

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

FIRE COMMITTEE

September 19, 2012

There was a Meeting of the Fire Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday September 19, 2012. Present were Chair Margaret Whyte and Mayor Don Eady. Staff present was Fire Chief Randy Corbin, Deputy Chief Allan Cole and Finance Manager Jennifer Barr.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Whyte called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2012 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Chair Whyte reviewed the July 18, 2012 meeting minutes which had been approved by council.

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Whyte added Site Plan Agreement of McGrimmon, Storage Units on Whitton Road.

Moved by Allan Cole, Seconded by Randy Corbin

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

Business Plan for Boat Launch Pump Station

- Chair Whyte advised the committee that there is an unopened road allowance located on the southern corner of the boat launch property.
- Chief Corbin would like a survey completed. Mrs. Barr advised Chief Corbin that there may in fact already be a survey since there seems to be a partial copy of a Registered Plan in the file. Chief Corbin will see if he can locate the pins.
- Chief Corbin advised the committee that due to the septic setbacks, the building will have to be relocated and that the washroom facilities will now have to be a separate building. All concurred.
- Chair Whyte advised the committee that due to these findings, the project might have to be delayed and there would be no impact to the budget as the funds are coming from Lot Development Funds. There will be a need to budget the project again in 2013.
- Chair Whyte advised the committee that Dave Darch from the County of Renfrew attended a site visit with herself and CAO, Mackie McLaren. Mr. Darch is to get back to Mr. McLaren regarding the County road allowance and the possibility of selling some of the allowance to the Township in order to relocate the entrance to the boat launch.

Moved by Randy Corbin, Seconded by Allan Cole.

THAT the Public Works Committee commence with the process of closing the unopened road allowance.

Carried.

6. FIRE MARQUE

Chair Whyte advised the committee that she visited the booth of the Fire Marque while attending the OEMC conference in Kingston last week. Both Chair Whyte and CAO, Mackie McLaren were interested in the potential revenue stream that can be created by having the Fire Marque make insurance claims against fire suppression calls.

Deputy Chief Cole advised the committee that he is 100% against this process as he feels ratepayers already pay for fire suppression in the form of property taxes. Both Chair Whyte and Mayor Eady noted that the claims for this type of call are already within property owners insurance policies and if not there would be no claim made. The Fire Marque have assured municipalities that there would be no impact on home owners insurance premiums as they are already paying for this within their policies.

It was decided that Chief Corbin is to bring this item forward to the next Renfrew County Fire Chief's meeting to seek input from other municipalities.

7. REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

Moved by Randy Corbin, Seconded by Don Eady

THAT the Revenue/Expenditure Report for September 19, 2012 be adopted as circulated and presented.

Carried.

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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| 1 call in August | – locked door due to power outage, opened when power on |
| 4 calls in September | - 2 for smoke under bridge, was dust |
| | - Car fire on Storyland Rd, just over heated |
| | - Dumpster fire at Renfrew Inn Suites |

9. OTHER BUSINESS

SITE PLAN AGREEMENT – MCGRIMMON STORAGE UNITS

Chair Whyte advised the committee that Mr. McGrimmon has completed all of his site plan requirements for his storage units on Whitton Road and is now requesting a refund of his security deposit. The Planning Committee has requested comments for the Fire Department regarding the storage of RV units and if there are any concerns/issues.

Chief Corbin will do a site visit and email CAO, Mr. McLaren after his visit.

NEW STOVE FOR COMMUNITY HALL

Mayor Eady advised the Committee that the price for propane for the new stove is a lower rate than the fire departments. Chief Corbin was pleased with this information and concurred that it should be tendered.

ACCESS TO GAS TANKS

Chief Corbin advised the committee that the roads department often parks a vehicle near the gas tanks which obstructs access for the fire department.

Mayor Eady will advise Rod Eady.

SEPTAGE TANKS

Chief Corbin and Deputy Chief Cole inquired about the possibility of using the septage tank as storage for water.

Chief Corbin to contact Councillor Kingsbury on this matter.

10. NEXT MEETINGS

The Committee agreed that the next meeting will be Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

11. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Randy Corbin, Seconded by Allan Cole

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.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Don Eady, Seconded by Randy Corbin

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Carried.

Chair, Margaret Whyte

Finance Manager, Jennifer Barr