

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW

PUBLIC MEETING

September 1, 2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Johnston called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.
3. **CLERK'S REPORT ON NOTICE**
The CAO/Clerk reported that in compliance with the Planning Act, this is the second Public Meeting, our first, an Open House, was held on August 18, 2009. Notice of the Public Meeting was advertised in the Renfrew Mercury, giving more than twenty days notice. In addition, the final tax bill had an insert with today's Public Meeting and Tuesday's Open House.
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 - i) Purpose of Comprehensive Zoning By-Law
Charles Cheesman – Presentation
Mr Cheesman, Manager of Planning Services, County of Renfrew explained the purpose of the Comprehensive Zoning by-law.
 - ii) Written Comments Received
The CAO/Clerk reported that he contacted the Agencies as required by the Planning Act.

The Ministry of Natural Resources had some issues, lack of a Hazard (Land) section, Floodplains, Water Setback – 30 metre setback recommended, concerns about mapping, Provincially Significant Wetlands, Mineral Aggregate Resource, Wind Generation, Definitions.

Steve Pentz of Novatech Engineering, wrote on behalf of George Nesbitt.
Lehman & Associates wrote on behalf of TransCanada Pipelines County of Renfrew, Public Works & Engineering Department wrote regarding "Access".
Renfrew Power Generation regarding development of the First Chute of the Bonnechere River as a generating site.
 - iii) Public Participation
George Thompson spoke of concerns about the setback for a Disposal Site, spreading of septage and questioned that the Township's Pilot Project would comply with the regulations.

Janet McCredie asked about a proposed Pipeline – was assured that there is no proposal for a new pipeline.

Greg Burgess questioned an environmental designation on his property, which prohibits building. He suggested the area is man made and not natural. Mr Cheesman suggested he wrote a letter to Council.

Wallace Miller asked about property on the river where he has a cottage, if he wanted to buy a lot behind his property does it have to be one acre?
He was assured that it did not.

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Rick Lester asked about LSR lots being grandfathered? The current by-law requires 20 m water setback and MNR want 30 m water setback.

Susan Lester asked if you owned a lot and then sold it does it continue to be grandfathered – she was assured that it would.

Kent Storie spoke of his property which has been designated an Area of Natural Scientific Interest (ANSI) with limitations to what he can do.

Mr Cheesman suggested he put his questions in writing to the Township who will inquire from MNR .

Janet McCredie asked that if Groups Homes were being considered that there be a public meeting so that residents could have a voice.

Don Anderson referred to the need for group homes suggesting that the public perception is distorted. There are many young offenders in Renfrew County who must live outside the County, making family visits very difficult.

Rob Wynja asked about the impact on Renfrew Power Generation's proposed plans.

Angela Burgess asked about Wind Farms and was assured that they are not allowed. It was suggested that the Green Energy Act may change existing laws.

Bruce Murdoch asked if a copy of the Zoning Plan was available to the Public. Charles Cheesman suggested that a copy could be signed out and returned the Township.

Jordy Leavoy asked about the setback from the water.

Mayor Johnston thanked the members of the Public for attending and Charles Cheesman for his presentation and explanations of the By-law.

Councillor Eady suggested that anyone with specific issues address Council or the Planning Committee with their concerns in writing. Referring to Groups Homes he stated that he agrees that people in the area should be informed.

Councillor Kingsbury suggested anyone with concerns about Mobile Homes put their concerns in writing to the Council.

Councillor Bennett thanked everyone for attending and reaffirmed that written concerns are appreciated.

Deputy Mayor Hall asked that everyone had signed the Sign-In Sheet.

The CAO/Clerk requested that all written concerns to Council be received by September 30, 2009.

Mayor Johnston, on behalf of Council, thanked everyone for coming to listen and contribute their ideas to Council.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady
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That this Public Meeting be closed at 8:30 p.m.

Resolution No. 09-

Carried.

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Mayor

CAO/Clerk