

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

## Noise By-law & Fireworks Sub-Committee Meeting

November 21, 2013

There was a Meeting of the Sub-Committee reviewing the draft Fireworks By-law held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday November 21, 2013. Present was Chair Bob Kingsbury, Councillor Jamey Larone, Jim Ferguson and David Brown. Staff present was Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk.

Also present from the public was Dwayne Johnston.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kingsbury called the Meeting to Order at 1:20 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2013 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Kingsbury asked the Members to review the draft meeting minutes which had been approved by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

The CAO/Clerk provided a copy of correspondence from Terry Johnston who was providing further input into the draft by-law wording.

Councillor Larone was at a conference when the public meeting was held earlier this week for the draft noise by-law. He asked for an update. Chair Kingsbury said that Bob Cassidy, who was involved in the drafting of the by-law, was present and he spoke of his support of the draft. One other person came into the Chambers during the public meeting but did not offer any comments.

5. REVIEW OF DRAFT FIREWORKS BY-LAW

Chair Kingsbury said it was unfortunate that Bob Cassidy has chosen not to join us as he had hoped that after re-thinking his position taken at the end of the last meeting he would have been present today.

Chair Kingsbury briefly reviewed how he saw the approval process for this by-law, suggesting there would be one or two more committee meetings before it was sent to Planning for their support.

Chair Kingsbury lead the Members through the comments made by Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Johnston during the October 22 meeting. Recommendations were made to include some of the suggestions and to change others.

The CAO/Clerk was directed to investigate if there were any Provincial Storage of fireworks requirements and/or manufacturing guidelines.

Both David Brown and the CAO/Clerk reported on information they had gathered from insurance companies. David said that he was told it was all in the fine print whether a fire caused by careless use of fireworks would be covered under the homeowner's insurance. All perils coverage would probably cover it but not everyone purchases policies with all perils coverage. He added that if the fire spread into a neighbouring property and caused damage, the homeowner's

policy would not cover the neighbour's damages, the neighbour would have to sue the home owner. Mackie McLaren noted that his information was similar.

The Committee agreed to amend the application form to add a section for an alternate date. They also wanted a notice on the permit form that all permits are null and void during a Township fire ban.

The Committee Members requested the CAO/Clerk to make the changes to the draft that was agreed to today. The Members will review this updated draft clause by clause at the next meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

The Members agreed to meet on Thursday December 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jamey Larone, Seconded by David Brown that this meeting be adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Carried.

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CHAIR

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CAO/Clerk