

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Planning Committee Meeting

October 12, 2011 – 4:00 p.m.

There was a Meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 12, 2011. Present were: Chair Robert Kingsbury, Mayor Don Eady, Councillor Margaret Whyte, Councillor Glen Campbell. Committee members: Jim Ferguson, John Wilson, David Brown, Bob Lockwood, Mae Craig (4:10); staff members Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk and Rose Curley, Administrative Assistant. Absent: Councillor Jamie Larone, Committee member: John Berkhout.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kingsbury called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by committee members or staff.

3. MINUTES OF: Regular Planning Committee Meeting - September 19, 2011
Committee of Adjustment – September 19, 2011– Carswell
Minor Variance Application

Committee members reviewed the minutes of the Regular Planning Committee Meeting - September 19, 2011 and the Committee of Adjustment – Public Meeting - September 19, 2011– Carswell Minor Variance Application.

Moved by Jim Ferguson, Seconded by John Wilson

That the Planning Committee accepts the minutes of the Regular Planning Committee Meeting - September 19, 2011 and the Committee of Adjustment Meeting – September 19, 2011– Carswell Minor Variance Application.

Discussion:

Jim Ferguson referred to the Garden Lake Trail right-of-way issue. Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk noted that this is a legal issue not a planning issue.

Dave Brown referred to the Peter Prince – Garden of Eden Road severances. Several members of the public have expressed concerns about added traffic on this road as this road is already in poor shape. Would the lot development fees from these 5 lots be used to improve this road? Mayor Eady explained that there is a process of putting these monies in the Lot Development Account and during the budget process the Public Works Department decides what roads are being improved with these funds.

Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

- **Deacon property fire inspection**

Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk reported that he has been in contact with Fire Chief Corbin regarding this inspection. Fire Chief Corbin said that he will be carrying out this inspection in the near future.

- **Building permit/site plan amendment for deck/pool**

Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk reviewed a zoning comment that he received from Charles Cheesman, Planner, Renfrew County. Mr. Cheesman believes that there should be an amendment to the site plan before issuance of building permit for a deck/pool. The Committee agreed that a site plan amendment is still required even though the pool and deck are built. These should be shown on the site plan agreement. Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk was requested to inform Dennis Fridgen, Chief Building Official of this planning comment and the subsequent need for a site plan amendment.

- **TRANSCANADA PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY SETBACK REDUCTION**

Mackie McLaren reported on the Trans Canada Pipeline request for the setback from their right-of-way to be reduced from 10 metres to 7 metres. After consultation with the County Planning Department regarding the County of Renfrew's Official Plan 10 metre setback, it was agreed that we remain consistent with the County Plan and sometime when we are doing changes to our zoning by-law we could include this item.

Chair Kingsbury asked Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk to check with the Planning Department to see if it is possible to have the 7 metres setback that is required by TransCanada pipeline. He has concerns that if the setback is increased to 10 metres to conform to the County Official Plan this could have repercussions on upcoming severance proposals.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations for this meeting.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Sprint Communications – information on Publix Telecom (high speed network)

Committee members reviewed a paper copy of the PowerPoint presentation that was given to Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk for distribution by Publix Telecom (formerly Sprint). The Committee agreed that it will be a great asset to have high speed/fibre optic available to most of Horton Township (95%). Jim Ferguson noted that he was talking to Cheryl Gallant, MP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and she says that there is an upcoming announcement regarding high speed. Chair Kingsbury noted that while he was attending the OEMC conference in Kingston this Fall, he visited the Xplornet booth. Representatives there informed him that they will soon be able to provide satellite to 95% of residents in this area.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Fees and Charges

The Committee reviewed a proposed schedule for changes in the various planning fees. The Finance Committee is carrying out a review of all fees within the Township departments. Several suggestions were made by the Committee and Chair Kingsbury noted that this will be brought back to the Committee at a future meeting. The new fees should be in place by January 2012.

- Mae Craig noted that she had been a few minutes late and asked about the minutes that were reviewed earlier in the meeting. She had concerns regarding the colour of containers at the Toyota site. Chair Kingsbury noted that several concerns regarding the Toyota site were discussed at the Regular Council Meeting and that Dennis Fridgen, Chief Building Official was requested to address these issues with Toyota. He will report back at the next meeting.

- Bob Lockwood inquired about the by-law enforcement officer position. Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk reported that we received 9 applications and these were shortlisted to 2 candidates. Interviews will be carried out next week.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday, November 09, 2011 @ 4:00 p.m.

9. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by David Brown, Seconded by Margaret Whyte

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

Carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mae Craig, Seconded by Bob Lockwood

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary