

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Special Council Meeting

July 23, 2014

There was a Special Meeting of Council held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday July 23, 2014. Present was Mayor Don Eady and Councillors Robert Kingsbury, Glen Campbell, Jamey Larone and Margaret Whyte. Staff present was Jennifer M. Barr, Treasurer/Tax Collector and Janet Collins, Public Works Manager.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eady called the Meeting to Order at 3:20 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. APPOINT ACTING CLERK FOR MEETING

Moved by Glen Campbell
Seconded by Jamey Larone

Resolution No. 2014-237

THAT in the absence of the CAO/Clerk, Council appoints Jennifer M. Barr, Treasurer as the Acting Clerk for the purpose of being the recording secretary for the Special Council meeting held July 23, 2014 in the Municipal Council Chambers.

Carried

4. RECREATION COMMITTEE

Moved by Robert Kingsbury
Seconded by Glen Campbell

Resolution No. 2014-238

THAT the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held July 16, 2014 be approved.

Discussion

Councillor Larone inquired about the day noted in the minutes as well as the value of the replacement costs for the two furnaces, was the \$10,000 for each or in total. Councillor Kingsbury noted in total. Minutes were amended accordingly.

Councillor Kingsbury noted that the Treasurer will report on HST implications for catering services at the next Recreation meeting. Also, the Treasurer will update her records regarding Recreation Reserve balances.

Carried

Moved by Robert Kingsbury
Seconded by Glen Campbell

Resolution No. 2014-239

THAT Horton Township Council authorizes the Administrative Assistant to submit an application under the Enabling Accessibility Fund Program (EAF), to fund a stair lift for the stage at the Horton Community Centre, by the August 01, 2014 submission deadline.

FURTHER THAT, the Township's share of \$9,000 for project costs be funded from the Accessibility Fund - \$5,000 and the Hall Expansion Fund - \$4,000.00. These monies will satisfy the eligibility requirement under the Enabling Accessibility Fund Program that 35 percent of project funding (in-kind and monetary) be provided from non-Federal government sources.

Carried

5. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
(Action from July 23, 2014 Committee Meeting)

Moved by Glen Campbell
Seconded by Jamey Larone

Resolution No. 2014-240

THAT Council on recommendation of the Public Works Committee adopts a policy eliminating Private Road grading, commencing July 23, 2014, free or otherwise, due to liability, staffing, equipment and road condition concerns; and
THAT the policy be incorporated into the Township Corporate Policies.

Discussion

Councillor Larone likes the idea of a subcommittee of the Public Works Committee being set up to further research private road grading and bring recommendations back in the future.

Carried on Division

Opposed Councillor Whyte

Moved by Glen Campbell
Seconded by Robert Kingsbury

Resolution No. 2014-241

THAT the Council of the Township of Horton accept the Business Plan for the improvements to the CN Trail, and agrees to commence the program with the application of donated stone dust.
Work is to commence in early August 2014 and will proceed until the commitments on hand, totalling \$6,500 has been used.
In addition, further work can proceed once additional funding commitments have been received.
Finally, Council agrees that they will carry the funding commitments if the commitments are over several years until the commitments have been received.

Discussion

Councillor Larone inquired about the Recreation Committee use of the trail. Councillor Kingsbury stated that this item has not been discussed at the committee but will be added to the next agenda. Mayor Eady noted that Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of the trail and once complete the trail will be open for all in the community to use. Rules and policy will need to be put in place. Mayor Eady thanked Councillor Campbell and staff for the work put into the business plan.

Carried

Moved by Glen Campbell
Seconded by Jamey Larone

Resolution No. 2014-242

THAT the Public Works Manager be authorized to offer and expend up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 to Ray Bird, 126 Willis Way, for damage sustained to his interlock and asphalt driveway during a private road grading by the Township of Horton.

Discussion

Councillor Whyte noted that this is not an admission of wrong doing on the part of the Township. Councillor Larone agreed that pictures do not always tell the whole story. Mayor Eady noted that this is another example of the grader being too large for many of the private roads.

Carried

Councillor Kingsbury left the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Moved by Glen Campbell
Seconded by Jamey Larone

Resolution No. 2014-243

THAT Council direct staff to obtain a legal opinion prior to making decision or entering into an agreement that could hold the Township either financially or legally liable; and

THAT the cost be funded from the 2014 operating budget for Humphries Road of \$6,000.00.

Discussion

Councillor Larone inquired as to the list of questions for the solicitor. Janet Collins will prepare documentation for the solicitor. He also noted that a policy and procedure need to be developed for this type of matter for the future.

Carried

Moved by Margaret Whyte
Seconded by Jamey Larone

Resolution No. 2014-244

THAT the amount of \$2,297.15, being a one-time distribution of unused federal Gas Tax administration funds, be placed in the Gas Tax Reserve until otherwise directed.

Carried

Moved by Glen Campbell
Seconded by Margaret Whyte

Resolution No. 2014-245

THAT Council approve utilization of \$11,857.41 from the Roads Equipment Reserve to finance the balance of the brushcutter to be purchased from Nortrax Canada Inc. at the tendered amount of \$55,364.35 including H.S.T. (net \$49,857.41).

Carried

6. INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Moved by Jamey Larone
Seconded by Glen Campbell

Resolution No. 2014-246

THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting held July 16, 2014 be approved.

Carried

Moved by Jamey Larone
Seconded by Glen Campbell

Resolution No. 2014-247

That Council award Tender GEN GOV'T 2014-02 – Municipal Office Roof to Garnet Headrick Building and Renovations Ltd. in the amount of \$15,783.84. Funds to come from any General Government surplus that may exist at the end of the 2014 budget year. If there is not sufficient surplus, Working Funds Reserves are to be drawn down to cover shortfall.

Discussion

Councillor Larone note that he is satisfied with Mr. Headrick's tender value but is concerned about the time deadline. All present were in agreement to give Mr. Headrick additional time to complete the project given there was a two week delay in awarding the tender. Councillor Larone will contact Mr. Headrick and advise him to proceed.

Carried

7. CONFIRMING BY-LAW 2014-42

Moved by Glen Campbell

Resolution No. 2014-248

Seconded by Jamey Larone

That Council enacts and passes the following by-law:

- By-law No. 2014-42 – Confirming By-law.

Carried

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jamey Larone

Resolution No. 2014-249

Seconded by Margaret Whyte

That Council adjourns this Special Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

TREASURER (Acting Clerk)