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Message from Reeve Doug Harding

As the current Reeve of the Township of Howick, I'm pleased to share that this is a municipal election year, and I encourage residents to consider taking an active role in shaping the future of our community by running for Township Council. Local Municipal government is where decisions have a direct and meaningful impact on everyday life—your roads, emergency services, planning, recreation, and the overall well-being of our community. Serving on Council is both a challenging and rewarding experience. It offers a unique opportunity to represent your neighbours, bring forward new ideas, and to help guide Howick's growth and future.

The upcoming municipal election in Howick will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026.

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WASTE & RECYCLING CARTS COMING TO HOWICK!

Waste Management is transitioning to automated waste and recycling curbside collection in Howick Township. Estimated delivery for the new garbage and recycling waste carts is mid-Summer 2026. 64-gallon waste carts and 95-gallon recycling carts will be provided and delivered to all residential properties. Commercial, industrial and institutional properties will receive waste carts only. **A minimum of 30 days notice will be provided before cart curbside collection begins to ensure that everyone is ready for this change. Once cart collection begins, garbage bag tags will no longer be accepted.** Information will continue to be shared via the What's Happening in Howick newsletter, and the Howick Township website, Facebook and Instagram pages. At this time, there are no plans to offer refunds or a buy-back program for unused bag tags purchased by residents. If you have purchased an abundance of bag tags that you anticipate not being able to use, consider re-selling them directly to neighbours, friends or family members to use in the coming months before they become obsolete.



ONLINE BANKING PAYEE OPTION

To help ensure your payments are applied correctly and without delay, Howick Township is reminding residents to select the correct payee when making payments through online banking. **Property Taxes:** Please use **Howick (Township) Taxes** as the payee for all property tax payments. **All Other Township Payments:** Please use **Howick Township General Receivables** for payments such as dog tags, building permits, burn permits, ice rentals, before and after school programs, day camps and any other invoice issued by the Township.

When submitting your payment, be sure to use your **10-digit customer number**, located in the top right-hand corner of your invoice.

***Important:** Phone numbers are no longer accepted as account numbers under the Howick (Township) Taxes payee. Residents who currently have a Township payee set up using a phone number must **delete the existing payee and re-add it**, ensuring the correct payee name and your 10-digit customer number are used.

Interim Property Tax Due Dates
March 20 & May 22, 2026



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Howick Summer Day Camps

The Township of Howick Recreation Department is excited to offer Summer Day Camp again in 2026! Our day camp programs are designed for children ages 4-11 and run daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with extended care available upon request for an additional fee. Participants will enjoy outdoor play, crafts, treasure hunts, games, and the chance to make new friendships—all while having a fun and active summer. For more information or to register, contact Brady Ropp at the Howick Community Centre at 519-335-3883

Bring a lunch, snacks, sunscreen, indoor shoes, hat, and a refillable water bottle.

Register: <https://app.univerusrec.com/townshipofh.../courses/index.asp>

July 6th -10th ~ Arena (\$160)	Aug 4th-7th ~ Arena (\$128)
July 13th-17th ~ Gorrie Hall (\$240) Splash n' Play	Aug 10th-14th ~ Gorrie Hall (\$240) Splash n' Play
July 20th-24th ~ Arena (\$160)	Aug 17th-21st ~ Arena (\$160)
	Aug 24th-28th ~ Gorrie Hall (\$240) Splash n' Play



Proposed Howick Childcare Facility

Staff continue to gather additional information, including projected construction costs and long-term operating expenses for the proposed child care facility.

Once this information is available, the Township will host an advertised public meeting to present the findings and invite additional community input. This meeting will provide Howick residents with an opportunity to share their views on whether the project should proceed. Residents who wish to express support or concerns are encouraged to contact a member of Council directly. Please continue to follow the Township's social media channels, website and watch for official notices in the What's Happening in Howick newsletter for further updates and meeting details.

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Howick Fire Department

New CO Alarm Requirements Effective January 1, 2026

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odourless, and deadly gas. Keeping your family safe means ensuring you have working CO alarms properly installed in your home.

Where Do the New Requirements Apply?

The updated requirements apply to all existing homes that have any of the following:

- A fuel-burning appliance (like a furnace, water heater, or stove that uses natural gas, propane, oil, or wood).
- A fireplace.
- An attached garage.
- Effective Jan 1, 2026: Air for heating that comes from a fuel-burning appliance not contained within the home (e.g., an appliance in a utility shed).

Where Must CO Alarms Be Installed?

If your home meets any of the conditions above, you must install a CO alarm in these two locations:

1. Adjacent to each sleeping area (near all bedrooms).
2. Effective Jan 1, 2026: On every storey (floor) of your home, including storeys that do not have a sleeping area.

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Joining the Gorrie Gators swim team gives youth an opportunity to develop swimming skills, compete in swim meets, and make friends in a supportive and fun team environment. **REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!!!**

Howick Optimist Pool

Swimming Lessons



Public Group Lessons &
Private Lessons Available.

Registration Opens March 16, 2026