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## Message from the Reeve

As children prepare to return to school and fall harvest season soon begins, we start to reflect on 2024 and look ahead to what's to come in 2025. We hope you all had a wonderful summer, that you were able to spend time with friends and family and take advantage of the many great events and activities offered throughout Howick. Don't forget to attend the 165th Howick Turnberry Fall Fair September 27 & 28, 2024.

## Township of Howick 2024-2027 Strategic Action Plan

This project began with an invitation to our residents and businesses to tell us why Howick is a great place to be in and what Council and staff can do to make it even better. In collaboration with Linton Consulting, the Made-in-Howick Strategic Action Plan identifies the local services that are most important to you, our taxpayers. Emergency services, safe and reliable roads and bridges, by-law enforcement, outdoor spaces, parks and trails, recreation facilities, affordable living, community safety and enhanced communication with the Township were some of your top concerns. The priorities Council have established in the plan show our commitment to working together with the community to achieve results and deliver exceptional services for every tax dollar. I encourage you to check out the completed Strategic Action Plan at [www.howick.ca](http://www.howick.ca), share your feedback with members of Council, and watch for regular updates monitoring our progress towards these ambitious goals.

## Road construction and maintenance

Township Public Works staff and road contractors will be continuing work this fall on improvements to our road network, including reconstruction of a portion of Gough Road from McDonald Line to Church Street. Along with normal fall gravel work, please follow all posted road closure and detour signs while work is being completed.

Doug Harding, Reeve

## Council 2022 - 2026

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**Recreation**  
**Ice will be in October 5!!!**  
To book ice or room rentals at the Howick Community Centre, please call 519-335-3883 or email [recreation@howick.ca](mailto:recreation@howick.ca)

## Garbage & Recycling

Please 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  
Spirit Variety Store - Wroxeter  
Abraham Hoover's Harness Shop - Glenannon Rd

**MVCA Tree Orders**  
MVCA provides large stock trees for planting in wind-breaks and along roadsides. 2025 Tree and Shrub ordering will open in October and planting is done in the spring. Watch our website for info.

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

## 2024 Final Taxes Due September 20th & November 22nd

**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 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** | Available online via

PaySimply at [www.howick.ca](http://www.howick.ca). Third party transaction fees apply.

**Payment at Bank** | Available through most major banks.

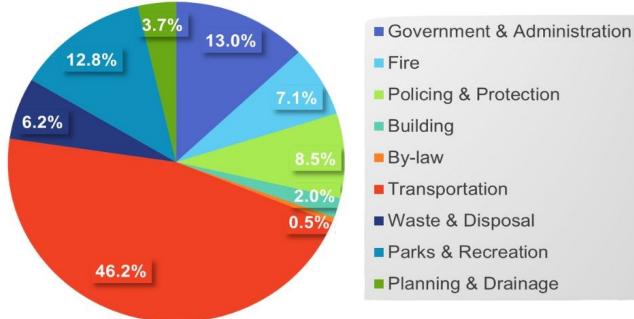
Use your property roll-number as the Account Number.

**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 \$4,318,790 is required to meet the needs of the Township for 2024. This represents a levy increase of \$291,866 (7.25%) to be raised over the previous year, and increased the overall tax rate by 6.79%. The 2024 budget includes such capital projects as: the Wroxeter Bridge, Gough Road Reconstruction, a new Pool Liner and upgrades to the Howick Landfill.

## 2024 MUNICIPAL EXPENSES



### Tax Incentive Programs:

#### Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program

If you have a valid Farm Business Registration you are eligible for the Farm Property Tax Rate Program. Farmland is then taxed at 25% of the residential tax rate. For more information about the program and the eligibility requirements please visit [agricorp.com](http://agricorp.com)

#### Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program

Landowners that prepare and follow an approved Managed Forest Plan can have the property that is classified as managed forest taxed at 25% of the residential tax rate. For more information about the program and the eligibility requirements please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/managed-forest-tax-incentive-program>

#### Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program

Under the Conservation Land Tax incentive program portions of your property that have eligible natural heritage features may qualify for a 100% property tax exemption. For more information about this program and the eligibility requirements please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/conservation-land-tax-incentive-program>

## Howick Fire Department

October 6th - 12th, 2024 is Fire Prevention Week in Ontario!

This year's FPW campaign is "Smoke Alarms: Make them WORK for you!"™"

**INSTALL** smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (i.e. hallways), and on each level of the home (including the basement).

**TEST** smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.

**REPLACE** all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or stop responding when tested.



Follow Township of Howick and @howicktownship for regular updates, important information, community events, announcements, council news and much more!

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