palmerstonfair.ca for a map.

"COME SEW WITH US" is sewing at the Howick Community Centre from 10am- 3pm on Mondays Oct. 6 & 20, Nov. 3 & 17, Dec. 1 & 15. \$5. Darlene 519-335-3755.

PUB BINGO NIGHT at the Wroxeter Hall on Thurs. Oct. 9. Doors open 5pm, bingo starts at 6:30pm.

CARRY-ON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE presents the documentary "We Lend a Hand: The Forgotten Story of Ontario's Farmerettes" Oct. 16 at 2 & 7pm at the Norgan Theatre in Palmerston. \$12. Q&A with filmmakers and author Bonnie Sitter.

HOWICK FIRE FIGHTERS BREAKFAST, Sun. Oct. 19, 8am - 12pm. See page 15.

HOWICK BLOOMERS will meet on Mon. Oct. 20 at 2pm in the Library room at Howick Community Centre.

MASONIC LODGE SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON - Fri. Oct. 24 at the Wroxeter Hall. Lunch from 11am to 1pm. The next one will be on Nov. 21.

PUB NIGHT HALLOWEEN PARTY at the Wroxeter Hall, Fri. Oct. 24. 6pm. See page 6 for details.

YOUNG JEWELS - The third Saturday of every month at Gorrie Bible Fellowship from 9:30-11:30 for girls ages 8-13.

DINNER & DANCE Sat. Nov. 22 at the Howick Community Centre. See page 14.



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FINDING a way

Hopefully most of our regular readers have found a way to get a copy of this newsletter – Canada Post's current ban on flyer delivery has made it a challenge to distribute to our usual area. Hopefully things will be back to normal before the November issue. In the meantime, we appreciate the businesses and events that have agreed to help us get the newsletters into your hands.

"Back to normal" has felt pretty good as school resumed in many households. It feels like I spend a lot more time with my youngest who is now left at home without competition for toys but who also misses his sibling playmates. As the youngest, I think he's getting a little spoiled, with lots of one-on-one time with mom doing errands and driving in the tractor with dad. He is very adamant that he is still a baby... and he is not easily persuaded that since he can walk and talk, that this belief is not true. One day he'll be ready to embrace his 'big boy' status – we can't stay little forever, which is both a good and kind of a sad thing.

I just wanted to highlight a new feature that you'll find on page seven in this month's issue. Reese MacEwen reached out with the idea for introducing us to the pets of Howick Township. If you're interested in having your own pet featured, please contact Reese. It's great when young people show initiative!

Angie Koersen



Deadline for the next issue is Oct. 20.

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Let's give 'em pumpkin to talk about.
– Lisa Beirnes

COUNCIL MEETING & THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The Howick Township Municipal Office and Howick Community Centre will be closed for Thanksgiving on Monday, October 13th, 2025, and will re-open Tuesday, October 14th at 8:30 a.m. We hope everyone enjoys the long weekend with loved ones and wish you a Happy Thanksgiving! We are thankful for the wonderful people who live in Howick Township.

The Township of Howick regular Council meeting for the month of October will take place on **Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m.** at the Township Municipal Office. Regular Council meetings are open to the public. If you are unable to attend in person, you can also call into the teleconference line by calling 1-855-727-6338 toll free and entering participant code 5210023.

HOWICK FIREFIGHTERS BREAKFAST

The fall Howick Firefighters Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Gorrie Fire Hall. Donations are gratefully accepted and will benefit the Howick Township Fire Department. Bring your appetite –we'll see you there!

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The Township of Howick has a lot to offer when it comes to our local entrepreneurs and organizations. We take great pride in our hard-working community. We are inviting all businesses and organizations to consider purchasing a banner. Your banner can feature your business/organization logo, and/or a high-res photo of your choice on both sides of the banner. The new banners will go up throughout Howick in Spring 2026 and be displayed annually from May to October for their lifespan, which is approximately 5 years. See Page 5 for more information.

PA DAY CAMP – FRIDAY OCTOBER 10, 2025

The Recreation Department is once again offering PA Day Camps! And registration is OPEN! Visit <https://www.howick.ca/explore-play/recreation/day-camps> to register. Day Camp will run from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Early drop off and late pick-up is available for an additional charge. Please e-mail Brady at recreation@howick.ca for more information.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Waste Management staff work hard to ensure all garbage and recycling is collected—sometimes as late as 7:00 PM on collection days. To support their efforts, please leave your bins curbside until at least 7:00 PM to avoid missed pickups.

If you are concerned with missed collection, please contact Waste Management directly at **1-888-730-3344** and leave a voicemail if your call is not answered. They will call you back.

SEASONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring for the 2025 Fall/Winter Season:

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The Township of Howick is excited to announce that we are now accepting applications for seasonal employment opportunities for the upcoming season. We are looking for motivated, reliable individuals to join our team in a variety of roles that support our community through the fall and winter months. See page 19 for more information. A full detailed job description for each position is available on our website at <https://www.howick.ca/township-services/employment-opportunities-in-howick>

Remembrance Day Banners

The Township of Howick is proud to announce that 17 new Remembrance Day banners have been sponsored this year, further honouring and recognizing the brave service of our local veterans. These banners serve as a lasting tribute to those who served and sacrificed, and will be prominently displayed in our community each November as part of the Township's Remembrance Day program. The Township extends sincere thanks to the families, individuals, and organizations who have generously sponsored a banner this year. Sponsorship opportunities remain open at any time, and new banners sponsored going forward will be included in next year's display. Please visit our website or contact Manager of Development and Protective Services / Fire Chief Josh Kestner for more information.

PUBLIC REMINDER ON CAMPFIRE RULES & REGULATIONS

The Township of Howick would like to remind all residents of the rules and responsibilities regarding campfires and open-air burning, as outlined in By-law No. 6-2024. Campfires

are permitted for recreational purposes (such as cooking or warmth), provided they are contained and no larger than one metre in diameter. Burning prohibited materials—including garbage, plastics, tires, shingles, painted/treated wood, or any items producing toxic smoke—is strictly forbidden. While enjoying a safe campfire is allowed, nuisance calls to the Fire Department place an unnecessary strain on resources. Each time firefighters are dispatched to investigate a complaint or false report, time, equipment, and taxpayer dollars are consumed which are resources that should be available for genuine emergencies.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT:

- Violations of the by-law may result in fines and cost recovery charges. This includes costs associated with the Fire Department responding to unauthorized or unsafe fires
- Making a false report to the Fire Department is an arrestable offence and may also result in charges.
- These measures are in place to ensure the safety of our community, protect property, and keep emergency services available when truly needed.

For more information or to review the complete by-law, please visit the Township of Howick's website or contact Manager of Development and Protective Services / Fire Chief Josh Kestner – 519-335-3202 or howickfire@howick.ca



BANNER SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

INVESTMENT: \$300 + tax per banner

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

We are inviting Howick businesses and organizations to consider purchasing a custom banner. Your banner can feature your business/organization logo, and/or a high-res photo of your choice on both sides of the banner. It will be proudly displayed in one of our villages or hamlets to advertise your business and to help attract potential customers.

The Township of Howick has a lot to offer when it comes to our local entrepreneurs, small and large businesses across many different

sectors. We also are fortunate to have wonderful community groups, organizations and volunteers. We take great pride in our hardworking community!

Thanks to the Huron County Supporting Local Economic Development (SLED) Program, Howick is getting new banners in 2026!

We want to expand our banner program to showcase our Howick pride and promote local business.

For more information or to order a banner, please email Alana Dick at deputyclerk@howick.ca

WHAT YOU RECEIVE

One (1) 24x8 Banner displayed within Howick Township advertising your business or organization. Banners will be displayed annually for 6 months of the year. By limiting their display to when weather is favourable, the estimated life expectancy of the banner is approximately 5 years.

HOWICK LIBRARY



Check out the great selection of Fall and Halloween titles – available both online and in person at any of the 12 Huron County Library branches.

HAUNTED LIBRARY:
Wednesday October 29th @ 6:30- 8:00pm at the Alice Munro (Wingham) Library branch. Visit our Haunted Halloween Maze after hours if you dare! Trick or treat? Crafts and games for the little ones! This is an all ages event, everyone is welcome! Pick up your free tickets at the Alice Munro Library branch.

Come check out our **SPOOKY SCAVENGER HUNT** running all throughout October during library hours.

Please note that all Huron County Library branches will be closed for the holiday **Monday October 13th.**

Check out all of our events at www.huroncountylibrary.ca/events/.

Celebrations

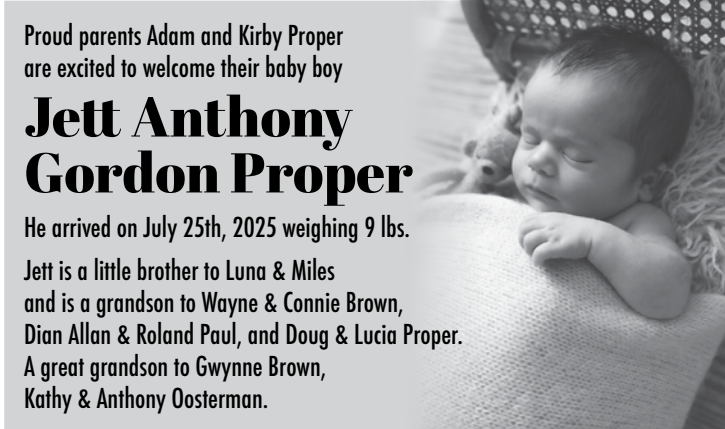


Proud parents Adam and Kirby Proper are excited to welcome their baby boy

Jett Anthony Gordon Proper

He arrived on July 25th, 2025 weighing 9 lbs.

Jett is a little brother to Luna & Miles and is a grandson to Wayne & Connie Brown, Dian Allan & Roland Paul, and Doug & Lucia Proper. A great grandson to Gwynne Brown, Kathy & Anthony Oosterman.



Come to the Coffee Shop from 6:00am to 10:00am on Monday to Friday!

Pub Bingo Night, will take place on Thursday, October 9th! Doors will open at 5:00pm and Bingo will start at 6:30pm. Good Luck!

Sunday, October 19th is a Pool and Euchre Tournament starting at 1:00pm. Hope you can come!

Pub Night on Friday, October 24th will be a Halloween Party. Dinner is served at 6:00pm. The meal will be Witches Brew and Green Slime Pie, (Beef Stew and Key Lime Pie). There will be prizes for children and adults best costumes. Looking forward to be a great evening.

Pool Nights are Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7:00pm.

Come out ladies and enjoy games at Ladies Night at 7:00pm on Tuesdays.

Contact Board Member, Carol Edgar to book the hall for your special event. Thank you for your support!



PHOTOS BY LIZ ALLAN



WROXETER HALL NEWS



HOWICK OPTIMIST CLUB "Friend of Youth"

DID YOU KNOW... Through the Howick Optimist Club, **over 100 local children** are now part of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library! Each month, they receive a brand-new book in the mail — and we just passed an amazing milestone of **2,000 books** delivered since the program began.

This program is fully funded by our club to help inspire a lifelong love of reading for children in our community from birth to age 5.

Thank you all for your continued support over all the years in Howick Township.

Donations are focused in many ways to help the young people of the community. Contributions go towards various sports leagues, The Howick Optimist Pool, Howick Arena, Local Food Banks and Hospitals & More. We could not do this without the generosity of our volunteers and club members and the community as a whole.

Howick Women's Institute

Pauline Atton hosted our September 18 Howick WI meeting on her back deck. It was a beautiful afternoon to be out enjoying the last days of summer. Scott Price, Howick Public Works Manager was our guest speaker on the topic of "Recycle, Reduce, Reuse". Changes are coming to our Waste Management pickup in Howick within the next year.

After a refreshment break, we convened for our meeting. Items discussed were: Our representative in the Howick Turnberry Fall Fair Ambassador competition is Emma Peel.

We are starting to put plans in place to support the Howick 170th Anniversary committee.

Margaret McMahon reported from the Huron Perth WI District meeting. A new \$500 Education Award will be open to all High school students in Huron and Perth counties.

Tickets are now available for our upcoming Ladies Day Out, on Wednesday, November 5th, at the Listowel Ag Hall, for 12 noon. This is a Soup and Sandwich lunch followed by our guest speaker Jennifer O'Reilly. The theme for the day is "The Power of Laughter" (The Canadian Way).

Several of our members are going to the Norgan Theatre in Palmerston, on Thursday, October 16th to see the documentary of the Farmerette Story "Lend a Hand". It tells the important history of how young women stepped up and took care of the farms while the men went off to war.

We are planning to support the "Howick Banner Sponsorship Program" by purchasing a banner with our WI logo on it.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, October 16th, at the home of Gwen Catherwood. Her son Dr. Clayton Stinson will be talking to us about his work as a veterinarian.

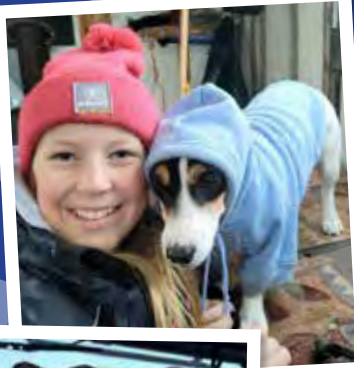
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IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR PET FEATURED,
CONTACT REESE AT: reesemacewen7@gmail.com



PIECED TOGETHER

The "Come Sew With Us" Sewing group went for a 2-day retreat in May. It was a great success. They had a "Reversible Quilt" block challenge, as seen above. For each block that you submitted, you had a chance to win a finished lap quilt. There were 146 blocks submitted and the lucky winners were Alice Yuill and Rosemary Terpstra.

The "Come Sew With Us" will resume their Monday meetings at the Howick Community Centre starting Oct. 6 & 20, Nov. 3 & 17, Dec. 1 & 15. If you have questions, please contact Darlene 519-335-3755.



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Maitland Valley camera CLUB

The meeting on September 4th was held at Blair Smith's barn. Members enjoyed taking still photos.

Our calendars are currently at the printers and will be done soon.

The September 18th meeting was at the Brussels Library at 7:00pm. We viewed all of our summer photo shoot images. An evening of reminiscing. Great photos.

Our meetings are held in the Meeting Room of The Brussels Library. The meetings begin 7:00pm. The meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the months April to November and the first Thursday for December to March.



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CELEBRATING 5 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP - and FUTURE Grants AVAILABLE

Over five years, Maitland Conservation has worked alongside Forests Canada (formerly Forests Ontario) to plant almost 43,000 trees in the Maitland Valley watershed. This work will help to restore Canada's forests and contribute to a healthier Lake Huron by protecting soil health and water quality.

Retiring marginal farmland, such as steeply sloped fields, planting floodplains, and replanting areas that have been decimated by the Emerald Ash Borer, are just some examples of how the funding and support from both organizations have been used. This support can include funding for trees and contractors, as well as technical advice and coordination.

Jamie Heffer is Warden of Huron County and a farmer himself. He took part in this initiative in the spring of 2025. "The 10 acres we chose to reforest was too steep to crop properly and dangerous to have equipment on," he said. "The tree planting will reduce soil erosion on this steep slope on that property."

Maitland Conservation stewardship staff were able to coordinate the planting of 22 acres (17,500 seedlings) in 2025 and are encouraging interested landowners, including those in Howick, to get in touch as they strive for 25 acres (20,000 seedlings) in spring 2026.

This partnership, and the resulting projects, would not be possible without the landowners who initiate and care for the plantings, or the other partners who have provided support to various projects. Those partners include the County of Huron's Huron Clean Water Project and Maitland Conservation Foundation.

As these projects grow, their impact on the watershed will too. When asked what they are looking forward to most for the planting in the future, Jamie Heffer responded: "I'm never going to see this fully established like I'd like to, but if we get it started well, then we set it up for the next generation."

Interested in your own planting project? If you're in the Maitland Valley watershed, reach out now to start planning before the snow flies! To get started contact Karlene Zurbrigg: [kzurbrigg@mvca.on.ca](mailto: kzurbrigg@mvca.on.ca) or 519-335-3557 ext. 250. If you're not sure of your watershed, Karlene can help with that too.

Not in the Maitland Valley watershed but interested in planting? There's a broad network of organizations working across the county to support tree planting. You can connect with Forests Canada directly at www.ForestsCanada.ca/PlantTrees or reach out to your local Conservation Authority.



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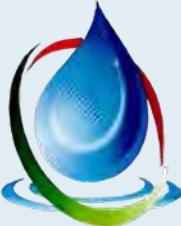
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- AUTHOR UNKNOWN



WILLIAMS, James Frederic of Fordwich passed away at St. Joseph's Health Centre, Guelph, on Sunday, August 31, 2025, in his 80th year. Husband of Annie (Stubbe) Williams. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 3rd. Father of Lee & Sharon (Hartung) Williams of New Liskeard, Paul & Anne (Peckover) Williams of Markdale, and Melanie &

Cameron Hill of Kenilworth. Grandfather of Matthew Williams & Leslie Bowman, Nathan & Claire (Coenen) Williams, Sarah & Branden Wilkinson, Jenna & Jesus Bondo, Ben Williams, Jonathan Hill, Eliana Hill, Mikayla Hill, and Steven Hill, and great-grandfather of Wrenley Wilkinson. Brother of Gerald & Pat Williams of Paris, and Keith & Gladys Williams of Brighton. Predeceased by his parents Frederick & Evelyn (Givens) Williams, brother Don Williams, and sisters-in-law Joan Williams and Pat Williams. Jim farmed his entire life on various properties between Oxford and Perth counties, ending up at the farm on the sixth of Wallace. He enjoyed milking cows, raising beef cattle and working the fields. He also took great enjoyment in cutting firewood, and spending time in the bush. On the side he enjoyed working at the Wallace landfill and driving for Stop 23. After moving off the farm, he and Annie retired to Fordwich. Jim's relationship with the Lord was an integral part of his life. His faith is a legacy that he has left behind as an example for his family to follow. While the last few years became challenging due to his Alzheimer's, we are forever grateful for the time and care he received at St Joseph's Health Centre in Guelph. Special thanks to Drs. Sid and Graham, nurses Thimo, Chandra and Chayse and the rest of the team at Whispering Oaks Palliative care unit for their compassion and kindness. Visitation was held at the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel on Wednesday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The funeral service was held at Listowel Baptist Church on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Mike Hutchinson officiating. Interment in Maple Grove Cemetery, Howick Township. Memorial donations to St. Joseph's Health Centre Foundation or Gideon's International (Shareword Global) would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca



BUEHLER, Erla (Martin) of Listowel, and formerly of Fordwich passed away peacefully at Listowel Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, in her 95th year. Wife of the late Melvin Buehler. Mother of Darrell & Jane Buehler, Derrick & Karen Buehler, Duane & Sue Buehler, Cheryl Carter, Angie & Paul Raftis, and Lisa Buehler.

Also survived by 15 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Sister of Bert & Reta Martin, and sister-in-law of Catherine Martin, Angus Martin, Grace Buehler, and Ken Buehler. Predeceased by her son-in-law Harold Carter, sisters Elmeda Baker and her husbands Sam Martin and Robert Baker, and Florence Martin, and brothers Ibra Martin, and Robert Martin and his wife Alice. Visitation was held at Listowel Mennonite Church on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., where the funeral service was held on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. with reception to follow. Interment in Fairview Cemetery, Listowel. Memorial donations to Listowel Mennonite Church would be appreciated, and may be made through the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel. Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca



STEWART, James Edward, formerly of Mayne Corners, passed away peacefully at Huronlea, Brussels on Friday, September 12, 2025, in his 94th year. Loving and devoted husband of 66 years to Patricia (Kelly) Stewart. Proud and deeply loved father of Patti & John Rozendal, Wingham, Pam & Bob Denstedt, St. Clements, Jeff & Colleen Stewart, Aurora, Judy & Ken

Turney, and Jason Stewart, Listowel. Proud grandfather of Patrick (Tamara), Matthew & Kelsie Rozendal, Reid & Austin Denstedt, Marc (Erin), John & Alison (Caleb) Zorzit, Jennifer, Ashley (Tyler), Jamie (Sadie) & Dylan Turney, Taylor, Owen, & Austin Stewart and sweetest great-grandfather of Kallie, Leah, and Blake. Brother of Isabel Hudson, Hanover, Jean & Les Edmonds, South Surrey, BC, Jack & Sonja Stewart, Oshawa, Roy & Sharon Stewart, Gorrie, Grace & John Weigel, Mildmay, Ray & Wendy Stewart, Gorrie, and Cliff & Jan Stewart, Listowel. Brother-in-law of Reta & Jim Doig and John & Jackie Kelly of Harriston, and Sue Kelly, Mount Forest. Predeceased by his parents Oliver & Eva (Coates) Stewart, brother Carl Stewart, sister-in-law Joan Stewart, and parents-in-law, Austin & Irene Kelly, brothers-in-law Eugene Kelly and Frank Kelly. Visitation was held at the Eaton Funeral Home, Listowel on Sunday, September 14th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. with a Masonic Memorial Service at 12:30 p.m. Funeral service was held at Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Interment Fordwich Cemetery following the reception. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Huronlea Residents' Council (cheque only), Listowel Memorial Hospital Foundation or St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Molesworth would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.eatonfuneralhome.ca



UNDERWOOD, Margaret. At Braemar Nursing Home in Wingham on Friday, September 19th, 2025, Margaret (Heibein) Underwood formerly of Gorrie passed away at the age of 88. Cherished wife of the late Glenn Underwood who predeceased her in 2002. Loving mother of Karen & Bill Ross of R.R.#1, Wingham. Dear grandma of Jess Gibson of Fordwich

and Jordan & Brittany Ross of Teeswater and great-grandma of Austin, Caleb, Bria and Brycen. Sister of Wilma Williamson of Wingham and sister-in-law of Merle Underwood of Wingham and Marion Underwood of Kincardine. Margaret will be missed by her nieces and nephews and their families. Predeceased by her sister Jean (Freeman) Ingleton, brother Bill (Joyce) Heibein and brothers-in-law Murray and Allan Underwood. A private funeral service will be held at McBurney Funeral Home, Wingham with interment at Gorrie Cemetery. A Celebration of Margaret's Life will be held at the Howick Community Centre on Saturday, October 4th, 2025 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Howick Optimist Club would be appreciated.



ALLAN, Nellie. 1925 - 2025 Nellie Martha Jean (Lewis) Allan of Fordwich passed away on Thursday, August 28, 2025 in her 100th year. Beloved wife of the late Melville Allan (1987). Loving mother of Bryan & Betsy Allan, Sandra Elliott, Arnold Allan & Cathy McDonell, and Floyd & Elizabeth Allan. Dear grandmother of Jennifer & Harry Cummings, Sarah & Michael

Moerbeek, Kurt Elliott, Dean Elliott, Sean & Jenny Allan, and Christopher & Regan Allan, and great-grandmother of Grayden, Emmalie, Grayce, Gerritt, Terra, Hendrix, Landon, and Harrison. Predeceased by her son-in-law Donald Elliott, by her sisters Irene Nelson, and Thelma Kidd, brothers Russell, Les, and Norman Lewis, and by her infant brother Kenneth. Nellie enjoyed an active life in the Fordwich area and community. Mel & Nellie and their family farmed on Gough Road for many years before moving to Fordwich in 1982. Mel was postmaster in Fordwich from 1968 until his retirement, and then Nellie took over until her retirement in 1990. She was an active member of Fordwich United Church, Howick Legion Auxiliary, and the Howick and Blyth Legions where she served in various capacities for 73 years. Nellie enjoyed curling, bowling, and gardening. She will be sadly missed and forever loved. A Celebration of Nellie's life was held at the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston, on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., with visitation from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. Reception followed at the Harriston Legion. Private family interment in Fordwich Cemetery. Memorial donations to Blyth Legion Ladies Auxiliary, or the Howick Optimist Club would be appreciated, and may be made through the Hardy-Lee Funeral Home, Harriston. Online condolences may be left at www.hardyleefuneralhome.com

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Thank you to all the neighbours on Brookhaven Dr in Fordwich for their donation to St. Joseph's Care Centre in memory of Jim.

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WEIGHT WATCHERS meets Tuesday evenings in Hot Stove Lounge, North Huron Westcast Community Centre, Wingham. Check in starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm.

POP CANS: will be picked up the first Saturday of each month. You may leave your pop cans in clear plastic bags at the end of your laneway. Monies from the pop cans will go to the Resident's Council of the Fordwich Nursing Home. We thank you for your donation.

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Reporting to the Manager of Public Works, applicants will be experienced with the ability to safely operate various pieces of equipment, such as graders; tandem dump trucks equipped with snowplows (if DZ licensed), wings and sander; backhoes; loaders and other equipment as necessary.

What we are looking for:

- Applicants with a valid 'D' license with a 'Z' endorsement and a clean abstract preferred.
- Experience in the operation of heavy equipment, or road graders would be considered an asset.
- Experience in road and/or equipment maintenance would be considered an asset.
- A positive attitude, good work ethic, a team player and the ability to work early mornings and some weekend hours.

The Township of Howick offers a competitive wage of **\$30.86 - \$36.10 per hour** (2025 Rate).

The full-time, seasonal position is a 40-hour work week.

The part-time, seasonal position is a minimum of 24-hours per week.

Complete job descriptions for each position are available at www.howick.ca/township-services/employment-opportunities-in-howick

Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and detailed resume in one PDF or Word document **clearly marked with which position they are applying for**, to the undersigned before **12 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2025** to:

Caitlin Gillis, Clerk-Administrator
Township of Howick
44816 Harriston Road, RR 1 Gorrie, ON N0G 1X0
Email: clerk@howick.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Applications will be treated in strict confidence. Any personal information being collected will be used in accordance with The Municipal Act and The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy and shall only be used for job selection purposes. The Township of Howick is an equal opportunities employer. Accommodation is available upon request throughout the recruitment process. Please email your accommodation requests to clerk@howick.ca or call 519-335-3208 ext 2.



**HOWICK
BLOOMERS**

**SEPTEMBER
UPDATE**

Although the last few weeks have been warm, sunny and dry we are all well aware that fall is just around the corner and winter won't be far behind. Partly because it has been so dry we are already seeing quite a bit of fall colour. The trees are starting to lose chlorophyll which gives them the green colour and this allows the other pigments to show their true colours.

The first photo is of a very mature roadside maple. Located near the crest of a hill it is visible from quite a distance away. Very noticeable in its fall colour but probably barely noticed when all its leaves were green.

The sumac trees are not always red. Many show rich shades of orange and gold. Against the backdrop of a clear blue sky they can be quite spectacular.



The third young tree, pictured against a background of evergreen trees is also a very eye catching colour. It is a Tartarian maple which has a maple shaped leaf but is a much smaller leaf and tree than other maples. If left to its own devices it is more likely to become a bush rather than a small tree. The bushes easily grow to ten feet or more. They produce copious quantities of seeds and self seed very readily.



The last picture is of the foliage of a perennial often called sun drops due to the pretty golden yellow blooms in the spring. It is a good value plant with two showings of colour, yellow in early summer and red in the fall.

Howick Bloomers are getting ready to decorate the lobby of the Community Centre in time for the Fall Fair, September 27 & 28. Take a look when you visit the Fair.

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Corporation of the Township of Howick

By-law No. 48-2025

Being a By-law to deem part of Registered Plan No. 317 in the Township of Howick not to be a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of Section 50(3) of the Planning Act.

WHEREAS Section 50(4) of the *Planning Act*, 1990, Chapter P.13 as amended authorizes a local Municipality by by-law to designate any plan of subdivision, or part thereof, that has been registered for eight years or more, to be deemed not to be a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of Section 50(3) of the Planning Act, 1990, c. P.13 as amended;

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of the Council, it is desirable that Lot 48 and Lot 60 of Registered Plan No. 317 not to be lots on a Registered Plan of Subdivision in order to permit the merging of lots;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient, in order to control adequately the development of certain lands in the Township of Howick, that a By-law be passed pursuant to the said subsection (4) of section 50 of the Planning Act, 1990;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That part of Registered Plan No. 317 in the Township of Howick (Wroxeter Ward) described as Lot 48, Registered Plan No. 317, being all of PIN 41441-0264 (LT) and Lot 60, Registered Plan No. 317, being all of PIN 41441-0260 (LT) shall be deemed not to be a registered plan subdivision for the purposes of subsection (3) of Section 50 of the Planning Act, 1990.
2. That Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with registering a certified copy of this By-law in Land Registry Office No. 22 and the giving of notice of the passing of this By-law in accordance subsection (29) of Section 50 of the *Planning Act*, 1990.
3. This By-law shall not become effective until the requirements of subsection (28) of Section 50 of the *Planning Act*, 1990 have been complied with.

Read a first and second time this 30th day of September, 2025.

Read a third time and finally passed this 30th day of September, 2025.

Reeve Doug Harding

CAO/Clerk Caitlin Gillis

Corporation of the Township of Howick

By-law No. 49-2025

**A By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the
Corporation of the Township of Howick**

Whereas, in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, S. O. 2001, Section 5(1), the powers of a municipal Corporation shall be exercised by its Council; and

Whereas, Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, prescribes that the powers of every Council shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise; and

Whereas, it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Howick be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

Now therefore, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Howick enacts as follows:

1. That the actions and decisions of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Howick at its regular Council meeting held September 30, 2025 in respect to each resolution and other action taken by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Howick at these meetings, except where the prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board is required, is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.
2. That the Reeve and proper officials of the Corporation of the Township of Howick are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Howick referred to in the proceedings section hereof.
3. That the Reeve and the Clerk, unless otherwise specified, are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the seal of the Corporation of the Township of Howick.
4. This by-law shall come into force and takes effect on the date of its final passing.

Read a first and second time this 30th day of September, 2025.

Read a third time and finally passed this 30th day of September, 2025.

Reeve, Doug Harding

CAO/Clerk, Caitlin Gillis