

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

## Special Council Meeting

June 19, 2012

There was a Special Council Meeting held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday June 19, 2012 to present the proposed 2012 Budget at a Public Meeting. Present was Mayor Don Eady and Councillors Glen Campbell, Bob Kingsbury, Jamey Larone and Margaret Whyte. Staff present was Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk and Jennifer M Barr, Finance Manager.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eady called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. CLERK'S REPORT ON NOTICE

CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren advised Council that there was an ad placed in the Renfrew Mercury for two issues and notice was placed on the Township website. He added that the public were invited in these ads to pick up a copy of the proposed budget package at the Municipal Office ahead of this meeting. One person picked up a package.

4. PRESENTATION OF 2012 DRAFT BUDGET

Mayor Eady called for Finance Manager, Jennifer Barr to present the 2012 Draft Budget. She reviewed a power point presentation with Council, the two members of the public in attendance and the press.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

Mayor Eady inquired about any comments or questions that were received. CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren read aloud the following questions received from Ray Puhalski as well as the response given (in italics):

I am submitting my questions/comments which I trust you will present to council on my behalf as I am out-of-country.

1. I first wish to commend Jennifer for her excellent presentation of the Capital Budget/Financing spreadsheet. This has answered many questions. Pls convey my congrats to her. *I have passed your kind words onto Jennifer.*

2. General Government - Legal Expenses is an approx 66% increase over the previous year. Explanation ? *Anticipation of increased legal costs to defend our claim against the OMEX reciprocal insurance retroactive demand of approx. \$85K. We sued them.*

3. Septage - why is there no proposed revenue - Is the septage system discontinued after our investment? *Our pilot project is over. We are waiting for the Province to direct municipalities to treat their septage province wide before we will see any more treatment of septic waste.*

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4. Recreation Salaries - approx 50% increase and Recreation Employee Benefits approx 74 % increase. Explanation? *The contract for the Program Manager has been extended to Dec 31 with increased hours. Due to pay equity requirements there has been a pay increase.*

5. Capital- change rooms - \$6,490.00. What is this for ? *This is internal financing of change room debt.*

6. 2012 Proposed Capital Budget/Financing.....at bottom of page is.....rec fundraising committee....commitment remaining 81,031.83

What is the period of this commitment and what is the commitment for 2012 as the fundraising sheet shows zero income for 2012. *Commitment is 10 years of \$10K per year. See page 13 account 150 56 789070. Net revenues are transferred to page 11 account 150 54 440434 to offset debt payment.*

6. COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mayor Eady called upon Council to comment on the 2012 Draft Budget. Council Members individually thanked Jennifer Barr for her work on producing the budget and presentation.

Councillor Larone said that this budget keeps the increase as low as possible and still keep services.

Councillor Kingsbury said that an outstanding job was done. It is difficult when 7.2% of the Township's increase is outside our control.

Councillor Campbell thanked the Committees for their input.

Councillor Whyte said the budget was a work in progress with the hope it would have been passed earlier. Fire and Recreation Committees have provided their assistance to pay down the debt. She thanked the excellent volunteers the Township have.

Mayor Eady set out financial data on the effect of this budget vs. the 2011 budget. Out of the township's increase of 9.4%, 7.2% is out of our control, a result of increased OPP costs, reduced OMPF grant, OMERS pension increased deductions while the 2.2% that is in our control is at the cost of living point. Overall which School Board and County, the increase is 4.9%. He thanked staff and Council Members.

Councillor Kingsbury thanked Mayor Eady for his leadership and direction.

7. PSAB BUDGET REPORT

Mayor Eady called upon Finance Manager Jennifer Barr to present the PSAB Budget Report.

Moved by Jamey Larone  
Seconded by Margaret Whyte

Resolution No. 2012-210

THAT Council on recommendation of the Finance Committee adopts the 2012 Horton Township Budget and further adopts the PSAB budget report for 2012.

Carried.

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8. 2012 TAX RATE BY-LAW

Moved by Bob Kingsbury  
Seconded by Glen Campbell

Resolution No. 2012-211

THAT the Council of the Township of Horton agrees to enact the following by-laws:

By-law 2012-32 - Tax Rate By-law.

Carried.

9. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Glen Campbell  
Seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 2012- 212

THAT Council enacts By-law 2012-34, a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Township of Horton at the Special Council Meeting held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Glen Campbell  
Seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 2012- 213

That this Special Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Carried.

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MAYOR

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CAO/Clerk