

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 06, 2006

There was a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday June 06, 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 Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 06-199

That Council approves the following Council Meeting Minutes:

Regular Council Meeting – May 02, 2006

Closed Council Meeting – May 02, 2006

Special Council Meeting – May 08, 2006

Closed Council Meeting – May 08, 2006

Special Council Meeting – May 25, 2006

Closed Council Meeting – May 25, 2006

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Referring to the Minutes of May 2, 2006, Council Meeting, Councillor Kingsbury asked about the status of the OSIFA Loan? Councillor Bennett replied that we would have to apply again in another fiscal year. Councillor Kingsbury also enquired about the Virgin Severance, which has been sent to the County and Reeve Johnston will bring a report. Councillor Kingsbury wished to make a correction to the Closed Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2006, George and Brenda Thompson will do the work and not an Engineering Firm.

5. ITEMS TO ADD TO AGENDA AND APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 06-200

That Council agrees to add the following items to the Agenda and approves the June 06, 2006 Meeting Agenda:

- Annual Valley Bluegrass Festival
- Virgin Severance to be discussed in Planning

Carried

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4:06 **Public Works**

Councillor Bennett, chair of Public Works Committee reported that there had not been a meeting in May.

Rod Eady, Public Works Superintendent, reviewed his Report. Reeve Johnston enquired about the ditching on the Mullins Road which was done in May. The grass has been cut at the Community Centre, the area over the septic system has not grown well and along the sides of the building are very rough.

Councillor Bennett reported that the Debermer had left Manitoba today June 6, 2006.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 06-201

That Council receives the Public Works Superintendent's Report for May 2006.

Carried

4:15 **Waste Management**

Minutes of May 15, 2006 Committee Meeting

Councillor Eady, chair of Waste Management, reviewed the Minutes of the May 15, 2006 Meeting. He referred to item 5, Monthly Housekeeping Worksheet which had been designed with input from Rod Eady, Bill Yantha and Rose Curley.

Rod Eady reported that the wells at the Landfill Site had been tested on June 1 and 2, 2006, and are good. Two people will be coming in to clean up at the LFS in preparation for the Grinding Demonstration on June 23, 2006, which is open to the public.

A number of complaints have been received from ratepayers, recently, because Beauman's are only picking up four bags of garbage per household. An advertisement will be placed in the newspaper to this effect and a By-law prepared.

The regrind pile is much larger than last year, in part due to material received from the Valley Inn Building. Quotes for regrinding were received from three companies, National Grinding \$19,500 plus tax, Eds Equipment \$18,600 plus tax and Hamel Recyclingtechnik \$14,000 plus tax. There will be a demonstration at the LFS on June 23, 2006, to which all municipalities from Renfrew County will be invited to attend. This will start at the Community Centre at 11.30 am, lunch will be served and then go to the LFS for the demonstration. The Company estimate doing the work in three days.

Councillor Eady had some brochures from Computer Recycles Inc which recycles E-waste. At present the cost is 60-62 cents per pound. There are many unknowns at this time but it is thought that each LFS will have a depot to collect E-waste which would be pick-up periodically.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hal I

Resolution No.06-202

That Council accepts the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee Meeting of May 15, 2006.

Carried

4:30 **Finance**

Deputy Reeve Hall, chair of Finance Committee, recommended that due to an error in the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of May 24, 2006 the following resolution be passed.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No.06-203

That the Finance Committee recommends to Council that for clarification purposes the proposed 2006 Operating Budget representing a 9.476459% increase in the Municipal portion be rounded to 9.5%.

Carried

Minutes of May 17 and May 24 Finance Committee Meetings

Deputy Reeve Hall reviewed the Minutes of the May 17 and May 24, 2006 Committee Meetings. There were no recommendations.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No.06-204

That Council accepts the Minutes of the May 17 and May 24, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting.

Carried

May 2006 Tax Arrears Report

The Tax Arrears Report was reviewed and it was noted that the arrears are down considerably.

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

Resolution No.06-205

Carried

2006 Municipal Budget

Deputy Reeve Hall reviewed the Municipal Budget and asked for questions and comments.

Reeve Johnston said it had taken a lot of time to keep the increase as low as possible. We need more for Public Works and Fire Departments but the impact of reassessment made it difficult and not everyone is totally satisfied.

Councillor Bennett hoped that Finance and the Government of Ontario have enough money to look after all.

Councillor Kingsbury said that traditionally he prefers no increase, our tax arrears indicate that some people are having difficulty paying taxes. Keeping in mind the effect of MPAC and that most assessment have gone up, the 9.5% figure is reasonable to run the Township and he hopes all will accept it.

Councillor Eady is in favor of minor changes. 9.486% is the largest increase since he has been on Council. MPAC has had a big impact, he does not agree with the assessment that a house on the river is paying higher taxes than other residents. Last year we made a mistake and should have raised Horton's share to keep up with inflation. We lost funding of \$92,500 from the Ontario Government. He thanked Linda for all the work she had done.

Deputy Reeve Hall thanked all the Department Heads and everyone for their hard work.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall
That Council, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, approves the 2006 Municipal Budget in the amounts of:

Resolution No.06-206

Total Expenditures:	\$ 2,090,003.00
Total Revenue:	\$ 1,085,093.00
Taxation:	\$ 1,004,910.00

This budget represents a 9.5 percent increase in taxation over 2005.

Carried

Opposed by Councillor Dave Bennett

2006 Wage Grid

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No.06-207

That the Council of the Township of Horton approves the 2006 Wage Grid which is a 3 percent increase over the 2005 Grid.

In addition, the following positions shall also receive the 3 percent increase for 2006:

- Chief Building Official, Fire Chief, Deputy-Fire Chief, Fire Captain and Landfill Site Attendant and Volunteer Firefighters.

Carried

4:47 **Recreation**

Recreation Committee Meeting May 9, 2006

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation Committee reviewed the Minutes of the May 9, 2006 Recreation Committee. There was a discussion about the Sign for the Community Centre, which should be ready this week. There will be a meeting before the July 1 Canada Day Breakfast to assign responsibilities for the Breakfast.

Reeve Johnston, Councillors Bennett and Kingsbury met with the new owners of the old Community Centre to discuss compensation for the old kiosk and ball diamond fencing. The price of \$4,000 was agreed to and this money will go into reserves for future needs.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No.06-208

That Council receives the Minutes of the May 09, 2006 Recreation Committee Meeting.

Carried

Councillor Eady opposed to negotiated price of \$4,000 for Kiosk.

4:51 **Planning**

Planning Committee Meeting May 17, 2006

Councillor Bennett, chair of Planning Committee, reviewed the Minutes of the May 17, 2006 Planning Committee Meeting. There was one tender received and opened for the tractor rental to pull the Debermer. This tender was not accepted and will be discussed at the Public Works Committee Meeting.

A Site Meeting was held at the RONA store and Mr. Lockwood was given sixty days to have an engineer inspect the property and draw up a drainage plan to address the drainage concerns.

The Consent applications B258/05(1) and B259/05(2) for Virgins were returned to the County to have drainage problems addressed.

An objection had been received to the Greer Zoning Amendment, however after a further meeting the objection was removed and the Site Plan is an ongoing process and should be in place within 60-90 days.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No.06-209

That Council receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of May 17, 2006.

Carried

A letter has been received from Henry Verrydt who wishes to build a new cottage on a property that has an existing mobile home that has been used for many years, he is requesting permission to continue to use this mobile home while he builds his new cottage. This is a similar to the situation with Gary Blimkie who has an Agreement with the Township for temporary use of a mobile home.

After discussion it was agreed to invite Mr. Verrydt to attend the Planning Committee meeting on June 20, 2006 and a permit would be issued within ten days of the Planning Meeting.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No.06-210

That Council on recommendation of the Planning Committee approves Consent Application # B29/06(1), B30/06(2) and B31/06(3) from Bryan Scobie and Adele Scobie 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

4:59 **Human Resources**

Deputy Reeve Hall reported that there was no meeting in the last month.

5:00 **Renfrew Seniors Home Support**

Councillor Kingsbury, Horton's representative, reviewed the Minutes of the last meeting.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

That Council receives the Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support Report for May 2006.

Resolution No.06-211

Carried

5:01 **CPAC**

Councillor Bennett, Horton's representative, reported that the Committee had met in Calabogie on May 29, 2006. The OPP statistics are very impressive.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

That Council accepts the CPAC Report for May 2006.

Resolution No.06-212

Carried

5:02 **Building Report May 2006**

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That Council receives the Building Report for May 2006.

Resolution No.06-213

Carried

7. **CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**

Information Correspondence

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence Summary:

- A. Norm Sterling - Bill to create an Eastern Ontario Economic Development Fund Corporation
- B. FCM - New Funding Opportunity for Brownfield Remediation
- C. FCM - Members' Advisory - Federal Budget Good News for Municipal Governments
- D. Neil Stewart - Septage and Biosolids Study
Councillor Eady enquired about the Renfrew Council Septage Study - Councillor Bennet has no information - the Minutes are not on the County Website
- E. AMO Alert - Public Health Capacity Review Committee Releases Final Report
- F. Robert W. Runciman MPP - Eastern Ontario Secretariat
- G. AMO Alert - 2006 Federal Budget Will Help Ontario Municipalities
- H. AMO - Request for Nominations - 2006-2007 AMO Board of Directors
- I. Bill 43 - Clean Water Act
- J. Ontario Property & Environmental Rights Alliance - Land Use Planning
- K. Service Ontario Government Info Centre - Renfrew Newsletter May 2006
- L. Renfrew Chamber of Commerce - Valleyfest 2006
- M. FCM - Members' Advisory - Prime Minister supports Fixing Municipal Infrastructure Deficit
- N. AMO Alert - CFIB Survey Raises More Questions than Answers
- O. AMO 2006 Annual Conference - Ottawa August 13-16, 2006
- P. Canada Firearms Centre - Changes
- Q. Minister Responsible for Seniors - .2006 Senior Achievement Award Program
- R. Cheryl Gallant MP - Infrastructure Funding
- S. BFL Canada - Municipal Insurance Program
Councillor Eady asked if this was a new company - it was felt that this should be looked into.
- T. Renfrew Public Library - Strategic Plan for Renfrew Public Library
- U. Municipality of South Bruce - Funding shortfalls for Water & Waste Water Projects
- V. Ministry of Municipal Affairs - Tenant-Landlord Legislation
- W. Ministry of Environment - Pleasant View Park Water Treatment Inspection Report

- X. AMO - Household Hazardous Special Waste
- Y. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce Newsletter
- Z. Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal - PIR NET NEWS
- AA. Government Policy Research Group Inc. – info re: the Ottawa Political Guide

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No.06-214

That Council receives the Information Correspondence Listing for June 06, 2006.

Carried

Action Correspondence

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence:

- A. Warden Bob Sweet - request for prize donation for Second Annual Warden's Golf Tournament
After discussion this request was tabled.
- B. Municipality of North Perth - support their resolution which requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing to amend section 150 of Municipal Act to allow municipalities the ability to protect their local economy and small business owners.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No.06-215

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports the request from the Municipality of North Perth to support their resolution calling on the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing to amend Section 150 of the Municipal Act to allow North Perth and similar municipalities the ability to protect its local economy and small business owners by giving municipalities the flexibility to charge over and above the allowable costs as per Section 150 (a) of the Municipal Act, to deter businesses that do not pay property taxes or in other ways contribute to the well being and betterment of the municipality.

Carried

- C. The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington - support their resolution calling on AMO and the Provincial and Federal Governments to develop a program that supports infrastructure sustainability to all rural municipalities.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No.06-216

The council of the Township of Horton supports the resolution of the Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington calling on AMO and the Federal and Provincial Governments to develop a program that will support infrastructure sustainability by providing a yearly stream of funding to all rural municipalities without the municipality having to expend funds and exhaust resources in developing businesses cases.

Carried

- D. The Corporation of the Town of Minto - support their resolution requesting the Minister of Finance to ensure that the Ombudsman's Report recommendations be implemented to create a fair, transparent and accountable system of Property assessment to taxpayers and municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No.06-217

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a resolution of the Town of Minto requesting the Minister of Finance to ensure that the Ombudsman's Report recommendations be implemented to create a fair, transparent and accountable system of Property assessment to taxpayers and municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

Carried

Councillor Eady opposed

- E. Township of Essa - support for their resolution requesting MTO to exempt Road Service Vehicles from Section 69 of the Highway Traffic Act.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No.06-218

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports the resolution of the Township of Essa requesting the Minister of Transportation to exempt Road Service Vehicles from Section 69 of the Highway Traffic Act in order that such vehicles may legally attach tire chains or cable to the wheels for increased steering control and traction reasons during severe winter road conditions.

Carried.

- F. Township of Essa - support for their resolution calling on all Ontario municipalities to match their Township's pledge of one dollar for every resident within their Township to assist farmers.

Council tabled this request.

- G. City of Pembroke - support for their resolution urging the Provincial Government to expedite their plans to expand Highway 17 to four lanes from the Town of Arnprior to the City of Pembroke.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No.06-219

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports the resolution of the City of Pembroke supporting Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP, John Yakabuski, in his efforts to expedite the expansion of Highway 17 to four lanes between Arnprior and Pembroke and urges the Honourable Minister of Transportation, Harinder Takhar, to review the timelines for the expansion of Highway 17.

Carried

- H. Greater Napanee - requesting all Ontario Municipalities to support their position that no municipality should be required to take garbage from across the Province if they are not a "willing host" to such a proposal.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No.06-220

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports the resolution of Greater Napanee requesting all Ontario Municipalities to support their position that no municipality should be required to take garbage from across the Province if they are not a "willing host" to such a proposal.

Carried

- I. The Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth - support for their resolution requesting the Province of Ontario to review the structure of their current taxation philosophy along with the methods and formulas used in tax calculations as it applies to the current market value system.

Council tabled this request.

- J. Senator Mac Harb – support for his resolution requesting the Federal Government to call upon each province and territory that has not done so to enact comprehensive smoke-free legislation.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No.06-221

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports the resolution by Senator Mac Harb:

THAT the Senate urges the Government of Canada to pass legislation to ensure that all enclosed workplaces and public places under its jurisdiction are smoke-free;

THAT the Senate ask the Government of Canada to call upon each province and territory that has not yet done so to enact comprehensive smoke-free legislation: and

THAT a message be sent to the House of Commons requesting that House unite with with the Senate for the above purpose.

Carried

Opposed Reeve Bob Johnston and
Deputy Reeve Bob Hall

- K. York Region – support for their resolution calling on the Province of Ontario and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to take immediate action to address the family physician shortage

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No.06-222

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports the resolution of York Region calling on the Government of the Province of Ontario and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario take immediate action to:

1. develop new and more effective (repatriation) programs aimed at recruiting Canadian/Ontario-trained physicians currently practicing in other provinces, Ontario medical students studying in other provinces and Canadian-trained physicians currently practicing in the United States;
2. eliminate all return service requirements for Canadian-trained physicians;
3. prevent delays to physicians working in other provinces who wish to set up practice in Ontario by putting greater reliance on their status as determined by the College of Physicians and Surgeons in these provinces;
4. remove the barriers to restricted licensure for Ontario medical residents in training; and
5. develop appropriate retention measures for highly skilled physicians.

Carried

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No.06-223

That Council receives the May 2006 Accounts Payable Listing in the amount of \$124,712.13

Carried

9. RESOLUTIONS

Summer Meeting Schedule

After a short discussion the following resolution was passed.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No.06-224

That Council agrees to cancel its Regular August 01, 2006 Council Meeting. The Treasurer/Deputy Clerk is authorized to advertise this change in meeting date.

Carried

10. BY-LAWS

2006-17 Bruce Reid Road Closure By-law

Moved by Dave Bennett

Resolution No.06-225

That By-law 2006-17, being a by-law to stop up, declare surplus and convey part of the road allowance between Concessions 6 & 7 (adjoining Lots 21 & 22) in the Township of Horton, in the County of Renfrew and described as Part 1 on Plan 49R-16034 BE INTRODUCED.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That By-law 2006-17, being a by-law to stop up, declare surplus and convey part of the road allowance between Concessions 6 & 7 be read a first time this 6th day of June 2006.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

That By-law 2006-17, being a by-law to stop up, declare surplus and convey part of the road allowance between Concessions 6 & 7 be read a second time this 6th day of June 2006.

Moved by Don Eady, Seconded by Bob Hall

That By-law 2006-17, being a by-law to stop up, declare surplus and convey part of the road allowance between Concessions 6 & 7 be read a third time and passed this 6th day of June 2006.

Carried

2006-18 Tax Rate By-law

Moved by Bob Hall

Resolution No.06-226

That By-law 2006-18, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2006 BE INTRODUCED.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

That By-law 2006-18, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of rates and penalty and interest for 2006 be read a first time this 6th day of June 2006.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That By-law 2006-18, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of rates and penalty and interest for 2006 be read a second time this 6th day of June 2006.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

That By-law 2006-18, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of rates and penalty and interest for 2006 be read a third time and passed this 6th day of June 2006.

Carried

Opposed by Councillor Dave Bennett

11. REPORT FROM COUNTY

Reeve Johnston gave a verbal report, the budget has passed. There is a County Road Tour on Monday for the central and western part of the County, this end will be toured on September 3, 2006. If there are any concerns please let the Reeve know. Reeve Johnston and the Warden had attended the FCM Conference in Montreal, the first week of June, which was well attended from municipalities across Canada. There is no report on the Septage Committee.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No.06-227

That Council receives the County Report for May 2006.

Carried

At this point Council stopped for supper and resumed at 7:00 p.m - all members of Council were present.

12. DELEGATIONS

2006 Senior of the Year Award Recipient - Norman Eady

Reeve Johnston welcomed Norman Eady and his family members and thanked Norman for all the volunteer work he has done for the Township. On behalf of the Township Reeve Johnston presented Norman with a framed certificate.

13. FIRE COMMITTEE

Fire Chief Randy Corbin reported that they received one call when lightening hit a tree, eight firefighters responded. Four men took the Flash Over Course. The Fire Department would like to purchase a Rescue Chain Saw, Foy's has the best price at \$2,000 including tax. This saw will cut through just about anything, it works at high temperature. The Fire Hall is just about finished.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No.06-228

That Council receives Fire Chief Randy Corbin's Fire Report for May 2006.

Carried

Reeve Johnston welcomed OPP Constable Lori Birmingham who spoke about the importance of securing loads on vehicles and trailers. Thanks to help from the public who phone in licence plate numbers and report insecure loads they have been charging people under the highway traffic act. Reeve Johnston thanked Constable Birmingham for attending.

14. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The annual Valley Bluegrass Festival was discussed.
Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 06-229**
That the Council of the Township of Horton designates the Valley Bluegrass Festival, to be held on the Johnston Farm July 7,8,and 9, 2006 as a Community Festival.
Carried.

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

Councillor Kingsbury asked that there be a sign in the Council Room to state that when Council is in session that there should be no talking in the public gallery. This had been a problem earlier in the evening.

Councillor Eady asked staff to alert Council Members if they feel some incoming correspondence is of particular interest. He also asked that the Township disallow election campaigning on municipal property e.g. the Land Fill Site. Linda is to check with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to see if this is legal.

16. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

There was no request for reconsideration by members of Council

17. HORTON SCHOOL BUILDING

The ongoing negotiations for the Horton School were discussed. The swing set and playground equipment, which belonged to the School Board have been removed because of liability concerns. Bill Kerr from the Rink Company has contacted Jim Miller from Renfrew, who has not replied. The feed-back from Renfrew is negative, the hourly rate of \$120 - \$125 seems to be a problem. It was agreed, that Council write to the School Board and ask for an extension to the June 9, 2006 date for a decision to purchase, and wait and see what evolves in the coming weeks.

18. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 06- 230**
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 Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall
That Council adjourn this meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Resolution No. 06-231

Carried.

