

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC MEETING

COUNTY OF RENFREW OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO 5

AND

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR BROWNFIELDS

FEBRUARY 05, 2008

There was a Public Meeting held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday February 5, 2008. Present were Deputy Mayor Bob Hall, Councillors Dave Bennett, Don Eady and Bob Kingsbury. Also present was Steve Pentz from Novatech Engineering Consultants Ltd, Ottawa.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE PUBLIC MEETING UNDER THE PLANNING ACT NOW OPEN

Deputy Mayor Hall called the meeting to order and declared the Public Meeting under the Planning Act to now be open at 7:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by Members of Council.

3. CLERK'S REPORT ON NOTICE

The Clerk reported that notice of this meeting was placed in the Renfrew Mercury, being a newspaper that has general circulation in the Township of Horton. Notices were also mailed to all adjoining Municipalities and to the list of agencies provided by the County Planning Department Staff. A written comment was received from the Town of Renfrew, expressing no concerns.

The Clerk stated:

i) Purpose of Amendment

The proposed official Plan Amendment (OPA) would designate all lands within the Township of Horton as a Community Improvement Area. The designation will enable the Township of Horton to establish Community Improvement Plans (CIPs). Among other things, CIPs will provide a framework for implementing various financial incentive programs that will promote brownfield remediation and encourage redevelopment of former brownfield sites within the Township of Horton. Brownfield's may include abandoned, idle or unused industrial and commercial lands.

ii) Purpose of Community Improvement

The proposed CIP for Brownfields has been prepared to promote the remediation and redevelopment of any Brownfield site located within the Township of Horton. The CIP for Brownfields proposes four programs to provide financial incentive to remediate and redevelop known brownfield sites.

4. PRESENTATION – NOVATECH ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS LTD

Steve Pentz from Novatech Engineering Consultants Ltd reviewed the draft Community Improvement Plan, discussing the purpose and background, legislative authority, goals and objectives and then listing the community improvement programs. There are four parts to the Program – Planning Application & Building Permit Fee Grant Program, Development Charges Grant Program, Tipping Fees Grant Program and Brownfield Tax Incentive Program (BFTIP).

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Greg Zavitski from Sunshine Café was present and complimented the Township for the work they have done on this issue. He related his experience and frustration with the environmental cleanup process but felt the tipping fee reduction program should help recover some costs.

George Thompson who was also present spoke of his experience with a garage property, as a frustrating process. He felt that any plan and help would be useful to the Township

6. NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS

Steve Pentz informed the public that the Official Plan Amendment is adopted by County Council, then goes on to the Province for approval. Once the Official Plan Amendment has been approved, Horton Council will enact a by-law to authorize the Community Improvement Plan. Notice of this passing will be circulated to the public and agencies. If there are no objections the by-law will then be declared to be in effect.

7. CLOSE MEETING

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kings bury
That Council close this Public Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Resolution No. 08-

Carried.

Deputy Mayor

CAO/Clerk