

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

## Council Meeting following Public Meetings

May 21, 2013

Council held a short meeting following the closure of the Budget Public Meeting on Tuesday May 21, 2013 in the Council Chamber. 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 this meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. TAX SALE – ONE PROPERTY HAS TITLE ISSUE – DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL REQUIRED.

Jennifer Barr informed Council that she had a title search conducted on one of the properties that is eligible to be registered. There is a cloud on title but she believes it can be resolved, but at what cost. She suggested that Horton ask a local real estate lawyer for input into what it may cost to resolve title. Costs would be added to the tax account.

Alternatively, Ms. Barr advised that Council could make a decision every three years to write-off the taxes, but she cautioned against this.

Councillor Larone asked if the Township could use a local lawyer for real estate files. Mayor Eady said that would need thorough discussion but it could be possible.

Mayor Eady asked for the size of the lot and was advised it is .42 acres in size, with 180 frontage and 90 feet deep. It is a building lot fronting on River Road.

Mayor Eady agreed that it may be worthwhile investigating.

Council agreed to approach a Renfrew Lawyer with an upset limit of \$1,000.

4. MAXWELL ROAD CLOSING

The CAO/Clerk reported that he received a telephone call from Steve Maxwell last Friday who advised that he has approached a second appraiser and asked her for an appraisal of the road allowance. He will reimburse the township for her cost.

The CAO/Clerk referred to a recommendation that is coming from Planning Committee to Council on June 4, which is to proceed with the one revised appraisal we have and he does not have direction for this second appraisal.

After discussion, Council agreed to take this request back to the June 11<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee meeting.

5. PROCESS FOR FINAL INTERVIEW FOR PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER POSITION

The CAO/Clerk asked for direction from Council to establish a date and time to carry out the final interviews of the two remaining candidates for the Public Works Manager position. He also asked if Council wishes to invite the County HR Director to participate at the interviews and bring questions or to have him just send questions. After discussion Council agreed that an invitation be extended to Bruce Beakley to join the interview team and also supply questions. The CAO/Clerk was directed to get dates Mr. Beakley is available and circulate these with the interview team to arrive at a suitable date and time to finalize this process.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Eady declared the Meeting to be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CAO/Clerk