

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 02, 2006

There was a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday May 02, 2006. All members of Council were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Johnston called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by members of Council

3. MINUTES

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 06-163**

That Council approves the Minutes of the following Council meetings:

Regular Council Meeting	April 04, 2006
Closed Council Meeting	April 04, 2006
Closed Council Meeting	April 04, 2005
Special Council Meeting	April 21, 2006

**Carried.**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Councillor Kingsbury referred to the Regular Council Meeting April 04, 2006, page 4 under Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support and asked that part of the second sentence "instead of a local board there will be one LHIN board member to look after the Group" be removed, as this was speculation and not fact.

5. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA AND APPROVE AGENDA

Councillor Kingsbury, Councillor Eady and Councillor Hall asked for a closed meeting to discuss three separate issues. Councillor Bennett asked to add the Virgin Severance under Planning.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 06-164**

That Council agrees to add the following items to the Agenda and approves the May 02, 2006 Meeting Agenda: -

Closed Session and Virgin Severance.

**Carried.**

Chris Cobus, Executive Director, Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support was present. Councillor Kingsbury, Horton representative on this Committee introduced Chris and thanked her for coming. Chris thanked Council for this opportunity to speak to them and for their representation on the Board through Deputy Reeve Bob Hall and Councillor Bob Kingsbury, who were both very involved members. The mandate of the organization is to support the independence of seniors to remain in their own homes, they design and modify their services to meet these needs. About ten percent of the seniors using these services are from Horton Township. Reeve Johnston thanked Chris for her presentation.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4:25 **Public Works**

Public Works Committee Minutes - April 4, 2006

Councillor Bennett, Chair of Public Works Committee reviewed the Minutes. Councillor Eady asked if there was any new information on the Garden Lake Trail access problem? The Deputy Clerk/Treasurer confirmed that there is no new information.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 06-165**

That Council receives the Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes of April 03, 2006.

**Carried.**

Public Works Superintendent's Report - April 2006

Rod Eady, Public Works Superintendent, was present and reviewed his Report for April 2006.

Councillor Eady asked about the Bearwise Bins? Rod Eady reported Beaumen's had placed the new bins at the campgrounds and removed the ones they owned. They did not place one at Joe Charlebois's Timbertown Campground.

Councillor Bennett asked if all the employees had completed the Chainsaw License program? Rod Eady reported that everyone has a Chainsaw License and they are all going to Pembroke to take a Tire Course on May 25, 2006.

Councillor Bennett reported that Debermer has been ordered and paid for, and an advertisement placed in the newspaper for a 80 hp tractor to operate the machine.

OSIFA/COMRIF

Councillor Bennett reported that our second application to COMRIF, for the Garden of Eden Road, has been turned down. A loan from OSIFA, was approved, but was conditional on receiving the COMRIF grant, Councillor Bennett asked Council for their input on borrowing the money from OSIFA, if this is possible, to do some work on the Garden of Eden Road.

Council discussed this idea, Deputy Reeve Hall suggested that the Township has spent a lot of time getting out of debt and he would rather not go back into debt. Councillor Bennett felt that there are two major roads in the Township requiring work, the Lime Kiln Road and the Garden of Eden Road. Council felt they needed more information to make a decision. Councillor Bennett will see if the OSIFA loan is available without COMRIF, the urgency is that we must respond to OSIFA before May 8, 2006.

Councillor Eady suggested applying for the COMFIR third intake for something different.

Councillor Bennett asked if Councillors had viewed the new truck which is parked outside? All the old trucks have been sold for the asking price.

4:45 **Waste Management**

Councillor Eady, chair of Waste Management Committee, reported that there was no meeting held in April 2006. He and Rod Eady have worked at the Landfill Site. Last winter's garbage has been recompacted and they are working on last summer. A housekeeping manual for the waste management is being compiled with input from the Landfill Attendant and Mr. Dedo, who covers and compacts the material.

Councillor Eady reported that two people from Bonnechere Valley Township had visited Horton to view the Landfill Site, they were interested in the regrind program. Reeve Johnston asked if it was necessary to go to tender for regrinding, Councillor Eady said not at this time, perhaps in the future.

4:50 **Finance**

Deputy Reeve Hall, chair of Finance Committee, reported the Committee had not met, as they had been waiting for numbers, which they have now received, to set the tax rate. It was agreed to meet on Wednesday May 17 at 7:00 p.m, Human Resources meeting at 4:00 p.m and Planning at 4:30 p.m. that day.

April 2006 Tax Arrears Report

Council reviewed the Tax Arrears Report which continues to improve.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett  
That Council accepts the Tax Arrears Report for April 2006.

**Resolution No. 06-166**

**Carried.**

5:00 **Recreation Committee**

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation Committee, reviewed the Minutes of the April 10, 2006 Recreation Committee Meeting. The Bar Committee are recommending an increase in the price of drinks. John Yakubaski has agreed to attend the Canada Day Breakfast about 10:00 a.m and Cheryl Gallant has to confirm her arrival time.

Recommendations

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 06-167**  
That Council receives the Minutes of the April 10, 2006 Recreation Committee Meeting.

**Carried.**

Moved by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 06-168**  
That Council on recommendation of the Recreation Committee agrees to increase the price for alcoholic beverages (beer, liquor, coolers etc) served at the Horton Community Centre to \$4.00 / alcoholic beverage and \$1.00 / non-alcoholic beverage.

**Carried.**

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 06-169**  
That Council on recommendation of the Recreation Committee agrees to set a budget of \$300.00 for the purchase of Canada Day decorations.

**Carried.**

5:05 **Planning**

Councillor Bennett, chair of Planning Committee, reviewed the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting April 18, 2006.

Recommendations

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 06-170**  
That Council receives the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of April 18, 2006.

**Carried.**

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 06-171**  
That Council on recommendation of the Planning Committee approves Consent Application # B38/06 from Peter and Glenda Tippins with the following condition:  
That the applicants enter into a consent agreement with the Township of Horton pursuant to Sections 51 and 53 of the Planning Act.

**Carried.**

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall **Resolution No. 06-172**  
That Council on recommendation of the Planning Committee approves Consent Application # B24/06 of Daniel and Margaret Anne Aubert with the following condition:  
That the applicants enter into a consent agreement with the Township of Horton pursuant to Sections 51 and 53 of the Planning Act.

**Carried.**

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 06-173**  
That Council on recommendation of the Planning Committee approves the amended Consent Application # B02/06(2) from Ottawa River Waterway Inc.

**Carried.**

Joint Municipal Nutrient Management Committee

Councillor Bennett reported that Bruce McIntyre, Media Relations/Grants Coordinator, County of Renfrew, recommended that the four municipalities, who form this Committee contribute \$5,000 each towards an application for Green Municipal Funding. Reeve Johnston and Councillor Bennett recommended that

Council not pay this money, this is a County wide incentive, there are seventeen municipalities in the County and only three have signed.

Renfrew County Septage Haulers

The Renfrew County Septage Haulers met on April 10, 2006 and signed a petition that "Lime Stabilization is not a workable option now or in the future". Councillor Bennett feels that Horton Township can do Lime Stabilization on our own, we would need 120 acres of farmland to spread for twenty years, the whole system would cost about \$8,000. The Ministry of the Environment has approved the Lime Stabilization Method. It was agreed to wait and see the outcome of the Special Projects meeting at the County on Thursday May 4, 2006.

Consent Applications B258/05, B259/05 & B260/05 - Virgin

Councillor Bennett reported that all three lots are lying under water. A letter needs to be sent the County Planner expressing concern about the natural water flow from the road and that drainage is required.

5:30 **Human Resources**

Deputy Reeve Hall, chair of Human Resources reported that there was a closed meeting on April 18, 2006.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 06-174**  
That Council receives the Minutes of the Human Resources Committee Meeting of April 18, 2006.

**Carried.**

5:32 **Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support**

Councillor Kingsbury, Horton's representative on this Board, reviewed the Minutes of the April 2006 Meeting. Councillor Eady expressed his appreciation that Councillor Kingsbury had asked Chris Cobus to come and speak to Council earlier this evening.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 06-175**  
That Council receives the Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support Report for April 2006.

**Carried.**

5:34 **CPAC Report**

Councillor Bennett reported that there was no meeting in April the next meeting is May 29, 2006 at Greater Madawaska Township.

5:35 **Building Report**

Council reviewed the April 2006 Building Report.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No.06-176**  
That Council receives the Building Report for April 1006.

**Carried.**

7. **CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**

Information Correspondence

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence

- A. AMO Alert - Throne Speech - Fiscal Imbalance a Priority
- B. Golder Associates - 2005 Regulation 127/01 and NPRI Report Landfill Site
- C. Stewartship Ontario - Waste Diversion Ontario - Final Installment - Blue Box Program
- D. MOT - Carrier Safety & Enforcement Branch - Reply to our letter re Inspections on emergency vehicles
- E. Township of Bonnechere Valley - hosting Evacuation Center Set-up and Administration Course - October 2006
- F. MOT - Engineering & Standards Branch - reply to our letter regarding studded tires
- G. Ken O'Day - Unequal Social Spending

- H. Nutrient Management - 2006 Municipal Information Session March & April 2006
- I. Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament May 31, 2006
- J. Minister Responsible for Seniors - Seniors Month June
- K. FCM Members' Advisory
- L. AMO 2006 Conference - August 13-16, 2006
- M. AMO Alert - Additional Funding for Land Ambulance Services
- N. MCPF - Municipal Cultural Planning Forum May 12, 2006
- O. John Yakabuski, MPP - 2006 Provincial Liberal Budget
- P. Doug Reycraft - Candidate for AMO President
- Q. Min of Citizenship & Immigration - Lincoln Alexander Award 2006
- R. Technology Transfer Workshop - Ontario's Drinking Water, May 31, 2006
- S. PPS Review - Managing Waste Responsibly April 2006
- T. AMO - FYI - Announcements Related to Energy
- U. VCARS - Annual Meeting June 20, 2006
- V. Miramichi Lodge - Winter Newsletter
- W. County of Renfrew - Septage Treatment Technologies Information Session April 24, 2006
- X. Alert - OGRA - Construction Zone Changes - Bill 169
- Y. John Yakabuski - Drinking Water
- Z. AMO - Alert Early Learning and Child Care Agreement
- A2 Ministry of Natural Resources - Rabies Control
- B2 Ministry of Finance - Retail Sales Tax
- C2 Chamber of Commerce - list of award recipients

Deputy Reeve Hall referred to the Chamber of Commerce list of award recipients, Citizen of the Year - Jim Ferguson, Community Organization of the Year - Marshall's Welding & Fabrication, both from Horton Township.

Councillor Bennett thanked Council for nominating his company for the award.

Reeve Johnston and Councillor Eady both expressed preference for receiving the Information Correspondence all together with the Council package.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury      **Resolution No. 06-177**  
That Council receives the Information Correspondence Listing for May 02, 2006.  
**Carried.**

Action Correspondence

Council received the following Action Correspondence

- A. Minister Responsible for Seniors - request to declare June as Seniors' Month

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady      **Resolution No. 06-178**

That the Council of the Township of Horton declare June 2006 as Senior's Month  
**Carried.**

- B. The Corporation of the Township of Hamilton - requests support for their resolution that any and all ethanol plants funded by all levels of government be supplied by Canadian grains produced by Canadian farmers only.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady      **Resolution No. 06-179**

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a request from the Township of Hamilton for their resolution that any and all ethanol plants funded by all levels of Government be supplied by Canadian grains produced by Canadian Farmers only; and  
Further that, farm organizations and groups be consulted in setting a fair and profitable price for the grain, along with the ability to produce the quantity required.

**Carried.**

- C. The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward - requests support for their resolution calling on the Provincial and Federal Governments to take immediate action to address current farms income crisis.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 06-179**

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a request from the County of Prince Edward for their resolution calling on the Provincial and Federal Governments to take immediate action to address the current farm income crisis;

That they provide immediate and sufficient financial support to ensure the planting of this year's crops and a fair return from this year's farm commodities; and

That all levels of government across Canada meet with farm organizations to develop long term strategies to resolve farm issues, including but not limited to;

- supply management support, income stabilization and orderly marketing.

**Carried.**

D. Township of King - requests support for their Resolution regarding Canada Post and rural mail boxes.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 06-181**

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a resolution from the Township of King regarding Canada Post and rural mail boxes:

That , Canada Post be advised that residents and businesses of the rural areas in the Township of King prefer to retain their existing individual mail boxes which continue to play an important role in providing an affordable postal service of the highest quality;

That, in the event of unavoidable future mailbox changes, Canada Post ensure that all affected residents receive advance notice of what is planned, with information on how the mail delivery will be handled during the transition period, where the new community mailboxes will be located and when they will be available for use;

That, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King requests that Canada Post review the standards for rural mailbox locations and establish realistic requirements;

That, Canada Post provide rural mail carriers with a flashing light and signage for their vehicles for increased visibility and safety, and

Further that, the Canada Post website indicates it is Canada Post's goal "to be a world leader providing innovative physical and electronic delivery solutions, creating value for our customers, employees and all Canadians" - it is also important that its traditional values of dependability and service not be ignored.

**Carried.**

Deputy Reeve Bob Hall opposed

Councillor Don Eady opposed

E. Renfrew County Clerk Treasurers - 14th Annual Charity Golf Day

F. The Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley requests support for their resolution calling on the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Culture to review the impact of public libraries across Ontario in meeting demands of new knowledge-based economy and to provide increased funding for public libraries.

Moved by Don Eady, Seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 182**

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a resolution of the Township of Madawaska Valley calling on the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Culture to:

- a. review the impact of public libraries across Ontario as a vital resource that works across sectors to meet the demands of the new knowledge-based economy, and supports the future growth and prosperity of Ontario; and
- b. provide increased Provincial funding for public libraries, and base the Province's Library Grant on an updated and sustainable indexing model.

**Carried.**

G. Township of McNab-Braeside - requests support for their resolution opposing Hydro One Application for rate increases to residential and business customers.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 06-183**

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a resolution from the Township of McNab-Braeside that opposes Hydro One Networks Inc's application to the Ontario Energy Board to increase the rates customers pay to have electricity delivered to their home or business.

**Carried.**

H. Township of South Algonquin - requests support for their resolution calling on the Provincial Government to immediately introduce changes to the Current Value Assessment System as reflected in the Ombudsman's Report.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 06-184**

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a resolution from the Township of South Algonquin calling on the Provincial Government to introduce immediate changes to the current value assessment as outlined below and that were included in the Ombudsman's Report and in a Private member's Bill introduced by M.P.P. Tim Hudak:

- a. a 5% cap on the maximum allowable annual increase in property assessment;
- b. allow homeowners to make \$25,000. in home repairs, alterations, or additions to their properties without triggering increases in property assessments;
- c. allow seniors and disabled property owners to be exempted from paying taxes on the first \$10,000. of assessed value on a principal residence.

**Carried.**

Councillor Dave Bennett opposed

Councilor Don Eady opposed

I. County of Frontenac – requests support for their resolution calling on the Province through the Minister of Labour, to amend Ontario Regulation 285/01 to include a full exemption from Part VII of the Employment Standards Act, 2000, as amended, for paramedics in the employment of municipalities, other service delivery agents or delegates across the Province of Ontario.

Council tabled this item.

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Council reviewed the Accounts Payable Listing for April 2006.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 06-185**

That Council receives the April 2006 Accounts Payable Listing in the amount of \$96,182.21.

**Carried.**

9. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions to pass.

10. BY-LAWS

There were no by-laws to pass.

11. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY

There was no report from the country.

At this point it was 6:00 p.m. Council took a supper break and resumed at 6:35 p.m. - all members of Council present.

12. DELEGATIONS

Chris Cobus from Renfrew & Area seniors Home Support had come at 4:00 p.m.

13. FIRE COMMITTEE

Fire Chief Randy Corbin reported that they had received one call which was cancelled before they got there. There was no Fire Committee Meeting in April 2006. The next meeting is Monday May 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Chief Corbin confirmed that they will have a Fire Truck at the Community Centre for the Canada Day Breakfast on July 1, 2006.

The half-ton truck has been loaded with fire pumps, decals, traffic bar and switches have been ordered - they hope to have it completed by the end of the month.

Council asked why they have not gone ahead and purchased the extraction equipment as planned - Chief Corbin replied that they have been advised by the Fire Marshall not to buy, because the Township is surrounded by Fire Departments who already have this equipment.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady                   **Resolution No. 06-186**  
That Council receives Fire Chief Randy Corbin's Fire Report for April 2006.

**Carried**

14.    **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The additions to the agenda required to be dealt with in a closed meeting.

15.    **COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS**

Council members had no concerns.

16.    **REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

There were no requests for reconsideration.

17.    **CLOSED MEETING**

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury                   **Resolution No. 06-187**

That Council proceeds into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 8 (b) (ii ) of By-law 98-08 as amended - Procedural By-law.

**Carried.**

Reeve Johnston called the meeting back to public session at 6:55 p.m and reported that Council had discussed water issues at Thompson Trailer Park, the Horton School proposal and a personnel issue.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett                   **Resolution No. 06-188**

That Council amend the job description for the Landfill Site Attendant by removing any reference to "good health" and physical demands.

**Carried.**

18.    **CONFIRMING RESOLUTION**

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 06-189**

That Council pass this confirming resolution to validate any actions or directions given during the open portion of this Council Meeting which are minor in nature and which were not set out in By-law or Resolution.

**Carried.**

19.    **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 06-190**

That Council adjourn this meeting at 7:12 p.m.

**Carried.**