

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

## Emergency Management

April 16, 2013

There was a Meeting of Council held in the Municipal Council Chambers prior to the Regular Planning Committee Meeting to receive updates from the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) on April 16, 2013. Present was Mayor Don Eady and Councillors Glen Campbell, Bob Kingsbury, Jamey Larone and Margaret Whyte. Staff present was Mr. Osipenko, CEMC, Amber Hultink, Alternate CEMC and Mackie McLaren COA/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eady called the Meeting to Order at 3:00 p.m.

2. REPORT FROM COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Mr. Osipenko reported that the Emergency Management team is gearing up for any spring flood issues. Jim Ferguson has already called his contacts along the Ottawa River to prepare them to report any flooding problems.

Mr. Osipenko reviewed the list of potential events that could trigger the need for a declaration of state of emergency. He noted that in the recent April 12 snow storm, four communities declared emergencies in Southern Ontario due to power outages from the storm.

Mr. Osipenko informed the Council Members that there will be a joint emergency exercise this year. The County of Renfrew is spear heading the event with a majority of municipalities participating. This will be held on one day during the week of June 20. He will send out the roles and responsibilities to the participants prior to the date.

Mr. Osipenko reported that the County's low water response team is still active from last year's drought. The MNR are monitoring what happened last year and are there any effects remaining this year. It will be at least one month before we know the ground water level.

Mr. Osipenko informed the Members that the plan for the Emergency team this year is to review the Emergency Plan and update the names and phone numbers, and review the agreements we have with suppliers in the event of an emergency i.e. Wal-Mart, No Frills etc.

Mr. Osipenko suggested that Council determine the level of municipal services that will be maintained during a state of emergency. He added that Council should pass a resolution setting out the services that will be maintained. He also suggested that our rental agreement forms for the Community Centre should be amended to add a statement "*in the event of an emergency, Horton Council reserves the right to cancel this event as the Horton Community Centre would become the Township's evacuation centre.*"

Mr. Osipenko advised that the Community Centre is ideal for an evacuation centre as it has washrooms, cooking and heating facilities. However, it does not have showers. He suggested that showers be included in the new addition being considered for the Community Centre.

Mayor Eady said there is concern with recent news that TransCanada Pipelines are proposing to convert one of the two natural gas pipelines running through Horton to bring oil from Alberta to St. John, New Brunswick. Councillor Kingsbury agreed and added that there are questions whether the current pipeline, built for natural gas, is sufficient to handle oil.

Councillor Larone asked if there are costs to run the emergency exercise. Mr. Osipenko said the costs are small as no supplies or overtime are needed.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Eady declared the Meeting to be adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CAO/Clerk