

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

## Special Council Meeting

December 11, 2013

There was a Special Meeting of Council held in the Municipal Council Chamber on Wednesday December 11, 2013 following the Community Centre Building and Fundraising Sub Committees Meeting. Present was Mayor Don Eady, Councillor Bob Kingsbury, Councillor Glen Campbell, Councillor Jamey Larone and Councillor Margaret Whyte. Staff present was Jennifer Barr, Finance Manager and Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eady called the Meeting to Order at 7:50 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. RECOMMENDATION – CAPACITY FUNDING

Jennifer Barr, Finance Manager presented a request for Council to enter into a contribution agreement with the Province of Ontario for Capacity Funding and adopt a by-law for the same. Capacity Funding is the additional funding provided by the Province to complete the Asset Management Plan.

Moved by Margaret Whyte

Resolution No. 2013-418

Seconded by Jamey Larone

That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Province for Capacity Funding and adopt a by-law for same;

And That the firm of Jp2g continues with amendments to the Asset Management Plan to complete Phase 2 to include the balance of Horton's Tangible Capital Assets. Sources of funding will be the Capacity Funding and Asset Management Reserve.

Carried.

4. RECOMMENDATION – ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Jennifer Barr, Finance Manager presented a request for Council to approve the Asset Management Plan. She advised that the Public Works Committee had reviewed the plan at their meeting held earlier today and made a recommendation to Council that they adopt the plan.

Councillor Kingsbury said he doesn't agree with some of the recommendations outlined in the plan. He will not support the plan. Ms. Barr said the plan is a budget financial strategy plan, a living plan, a guide. The works set out do not have to be carried out as planned.

Councillor Kingsbury said that this Plan is also a recommendation of action for a future Council. Ms. Barr said yes, the priority should be followed but you don't have to follow. Council can change as we go into Phase 2. We can change the plan each time Council meet, but she doesn't recommend this. She noted that the Road Needs Plan is required to be updated every 5 years.

Mayor Eady said the Asset Management Plan is drafted using a template guide that every municipality in the Province is required to use. On any specific project, Council may do less work than specified. We can't apply for government grants

without this plan. Ms. Barr noted that the costs used by the engineers are local costs incurred throughout the County. All other municipalities are preparing their plan the same way.

Councillor Whyte said that the Government has deemed the Plan to be a necessity. No way can we afford every recommendation. At the end of the day we have to decide projects from their priority list.

Councillor Larone said that it is up to Council do deem what is necessary, be it a hybrid of any sort. We develop the strategies to move forward.

Moved by Glen Campbell

Resolution No. 2013-419

Seconded by Jamey Larone

That Council approves the Asset Management Plan as circulated and adopt a by-law for same;

That the financial strategies included within the plan be revised from time to time as changes occur to best management practices, technology, financial constraints and continued condition assessment.

Carried on Division

Councillor Kingsbury opposed.

#### 5. RECOMMENDATION – COMMUNITY HALL EXPANSION

The Community Centre Expansion Building Committee and the Fundraising Committee held a joint Committee Meeting earlier in the evening and they recommended that Council approve the following resolution.

Moved by Margaret Whyte

Resolution No. 2013-420

Seconded by Jamey Larone

THAT the Recreation Sub Committee for Fundraising for the Community Hall Expansion set the goal of fundraising for \$120,000 in order to complete the expansion of the community hall as described in the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund;

THAT the Township continues to cash flow the \$120,000 until such time as the Recreation Sub Committee for Fundraising meets this goal;

THAT any annual short term borrowing costs be the responsibility of the Township;

THAT Dave Bennett agrees to be responsible for the set up and dismantle of the stage, tables and chairs for the year 2014 and the salary payments be directed to the Building Expansion Fundraising Fund;

THAT the Recreation Committee be responsible for the supervision of the rink when Mr. Yantha is not present and that the salary payments be directed to the Building Expansion Fundraising Fund;

AND THAT Dave Bennett host a session for volunteers instructed by Jim Miller for WHMIS and Fall Protection training and Dave Bennett is to provide all necessary safety equipment for the volunteers while on site.

Mayor Eady called for discussion.

Councillor Whyte asked how the cash flow of this grant would work and Ms. Barr reviewed.

Councillor Larone said he understands that cash flow will cover the payments without the need for short term borrowing as of today, but at some time we may have to borrow from the bank. Ms. Barr said in any year short term borrowing is a possibility in February before the first Interim Tax is due.

Mayor Eady called for a vote.

Carried.

6. BY-LAWS

Mayor Eady noted that there were two by-laws to present for consideration. Did any Council Member request an individual vote on each one or would a combined resolution suffice. Councillor Kingsbury requested that the vote be separated for each by-law.

Moved by Glen Campbell

Resolution No. 2013-421

Seconded by Jamey Larone

That Council enacts and passes the following By-law:

- By-law 2013-61 – To authorize the Mayor and CAO/clerk to execute a Contribution Agreement with the Province for Capacity Funding.

Carried.

Moved by Jamey Larone

Resolution No. 2013-422

Seconded by Margaret Whyte

That Council enacts and passes the following By-law:

- By-law 2013-62 - To Adopt an Asset Management Plan.

Carried on Division

Councillor Kingsbury opposed.

7. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Margaret Whyte

Resolution No. 2013-423

Seconded by Glen Campbell

That Council enacts By-law 2013-63, a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Township of Horton at the Special Council Meeting held on December 11, 2013.

Carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jamey Larone

Resolution No. 2013-424

Seconded by Glen Campbell

That Council adjourns this Special Council Meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Carried.

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MAYOR

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CAO/Clerk