

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 01, 2015

There was a Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday September 1st, 2015. Present were Mayor Robert Kingsbury, Deputy Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Councillor Glen Campbell, Councillor Dave Bennett and Councillor Jamey Larone. Staff present was CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren, Treasurer Jennifer Barr, Public Works Manager Janet Collins and Christina Mulcahey Administrative/Planning Assistant.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kingsbury called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. REQUEST TO TURN OFF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Mayor Kingsbury asked Council, Staff and the Public to turn off all electronic devices.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. MINUTES

Council reviewed the following meeting minutes:

- Regular Council Meeting- July 7th 2015
- Special Council Meeting – August 11th 2015
- Special Council Meeting – August 20th 2015

Moved by Councillor Dave Bennett

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-231

Seconded by Councillor Larone

THAT Council approves the following Council Meeting minutes:

- Regular Council Meeting- July 7th 2015
- Special Council Meeting – August 11th 2015
- Special Council Meeting – August 20th 2015

Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was none.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4:20 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2015 Public as Works Committee Meeting

Chair Bennett reviewed the minutes of the July 14th Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Dave Bennett

RESOLUTION NO.2015-232

Seconded by Councillor Jamey Larone

THAT Council accepts the Public Works Meeting minutes of:

- Public Works Committee meetings – July 14th 2015.
- Public Works/Planning Committee meeting – July 14th 2015

Carried.

Private Road Grading

New Committee has been formed and will meet before the end of September. As per the current request from Mr. Deeluw, the Public Works Manager will send a letter stating that the policy now is that the Township will not be doing any private road grading.

OCIF Funding Intake 2 EOI Report

Mrs. Collins gave a verbal report. She noted the application is due September 11th 2015. There has been some discussion on which road to apply for. Council has two options. They are to apply to reconstruct Thomson Road or Lime Kiln Road. If approved Maximum 90% funding or 2 million dollars.

Mayor Kingsbury said either project would be a good one. Thomson Road is consistency and if we were to get this project, more residents in the township use this road. Mayor Kingsbury said his concern is that we would be changing our priority.

Councillor Bennett said he supports Lime Kiln Road. He believes that Thomson Road can be handled in house. He thinks that if we do it right, Thomson Road would not cost a huge amount of funding. He does see the need for engineering for Lime Kiln Road as far as moving the water away from our road. We have tried Thomson road a few times and it does not meet requirements. We would have joint support with Lime Kiln Road. He does agree that more traffic is on Thomson road however it costs more for Lime Kiln Road upkeep.

Deputy Mayor Johnston agrees that the Lime Kiln Road would have joint support from Greater Madawaska, Town of Renfrew, and County of Renfrew. If we had those support letters on board we would have a better chance of approval. He would support applying for the Lime Kiln Road.

Councillor Larone asked for a few highlights on the Lime Kiln Road and what would be done. Mrs. Collins said we would look at replacing cross culverts, 70% of roadway a grade raise, spot improvements. She reviewed the draft application.

Councillor Bennett said the Lime Kiln Road does service our industry.

Councillor Campbell asked if we had any estimated costs for repair in-house for Thomson Road. Councillor Bennett said roughly \$80,000 to repair the large culverts including the one at Keith Road. Councillor Campbell said looking at our Asset Management Plan, Thomson Road was identified as our worst road.

There was more discussion between Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved by Councillor Glen Campbell

Seconded by Councillor Jamey Larone

REGARDING the Ontario community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Application Based Component Expression of Interest (EOI) the Township of Horton does hereby declare and certify:

THAT the information in the Expression of Interest is factually accurate;

FURTHER THAT the Township of Horton has a comprehensive asset management plan that includes all of the information and analysis described in *Building Together: Guide for Municipal Asset Management Plans* in place or will have in place by December 2014;

FURTHER THAT the comprehensive asset management plan will be publicly available, including online on the Township's website by December 21, 2015; and

FURTHER THAT the Thomson Road project put forward in this application be completed by December 31, 2017.

Opposed: Deputy Mayor Johnston, Councillor Bennett and Councillor Bennett
Motion Lost

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Seconded by Councillor Dave Bennett

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FURTHER THAT the **Lime Kiln Road** project put forward in this application be completed by December 31, 2017.

Opposed: Mayor Kingsbury and Councillor Glen Campbell
Carried on Division.

Janet Collins asked for support from Council to request support letters from the three surrounding municipalities. Council agreed.

5:15 WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes from July 16, 2015 Waste Management Committee Meeting
Chair Campbell reviewed the minutes of the July 16th 2015 Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Glen Campbell
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Johnston

RESOLUTION NO.2015-234

THAT Council accepts the Waste Management Committee minutes of:

- WMC meeting –July 16th 2015. **Carried.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

There were none.

Garbage Bin at River Road @ Storyland Road

Councillor Larone said as he is working in the area he has noticed a lot more traffic at this garbage bin with items being left there as a landfill site such as microwaves etc. The intent is not what it once was for travellers to go and enjoy the lookout sight and use the bear wise container for their garbage. However, he believes this bin should be removed and a sign erected saying no dumping and fines could be put in place. Councillor Bennett said he suggests it goes to the Committee for a recommendation. Councillor Campbell said maybe we could contact the public member of the waste management committee. Councillor Campbell said it will get busier as the fall colours come out etc. He agrees to remove the bin. There are certainly non Horton residents using this bin.

Moved by Councillor Jamey Larone
Seconded by Councillor Dave Bennett

RESOLUTION NO.2015-235

THAT Council directs staff to remove the bear wise container located near Storyland Road and River Road subject to review by the Waste Management committee members.

Carried.

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5:25 FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Jennifer Barr, Treasurer, reviewed a report that she had prepared on decisions of council that may affect 2015 budgets. She noted that there were some decisions made without sufficient financial information.

FINANCE REPORT – July & August 2015

Jennifer Barr, Treasurer, reviewed the Finance Report for July and August 2015.

Moved by Councillor Glen Campbell

RESOLUTION NO.2015-236

Seconded by Councillor Dave Bennett

THAT Council accepts the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures.

Carried.

5:35 FIRE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the July 16, 2015 Fire Committee Meeting

Chair Campbell reviewed the minutes of the July 16, 2015 Committee Meeting. He noted that a sub-committee will be formed and meet regarding the Open Air Fire Burning bylaw and make a recommendation to Council.

Moved by Councillor Glen Campbell

RESOLUTION NO.2015-237

Seconded by Councillor Dave Bennett

THAT Council approves the minutes of the July 16, 2015 Fire Committee meeting.

Carried.

Fire Chief Corbin was present this evening to discuss the fire invoice sent to a resident that had a fire on Storyland Road. Fire Chief Corbin found out that the fire did not leave the property. He is still looking at some recovery costs and a fine of \$1000. They have lost 4 pair of coveralls that were only a week old. He said the biggest thing with this fire was that it was not looked after. The wind was the highest that day in the month of April. The call came in and 11 minutes after they were on scene and the bush was fully engulfed.

The Firefighters attended a fire on Thomson Road that did leave the property. They Fought the fire with 22 firefighters. It did destroy two buildings. The fire being lit was not the fire he had the permit to burn. If there was proper care this fire should not have gotten out of control.

Mayor Kingsbury asked if Council has authority to override the invoice sent out by the Fire Chief. CAO/Clerk said no, we set the bylaw but cannot override the Fire Chief.

6:00 pm - Council recessed for Supper and returned at 6:30 pm. All members present.

6:30 Delegation – Newberrys

CAO/Clerk gave a verbal report. A resolution was put forward a year ago to transfer the property however, never carried out. A bylaw is required in completing the transfer.

6:35 Delegation – Peter Prince

Mr. Prince was present this evening and is asking for the invoice that he received in regards to a fire, to be cancelled as he doesn't really understand why he is getting the bill in the first place. He said the fire did not leave his property. He assumes the fire took off from an earlier fire that he had that he covered up.

Mayor Kingsbury said the Fire Chief was present earlier tonight to discuss the invoice. He has a different take on the Fire. He does realize that the fire did not leave the

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property. Mayor Kingsbury said the bylaw states that the Fire Chief can issue fines under the open air bylaw and council cannot override his decision. Mayor Kingsbury informed Mr. Prince that his understanding he will be issued a new invoice for a \$1000 fine because of the severity of the Fire. Plus cost recovery for some of the coveralls, hoses etc.

Mr. Prince said he feels this is a personal issue as the township has never issued fines before and now all of sudden there are fines being laid. Mayor Kingsbury said it is up to the Fire Chief and at his discretion to lay the fine. Mr. Prince said it could have been a cigarette butt that started the fire.

Mayor Kingsbury said we have dealt with this to the best our ability and we do not have authority over the Fire Chief to void the invoice.

7:00 pm – Hans Van Den Hurk – Towing

The reason he was present tonight, he stated that the local OPP are not very nice to him. While in the Towing business he has never been spoke to like that before. He called the Officer's superior and it was told that they "know about him" what does that mean. He is a tax payer of Horton Township. He said he is responsible for who he pulls out of the ditch so he would be careful of who he pulls out. He's trying to make a living and the OPP is calling tow trucks from further away. He would expect the council to help him out. Mayor Kingsbury said perhaps Councillor Larone should take this to the next CPAC committee meeting and get back to Mr. Van Den Hurk.

6:45 RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair Johnston gave a verbal update on the new office at the Community center. It will be ready by the 14th of September.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There were none at this time.

Christmas Dinner – Date to decide

Council discussed the date for the Christmas dinner. December 4th 2015 was decided.

Terry Fox Run

Council reviewed the report prepared by the Recreation Program Manager.

Moved by Bob Johnston

RESOLUTION NO.2015-238

Seconded by Glen Campbell

THAT Council on recommendation from the Recreation Committee authorize use of the CN Trail from Lime Kiln Road to Barnet Blvd in Renfrew on September 20th 2015 for the Terry Fox Run. **Carried.**

Flooring Quotes for Community Center

Council reviewed the report. Councillor Bennett said the he already purchased ceramic tile material for the floor and could have it installed at minimal costs, therefore in the range of \$450 and would be within budget. Council agreed.

7:15 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning Committee Minutes of July and August 2015

Chair Larone reviewed the minutes of the following meeting minutes:

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Moved by Councillor Jamey Larone
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Johnston

RESOLUTION NO.2015-239

THAT Council accepts the minutes of the following meeting minutes:

- Regular Planning Committee- July 14th 2015
- Special Planning Meeting – July 21st 2015 (Saturn Power)
- Special Planning Meeting – July 27th 2015 (Saturn Power)
- Special Planning Meeting – July 30th 2015 (Saturn Power)
- Special Planning Meeting – August 11th 2015

Carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There were none.

Soventix – Council Support Resolution Small FIT Solar

Mayor Kingsbury suggested sending this to the Planning Committee for review.
Council members agreed.

5:15 HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Johnston reviewed the minutes of the July 27th Committee meeting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnston
Seconded by Councillor Glen Campbell

RESOLUTION NO.2015-240

THAT Council receives the Human Resource Committee meeting minutes of July 27th 2015.

Carried.

HOME SUPPORT

Councillor Bennett gave a verbal report for April 2015 Meeting and reviewed the documents.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnston
Seconded by Councillor Glen Campbell

RESOLUTION NO.2015-241

THAT Council receives the Renfrew and Senior's Home Support report for July and August 2015.

Carried.

COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)

Councillor Larone reviewed the minutes of the August 17th 2015.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnston
Seconded by Councillor Glen Campbell

RESOLUTION NO.2015-242

THAT Council receives the CPAC minutes of August 17th 2015.

Carried.

BUILDING REPORT – JULY & AUGUST 2015

Council reviewed the Building Report for JULY & AUGUST 2015.

Moved by Councillor Dave Bennett
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Johnston

RESOLUTION NO.2015-243

That Council accepts the July and August 2015 Building Report.

Carried.

EMERGENCY PLAN PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

There was no information to review.

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LIME STABILIZATION COMMITTEE

There was no information to review.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren reviewed his conference Report for a meeting he attended with Mayor Kingsbury and Councillor Bennett on Community Infrastructure grants.

Moved by Councillor Glen Campbell

RESOLUTION NO.2015-244

Seconded by Councillor Dave Bennett

That Council receive the Conference Report from CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren.

Carried.

7. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE – September 01, 2015

Council reviewed the information correspondence.

Moved by Councillor Dave Bennett

RESOLUTION NO.2015-245

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Johnston.

That Council accepts the September 01, 2015 Information Correspondence.

Carried.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE – September 01, 2015

A. HALDIMAND COUNTY – VACANCY REBATE PROGRAM

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnston.

RESOLUTION NO.2015-246

Seconded by Councillor Glen Campbell

THAT the Council of the Township of Horton support the following resolution from Haldimand County Council;

WHEREAS a Vacancy Rebate Program, as defined under Section 364 of the Municipal Act and Ontario Regulation 325/01, allows for property tax relief to be granted to eligible business properties when vacant for a minimum of 90 days;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Horton does not believe that the Provincial legislation intended that local taxpayers bear the cost of a business/collective bargaining strategy when such “vacancy” is caused by a labour disruption, such as an employee lockout/strike;

AND WHEREAS a recent interim decision by the Assessment Review Board to allow for a vacancy tax rebate under these circumstances is precedent setting, unless overturned on appeal;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Finance and Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to review this legislation from a public policy perspective, to ensure that businesses are not eligible for a reduced property tax burden if the claimed “vacancy” is a result of a labour disruption.

Carried.

B. CITY OF HAMILTON – COMMUNITY MAILBOXES

Mayor Kingsbury suggested sending this to the Finance Committee. Council agreed.

C. RANDY PETTAPIECE, MPP PERTH-WELLINGTON – RESOLUTION FOR FAIRNESS IN PROVINCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS

Moved by Councillor Jamey Larone
Seconded by Councillor Glen Campbell

RESOLUTION NO.2015-247

THAT, in the opinion of the Council of the Township of Horton, the government should guarantee that government-held riding and opposition-held ridings be given equal and transparent consideration on infrastructure funding, and that when funding decisions are made, should guarantee that all MPP's , whether in government or opposition, be given fair and equal advance notice of the official announcement.

Carried.

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

- Council agreed to have an Education Meeting on October 23rd 2015 at 1:00 p.m.
- Councillor Glen Campbell spoke about the Wild Parsnip in Renfrew County.

9. BYLAWS

- 2015-38- Transfer to Newberry

Moved by Councillor Glen Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Dave Bennett

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-248

THAT Council enacts and passes the following By-laws:

- 2015-38- Transfer to Newberry

Carried.

10. NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

No motions were filed.

12. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

There were none.

13. CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting at this time.

14. CONFIRMING BYLAW

Moved by Councillor Jamey Larone
Seconded by Councillor Dave Bennett

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-249

THAT Council enacts By-law 2015-39, a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Township of Horton at the Regular Council meeting held on September 01, 2015.

Carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kingsbury declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK