

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**COUNCIL MEETING**

June 03, 2008

There was a Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Community Centre on Tuesday June 03, 2008. Present were Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Deputy Mayor Bob Hall, Councillor Dave Bennett and Bob Kingsbury, Councillor Don Eady was on sick leave.

1. CALL TO ORDER  
Mayor 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 OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 06, 2008  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MAY 12, 2008

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No: 08-184**

That Council approves the following Meeting Minutes:

- Regular Council Meeting – May 06, 2008
- Special Council Meeting – May 12, 2008

**Carried.**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES  
Councillor Kingsbury referred to a planning issue regarding a large pond near the old Horton School. The CAO/Clerk reported that he had checked with other Townships and no fence was required for ponds. Councillor Kingsbury expressed concern about a potential safety hazard for small children who live nearby. After discussion, it was agreed that the CAO/Clerk will write a letter to the owner outlining the Township's concern.

Councillor Bennett referred to page 15 – request for Township jackets. He has checked into this and should have firm costs in a few days. There is an initial \$200 cost for the crest and then the jackets will range from \$20-\$40 per jacket.

It was noted that the office expansion which was discussed at the Special Council Meeting, May 12, 2008 is waiting for finalized plans from the engineer. The CAO/Clerk was requested to check on the status of these plans.

OSIFA – The CAO/Clerk reported that no application has been made yet for a loan for the office expansion. He noted that he had received some information from the Toronto Dominion Bank and their rate was lower than the OSIFA rate.

Councillor Bennett inquired about financing for the Community Centre Change Room Facility and the possibility of combining this loan with the financing for the Office Expansion.

5. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVE AGENDA  
Councillor Bennett asked for an item to be added under Planning. The CAO/Clerk added Gravel Tender, Winter Sand Tender and Minutes of May 8, 2008 Lot Development Change Meeting.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 08-185**

That Council agrees to add the following items to the agenda and approves the agenda for the June 03, 2008 meeting.

- Planning –
- Gravel Tender – Granular M
- Winter Sand Tender
- Minutes of May 08, 2008 Lot Development Charge Meeting

**Carried**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4:15 **PUBLIC WORKS**

May 09, 2008 Committee Meeting Minutes

Councillor Bennett, chair of Public Works, reviewed the Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 08-186**

That Council approves the May 09, 2008 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Carried.**

Recommendations

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 08-187**

That Council on recommendation of the Public Works Committee approves the Mail Box Policy.

**Carried.**

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 08-188**

That Council, on recommendation of the Public Works Committee, agrees to reimburse \$105.00 to property owners in Renfrew who live opposite Dregas Street, for damage to their chain link fence caused by the Township pushing snow back from the street this past winter.

**Carried.**

Report from Municipal Infrastructure Manager

Jeff Schruder reviewed his Report for May 2008.

Councillor Kingsbury asked about the progress of the regrind at the Landfill Site. Jeff reported that it will be up and running by tomorrow (June 4, 2008).

Councillor Kingsbury noted that the shed needs to be emptied at the LFS and also that the Public Works Student needs to be reminded to wear safety equipment. This policy needs to be reinforced.

4:25 **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Waste Management Committee Meeting May 15, 2008

Acting Chair Kingsbury reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes.

Councillor Bennett noted that the City of Ottawa has partnered with Rod Bryden to implement the Plasma System for generating landfill waste into energy. They will be looking at having satellite facilities in different areas of the Province. After discussion, the CAO/Clerk was directed to discuss this with the County and look at setting up a meeting at our Community Centre to research the possibility of having a plasma system satellite facility set up in Renfrew County.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 08-189**

That Council approves the May 15, 2008 Waste Management Committee Meeting.

**Carried.**

Recommendations

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall **Resolution No. 08-190**  
That Council, on recommendation of the Waste Management Committee, accepts the quote of Busch Systems for 1500 Blue Boxes in the amount of \$5.31 each plus tax.  
**Carried.**

4:30 **FIRE COMMITTEE**  
Chief Corbin's Fire Report  
Councillor Bennett, Chair of the Fire Committee reviewed the Fire Report for May 2008.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall **Resolution No. 08-191**  
That Council receives the Fire Chief's Report for June 2008.  
**Carried.**

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-191A**  
That Staff be authorized to bid on a used fire tanker truck at the City of Ottawa Vehicle Auction with an upset limit of \$75,000.  
**Carried.**

Fire Prevention Policy  
Council reviewed the Fire Prevention Policy. There was discussion about "Fees for Service". After discussion it was decided that this would be addressed at the June Fire Committee Meeting.

4:40 **FINANCE**  
Committee Meeting – May 12, 2008  
Deputy Mayor Bob Hall, chair of Finance Committee, reviewed the May 12, 2008 Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-192**  
That Council approves the May 12, 2008 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.  
**Carried.**

Recommendations

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 08-193**  
That Council, on recommendation of the of the Finance Committee, agrees to increase staff wages/salaries by a 3 percent COLA effective January 01, 2008.  
**Carried.**

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall **Resolution No. 08-194**  
That Council, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, agrees to increase the kilometer allowance paid to Township staff using their own vehicles on municipal business from \$0.45/km to \$0.52/km, effective June 01, 2008.  
**Carried.**

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 08-195**  
That Council, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, agrees that all members of the public who have been appointed to Township Committees, receive the meeting honorarium effective January 01, 2008.  
**Carried.**

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall **Resolution No. 08-195A**  
That Council, on recommendation of the Finance Committee agrees to form a ratepayer Committee to review Council Members honorarium and to recommend any changes to the current policy as of January 01, 2009  
**Carried.**

May Tax Arrears Report

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-196**  
That Council receives the May 31, 2008 Tax Arrears Report and Financial Report.  
**Carried.**

4:45 **RECREATION**

Recreation Committee Meeting May 12, 2008

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation, reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. He also discussed the delinquent users for past years and requested permission to research the possibility of utilizing a Collection Agency to collect delinquent User Fees. After discussion, the following resolution was put forward.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No.08-197**

That Council authorizes staff to investigate the use of a Collection Agency to collect unpaid Recreation User Fees. **Carried.**

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 08-198**

That Council approves the May 12, 2008 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes. **Carried.**

Recommendations

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 08-199**

That Council, on recommendation of the Recreation Committee, agrees to have architectural plans drawn up for the change room facility to be constructed at the Horton Community Centre Rink. Further, Council agrees to request an additional \$100,000.00 to construct the change room facility in combination with the loan application for the municipal office expansion.

**Carried.**

4:55 **PLANNING**

Planning Committee Meeting, May 20, 2008

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

Recommendations

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 08-200**

That Council approves the May 20, 2008 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes. **Carried.**

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 08-201**

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, agrees not to take action developing the Township's property on Service Road, and agrees not to sell the property at this time. **Carried.**

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 08-202**

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, agrees to receive the Keith and Catherine Arbuthnot zoning application and authorizes the County Planning department to prepare the notices and by-law.

**Carried.**

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 08-203**

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, agrees to receive the zoning amendment application of Terry Runtz and Kaela Davies for a two-year temporary use for a bait shop and authorizes the County Planning Department to prepare the notices and draft by-law.

**Carried.**

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 08-204**

That Council agrees that all "complete" building permit applications received on or before June 02, 2008 shall be charged the former Lot Development Charge of \$1,000.00. Further, that all severance applications dated stamped by the Renfrew County Land Division Committee on or before June 03, 2008 are deemed to fall under the former lot development charge policy where the charge was issued on issuance of the building permit. The Lot Development Fee will be the fee in place at the time of building permit issuance.

**Carried.**

5:10 **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Human Resources Committee Meeting May 20, 2008

Deputy Mayor Hall, chair of Human Resources reviewed the Committee Minutes.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 08-205**

That Council approves the Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2008.

**Carried.**

Recommendations

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 08-206**

That Council, on recommendation of the Human Resources Committee declares the Municipal Infrastructure Manager, Jeff Schruder, to be permanent as of February 13, 2008, at the expiry of his six-month probation period, and that he receive the increment due under his probation, effective February 13, 2008.

**Carried.**

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 08-207**

That Council, on recommendation of the Human Resources Committee agrees to create the new full-time position which includes the current part-time Landfill Attendant Duties, Public Works Department Labourer and Rink Maintenance Worker under the Recreation Department.

**Carried.**

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 08-208**

That Council, on recommendation of the Human Resources Committee approves the 2008 Wage Grid Increases for the Clerk-Receptionist and two machine Operators.

**Carried.**

5:12 **HOME SUPPORT**

May 2008

Councillor Kingsbury reviewed the May 2008 Home Support Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 08-209**

That Council receives the Renfrew and Area Senior's Home Support Report for May 2008.

**Carried.**

5:15 **CPAC**

Councillor Bennett, chair of CPAC, discussed the current OPP use of the Speed Board sign especially on Highway 17 and noted that McNab-Braeside Township felt that the sign should be assigned to the Municipal roads and not Highway 17. However, Councillor Bennett felt that the presence of the Sign on Highway 17 was a great safety benefit to Horton residents who commute regularly to work, etc. He is seeking Council support to use our portion of allotted time on Highway 17. Deputy Mayor Bob Hall felt that he would like some information on McNab-Braeside's concerns. He noted that the five Municipalities purchased the Sign to encourage safety on local roads.

There was discussion regarding split use of the Sign – part on Horton Roads and part on Highway 17.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 07-210**

That Horton Council supports the use of the Speedboard on Highway 17 in Horton Township as part of our allotted usage.

**Carried.**

Opposed by Deputy Mayor Bob Hall.

5:34 **BUILDING REPORT**  
May 2008 Building Report

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 07-211.**  
That Council receives the May 2008 Building Permit Report.

**Carried.**

5:35 **LIME STABILIZATION**  
Project Manager Resumes

The CAO/Clerk reported that we have received four applications for the position of Project manager. After discussion, Council agreed to interview all four applicants. The Interview Committee consists of Mayor Johnston, Councillor Bennett, Chair of Lime Stabilization Committee, Jeff Schruder Infrastructure Manager and Mackie McLaren COA/Clerk.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**

Information Correspondence

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence Summary.

- A. Cheryl Gallant re: review of Canada Post services to rural areas
- B. Ministry of Community Safety and Correspondence Services – Emergency Preparedness Plan
- C. Valley Bluegrass Festival – July 11 to July 13, 2008
- D. Hydro One – Forestry Maintenance Program
- E. Law Society of Upper Canada – free brochures
- F. Premier McGuinty – receipt of Township letter re: Atomic Energy of Canada
- G. Jose Baltazar – Solid Garbage Green Service (SGGS)

Councillor Bennett suggested we inquire about this service. After discussion Council did not support this suggestion.

- H. Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke – Re: fraud and scams
- I. Linda Hawke, Ministry of Education – “More ways to succeed in high school”
- J. Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke – re: Ottawa River’s proposed designation as a Canadian Heritage River
- K. Assessment Review Board – re: status respecting mobile home/trailer park complaints
- L. Ottawa Valley Business - May 2008 newsletter
- M. LESO – Executive summary of Electricity use in Municipalities – Horton participated
- N. AMO – Solar Task Force Seeks Input  
- Conference 2008
- O. AMO- Comment period extended on Blue Box Funding Model
- P. Fytche Enterprises – Report on Livestock losses to predation (coyotes etc.)
- Q. Ontario Medical Association – not supporting Provincial call for Nurse Only Clinics
- R. Health Force Ontario – Community Partnership Program (CPP) – Dr. Recruitment
- S. Township of Bonnechere Valley – Invitation to all municipalities to attend grand Opening of their Geo-Tube project.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 08-212**  
That Council receives the June 03, 2008 Information Correspondence.

**Carried.**

Action Correspondence

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence:

- A. Township of Laurentian Valley – support resolution that requests Hon. Deb Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services to notify the Municipality how the 2007/2008 and future inequities regarding the support of “Children In Care” will be addressed.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury      **Resolution No. 08-213**

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Township of Laurentian Valley which calls upon the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services to announce how the 2007/2008 and future inequities in the support of “Children in Care” will be addressed.

**Carried.**

- B. County of Renfrew – support resolution that requests the province to develop a funding model which ensures all child protection agencies in Ontario are funded equitably

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury      **Resolution No. 08-214**

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the County of Renfrew which requests the Province of Ontario to work with Family and Children Services of Renfrew County to resolve the issue of their unexpected deficit for the 2007 operating year and to ensure adequate funding.

**Carried.**

- C. Municipality of Brockton – support resolution requesting Aboriginal Affairs Minister Michael Bryant to ask that new rules be developed for consultations between mining companies and First Nations, and that Federal and Provincial governments clarify the Native land rights in the constitution.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall      **Resolution No. 08-215**

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Municipality of Brockton which requests Aboriginal Affairs Minister Michael Bryant develop new rules for consultations between mining companies and First Nations, and that Federal and Provincial governments clarify the native land rights in the constitution.

**Carried.**

- D. Minister Responsible for Seniors – request for Council to proclaim June as “Seniors’ Month”

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall      **Resolution No. 08-216**

WHEREAS Senior’s Month is an annual nation-wide celebration;  
WHEREAS seniors have contributed and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this community;  
WHEREAS their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told;  
WHEREAS the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the health and well-being of the community;  
WHEREAS the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to us continues to benefit all;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Horton proclaims June 01 to June 30, 2008 as Seniors’ Month and encourages all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

**Carried.**

- E. City of Belleville – support resolution which petitions Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with additional powers to raise revenue.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall      **Resolution No. 08-217**

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a resolution of the City of Belleville which petitions the Ontario Government to provide municipalities with additional powers to raise revenues needed to finance upgrades to Municipal infrastructure.

**Carried.**

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE  
Council reviewed the Accounts Payable for May 2008.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury      **Resolution No. 08-218**  
That Council approves the May 2008 Accounts Payable Listing totaling \$92,813.16.

**Carried.**

Council recessed to Supper at 6:00 p.m and returned to regular session at 6:40 p.m. with all members of Council present.

9. DELEGATIONS  
7:30 Buelah & Larry Reid – Lime Stabilization Facility  
The CAO/Clerk reported that he had received a call from Mr. Reid's lawyer that Mr. Reid is unable to make this appointment. The lawyer had noted that her clients were willing to meet with Council at an arranged meeting to discuss what the issues were. Council agreed and authorized the CAO/Clerk to set up a meeting within the next week.

10. RESOLUTIONS  
Nesbitt Tile Drain Loan Application

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury      **Resolution No. 08-219**  
That Council receive Nesbitt Holdings Ltd Application for a Tile Drainage Loan for Lot 2 and Lot 3 Concession 7.

**Carried.**

Membership in Ottawa Valley Tourist Association  
Council referred this to Finance Committee.

Reschedule July 1, 2008 Meeting Date

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall      **Resolution No. 08-220**  
That Council agrees to re-schedule the July 01, 2008 Regular Council Meeting to Thursday July 03, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Horton Community Centre. Notice of this change is to be published in the Renfrew Mercury.  
Council agreed to cancel the August 2008 meeting.

**Carried.**

11. BY-LAWS

Peter Prince, a Horton property developer was present and expressed concerns regarding payment of the development fee at the severance stage. He felt that this would restrict and deter development in the Township, especially subdivisions. The large amount of money required for multiple lot development would be prohibitive.

Councillor Bennett thanked Mr. Prince for his input and noted that he would like to re-address the subdivision issue. The CAO/Clerk reported that this could be done in stages. Councillor Bennett suggested that we could pass the by-law as it stands today and re-address this subdivision issue in another by-law in six months or so after we have investigated our options.

Council agreed to pass the current by-law and re-address the subdivision issue in the next few months.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury      **Resolution No. 08-221**  
That the Council of the Township of Horton ENACT the following By-laws:  
2008-23      Road Closures – Road Allowance between Concession 7 & 8 at Lot 19  
2008-24      Arbuthnot Zoning Amendment  
2008-25      Adoption of 2008 Tax Rates  
2008-26      Execute Crozier Road Agreement  
2008-27      Development Charge By-law

**Carried.**

12. REPORT FROM COUNTY  
Mayor Johnston gave a brief report.

Councillor Bennett commented that he had concerns about the Bridges & Roads Report. He feels that the Upper Tier Government should be responsible for all bridges.

13. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

1. Planning

Councillor Bennett, Chair of Planning Committee, asked if Council could receive monthly reports for By-law enforcement similar to those we receive for Building Activity. Council agreed.

2. Granular M Tender

Council opened the following tenders for Granular “M” Gravel.

Item No	Item Description	Unit	Quantity	SMITHS		FULTON		CLOUTHIER	
				Unit Price	Total	Unit Price	Total	Unit Price	Total
1.	Eady Road Granular “M” Gravel	Tonne	3000	10.75	32,250.00	7.95	23,850.00	9.99	29,970.00
2.	Jim Barr Rd Granular “M” Gravel	Tonne	2000	10.75	21,500.00	8.40	16,800.00	9.99	19,980.00
	Total includes taxes				<b>56,437.50</b>		<b>42,682.50</b>		<b>52,447.50</b>

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-221**

That Council accepts the tender for 2008 Granular M Gravel from Fulton Construction at the tender price of \$7.95 – Eady Road and \$8.40 – Jim Barr Road.

**Carried.**

2. Winter Sand Tender

Council opened the following tender for Winter Sand.

Item No	Item Description	Unit	Quantity	ROCK & SAND (Johnston Bros)		FULTON		SMITH	
				Unit Price	Total	Unit Price	Total	Unit Price	Total
1.	Screened winter sand Supplied & stock-piled in Dome	Tonne	3,500	\$5.70	\$19,950	\$5.25	\$18,375	\$9.00	\$31,500
2.	Screened Wintersand Supplied & Stock-piled adjacent to sand dome	Tonne	500	\$5.70	\$2,850	\$5.25	\$2,625	\$9.00	\$4,500
	Total includes taxes				<b>\$23,940</b>		<b>\$22,050</b>		<b>\$37,800</b>

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury      **Resolution No. 08-222**  
That Council accepts the Tender for 2008 Winter Sand from Fulton Construction at the tendered price of \$5.70/tonne for a total of \$22,050.

**Carried.**

3.      Lot Development Charge Meeting Minutes May 08, 2008

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett      **Resolution No. 08-223**  
That Council accepts the Minutes of the Lot Development Charge Meeting of May 08, 2008.

**Carried.**

14.    COUNCIL MEMBER CONCERNS  
Council member expressed no concerns.

15.    REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
There was no request for reconsideration.

16.    CLOSED MEETING  
There was no closed meeting.

17.    CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury      **Resolution No. 08-224**  
That Council pass this confirming resolution to cover 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.**

18.    ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury  
That this Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**Resolution No. 08-225**

**Carried.**

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Mayor

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CAO/Clerk