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Message from the Reeve

It's hard to believe we are entering the last few months of 2023. Soon the fall harvest season will begin and children will be returning to school. We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and enjoyed swimming at the Howick Optimist Pool, playing at the new Gorrie Splashpad and Playground, and got out onto the Fordwich, Gorrie and Wroxeter Walking Trails.

Township staff and contractors will be continuing work this fall on improvements to infrastructure, including the Quarry Line Culvert replacement and the reconstruction of a portion of Gough Road, along with normal fall gravel work. Please follow posted closed road signs and detours while this work is completed.

As we look forward to 2024, Council and staff are planning the preparation of a Corporate Strategic Plan to identify our priorities and strategic direction based on the needs, values and aspirations of the entire community. This document will provide Council and staff with a roadmap for future decision-making that assists the Township in allocating its resources and prioritizing key programs, services and initiatives. Watch for public consultation this fall for your opportunity to give your suggestions, ideas and feedback.

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Council Meetings are held at the Township Office at 9:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday and 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month or at the Call of the Chair.

Howick Township is on Facebook and Instagram

We want to keep you informed and involved! Follow us for regular updates and important information from recreation activities, community events, announcements, council news and much more.



Recreation

To book ice or room rentals at the Howick Community Centre please call 519-335-3883 or email recreation@howick.ca

MVCA Tree Orders

MVCA provides large stock trees for planting in windbreaks and along roadsides. Applications are processed in the fall and planting is done in the spring. Watch the township website for further information.

Garbage & Recycling

Please be sure to have your household garbage and recyclables out by 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Garbage is to be placed in clear bags

For missed pickups, please call Waste Management directly at 1-888-730-3344

Garbage Tags are \$3.00 each and can be purchased at:

Howick Township Office
Howick Landfill
Bare Necessities - Fordwich
Watson's Home Hardware - Gorrie
D&M Auto - Gorrie
Fogal's Independent - Wingham
Abraham Hoover's Harness Shop - Glenannon Rd

Howick Landfill

45589 Harriston Rd (Hwy 87)

Hours of Operation:

November 1 - April 30

Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

May 1 - October 31

Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hazardous Waste Depot

Mid Huron-Landfill
37506 Huron Road (Hwy 8)
Holmesville
519-482-7668

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday to Saturday
8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

2023 Final Taxes Due September 22nd & November 24th

Tax Payments must be received by the due date. Failure to receive a tax notice does not exempt you from the payment of taxes, nor penalty and interest.

Methods of Payment

Payment at Municipal Office | Cheques, Cash, and Interac Debit

Payment by Mail | By cheque, payable to the Township of Howick. Post-dated cheques are also accepted for your convenience.

Online Banking | Add HOWICK TOWNSHIP TAX as a payee account using your property roll-number as the Account Number.

Pre-Authorized Payment | Sign up to have funds withdrawn monthly or on the instalment dates. Please fill out the form on our website.

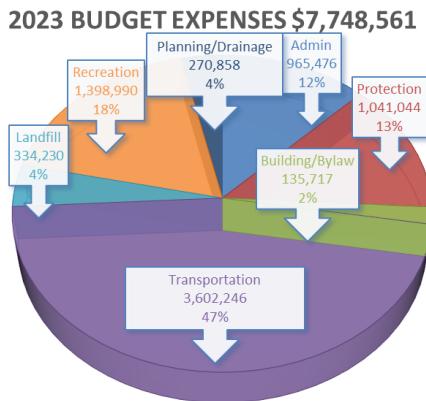
Credit Card, Interac or E-transfer | Available online at www.howick.ca through PaySimply.ca, a transaction fee is applicable.

Payment at Bank | Available through most major banking institutions. Use your property roll-number as the Account Number.

After Hours Drop-Box | Cheques can be deposited in the drop-box located at the front door of the Township Office.

Treasury

A municipal levy of \$4,026,924 is required this year to meet the needs of the Township for 2023. This represents a levy increase of \$282,363 (7.01%) funds to be raised over the previous year which also translates into a 5.47% tax rate increase over the previous year. In 2023 we had an increase of 6.2% of funds for our OMPF funding from the province, with other costs remaining relatively stable. We are happy to have 2 new additional staff join the Township this year as well. The complete budget may be found at www.howick.ca under the Treasury Department.



The Audited 2022 Financial Statements are available on the website and the Municipal Office upon request.

Rebates and Loan Programs

Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program If you have a valid Farm Business Registration you are eligible for the Farm Tax Incentive Program. Farmland is then taxed at 25% of the residential tax rate. Ensure your registration with Agricorp is current.

Tile Drain Loan Program This program assists farm owners with agricultural drainage. Applications and additional information available at the Township office. Current loans have a 10 year term with a 6% interest rate

Clean Water Project www.huroncleanwaterproject.ca

Howick Fire Department

Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023, is Ontario's first Test Your Smoke Alarm Day!

All Ontarians are encouraged to learn more about smoke alarms, fire safety, and home fire escape planning, which could save you and your loved ones. Most importantly, we want you to test your smoke alarms!

Having working smoke alarms won't just save your life – it's the law. Every home in Ontario is required by law to have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. For added protection, install working smoke alarms in every bedroom.

Visit www.savedbythebeep.ca for more info!

This year's Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) campaign, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™," works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking.

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