1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Kevin Falconer, called meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

1.1 Introduction of Members

Members of the Howson Bridge Dam Committee introduced themselves and shared brief background information and expertise on why they applied to sit on this committee.

Rob Hutchinson: resident in Wingham since 1985
Andrew McBride: resident in Wingham since 1971
Cedric Walsh: resident in Wingham since 2018
Ralph Metcalfe: grew up in Howick Township
Mike Martin: resident in Wingham since 2016
Mitch Wright: resident in Wingham since 2000

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA
HBD01/19
MOVED BY: Andrew McBride
SECONDED BY: Ralph Metcalfe

THAT the North Huron Howson Bridge Dam Committee hereby accept the Agenda for the June 12, 2019, Committee Meeting; as presented

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Reeve, Bernie Bailey, commented he purchased a home on the Maitland River to make the Committee aware of anyone thinking it could be an issue of pecuniary interest. No objections were noted from the Committee.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. DELEGATIONS

Chair, Kevin Falconer, commented all future Delegation requests are to be submitted to Sean McGhee, Director of Public Works, to be added on to the Agenda.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. REPORTS

8.1 Review of Terms of Reference

Chair, Kevin Falconer, commented that the Terms of Reference, Provincial Acts and North Huron Policies that surround and support the Howson Bridge Dam Committee can be found on the North Huron website. Chair, Kevin Falconer further reinstated that the consensus of this committee is to come to a conclusion on whether to repair, restore or remove the Howson Bridge and Dam.

Mitch Wright expressed concerns surrounding funding and the levy of tax increases.

Reeve, Bernie Bailey, reinstated that our job is not to build a conclusion for the Dam, but rather to create a vision and provide the Council of the Township of North Huron with a recommendation.
Mike Martin discussed how an analysis is mandatory to proceed, and economics are an essential determining factor on which outcome to take. The role of the Committee is to come to a consensus based on compiled information and reports. Terms of Reference should mandate the economic analysis. There is a difference between the funding and economic analysis.

Sean McGhee reiterated that the next step will in all probability, amongst us as a Committee, be to determine and develop a workplan, starting from a blank slate. Referenced Scope No. Four (4) in the Committee Terms of Reference.

Committee should encourage to have delegations come speak to provide knowledge and accurate information, from many different perspectives, stakeholders and areas of expertise. The Township of North Huron has included, in their 2019 Operating Budget, just under $16,000.00 for the Howson Bridge Dam Committee to call on experts and delegations as necessary.

The only agency having input over the direction taken surrounding the Howson Dam is MNRF (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry) as well as any major changes must be approved by Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

HBD02/19
Moved By Mike Martin
Seconded By Bernie Bailey

THAT the Howson Bridge Dam Committee hereby request a report from the Director of Public Works regarding information on previous maintenance work on the Howson Dam and on specifics for all costs incurred;

CARRIED

HDB03/19
Moved By Mike Martin
Seconded By Andrew McBride

THAT the Howson Bridge Dam Committee hereby request for the compilation of a list, from the Director of Public Works, of potential or vested stakeholders on the Howson Dam, located both upstream and downstream of the asset;

CARRIED

8.1.1 Discussion on Development of Draft Workplan

8.1.2 Explanation of Resource Material Review Process
Chair, Kevin Falconer, mentioned all members of the Committee to read through Engineer's reports and familiarize themselves with documents surrounding the Howson Bridge and Dam that are posted online, on the North Huron website.

8.2 **Verbal Report by Director of Public Works**

Discussion at Howson Bridge and Dam Site:

Sean McGhee, Director of Public Works presented an overview of the Howson Bridge and Dam and provided background information surrounding Engineer's reports and reasoning behind the closing of the Howson Bridge to traffic and pedestrians.

Chair, Kevin Falconer, mentioned he offered to chair this Committee as he has no predetermined opinions, knowledge or vested interest in the Howson Bridge and Dam and is willing to learn.

HDB04/19

**Moved By** Andrew McBride  
**Seconded By** Mike Martin

*THAT the Howson Bridge Dam Committee request the Director of Public Works to invite KGS Engineering to speak as a Delegation at a future committee meeting;*

CARRIED

9. **NEXT STEPS**

For the next meeting, a link will be sent out to the Website material. As information continues to be gathered, it will be posted in the same spot on the Website.

Reeve, Bernie Bailey, reinstated that all Committee members must speak through the Chair, to speak you must be granted permission from the Chair to proceed.

10. **SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

Next regular Howson Bridge Dam Committee Meeting will be held in the North Huron Council Chambers on; TBA

Future Committee Meetings will be held between Council Sessions.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**
THAT the North Huron Howson Bridge Dam Committee agree that there being no further business before the Committee; the meeting be hereby adjourned at 6:17P.M.

CARRIED

Kevin Falconer, Chair