

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

FIRE COMMITTEE

September 26, 2013

There was a Meeting of the Fire Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday September 26, 2013. Present was 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 10 AND JULY 31, 2013 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Chair Whyte reviewed the July 10, 2013 and July 31, 2013 meeting minutes which had been approved by council.

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No Additions.

5. HEAVY EXTRICATION AGREEMENT

Discussion took place with regards to when and who calls for Heavy Extrication and the process for cancellation of a call. Mayor Eady still has concerns regarding the cost for cancellation calls. Mayor Eady would like a meeting called with the four parties involved with a call out being OPP, Ambulance service, Horton and Renfrew Fire Departments. Mrs. Barr to request that the CAO/Clerk arrange a meeting.

6. REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

Mrs. Barr reviewed the statement and noted that if all funds are received from the province that the fire department will end 2013 with a surplus which should be transferred to reserves.

Deputy Chief Cole has some questions regarding amortization. Mrs. Barr explained how amortization works and touched on the upcoming first phase of the Asset Management Plan. She advised the committee that the Fire Department would be included in the next phase as it will incorporate the remainder of the Township's assets.

Moved by Randy Corbin, Seconded by Allan Cole

THAT the Revenue/Expenditure Report for September 26, 2013 be adopted as circulated and presented.

Carried.

7. ST MICHAEL SITE PLAN

Chair Whyte requested that the Fire Department review the site plan and comment if need be. This is information for the department's records.

8. EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS – PROPOSED BEACH PROPERTIES

Chair Whyte advised that this was forwarded from the Public Works Committee. The Public Works Committee would like comments from the Fire Department with regards to access to the River Rd property and the Farrell's Landing property. Chief Corbin will visit both sites and email Chair Whyte and Mrs. Barr with his findings.

9. POSSIBLE GRANTS

Chair Whyte informed the committee that there are two potential grants available that may be suitable for the Fire Department.

Enbridge has a Project Assist grant which may assist with training and Trans Canada Pipeline has a grant that has a safety aspect as part of their mandate.

Chief Corbin and Deputy Chief Cole will investigate these grants further and see if there is a fit in the department, possibly for Heavy Extrication.

10. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

August/September – 10 Calls

- 2 smoke detectors, 2 times control burn call, 1 mutual aid, 1 trailer in ditch, 1 gas call, 1 hydro line/tree fire, 1 motor vehicle collision Burnstown Rd and 1 call for a bush fire which was actually just steam

Twenty of the smoke detectors donated by Enbridge has been given out to residents through social assistance.

The department has begun it's search for a new pumper from various agencies throughout North America.

When testing the generator at the Community Centre it was discovered that the battery was dead. The department has replaced the battery and made changes to ensure this does not happen in the future.

Two fire fighters were sent on Pump training.

Chief Corbin advised the committee that the market trend is to replace analog communication equipment with digital. It is expected that the market will be completing digital within the next five years and therefore the department would require equipment replacement. Mrs. Barr advised Chief Corbin that she recently spoke with the Public Works Manager with regards to the roads communication equipment and suggested that they meet in order to plan for future departmental needs.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Corbin is looking for clarification regarding bylaw contraventions. This matter is referred to the CAO/Clerk for his review and comment.

Chair Whyte suggested that the Fire Department may wish to set up a display at the Harvest Supper being held October 26, 2013. This may be an opportunity to educate our residents on fire prevention and possibly give out some of the some detectors donated by Enbridge.

Chief Corbin noted that the department will once again be hosting a children's Halloween Party October 31, 2013 from 4 pm to 8 pm for children under the age of 12.

12. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that the next meeting will be November 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

13. 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.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Don Eady, Seconded by Allan Cole

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Carried.

Chair, Margaret Whyte

Finance Manager, Jennifer Barr