

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Regular Council Meeting

JULY 18TH, 2017

There was a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday July 18th, 2017. Present was Deputy Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Councillor Dave Bennett, Councillor Glen Campbell and Councillor Jamey Larone. Staff present was Suzanne Klatt, CAO/Clerk, Jennifer Barr, Treasurer, Charles McDonald, Public Works Manager and Hope Dillabough, Deputy Clerk- Recording Secretary.

Regrets: Mayor Kingsbury

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Johnston called the Meeting to Order at 4:00 pm.

2. Deputy Mayor Johnston asked the Members, Staff and public to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Resolution No. 2017-258

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT Council approves the following Meeting Minutes:

- June 20th, 2017

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Councillor Campbell questioned the status of the system purchased for deterring birds at the Outdoor Rink. Councillor Bennett said he is manufacturing brackets for the device so it can be mounted properly and it will be erected prior to the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ.

6. GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Larone, Chair of the General Government Committee presented the following items for consideration and recommendation.

Susan Humphries, Public Advisory Member was absent.

6.1 Business Arising - None

6.2 Finance & Administration

6.2.1 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Treasurer Barr reviewed the report and stated there is roughly 48% of the budget remaining. There was nothing new to disclose to the Committee.

6.2.2 Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Treasurer Barr reviewed the report and took questions from members of Council. She did highlight that there will be a reflection of a cash flow change due to the tax due date amendment; however, there will be no real impact to the municipality.

6.2.3 AMCTO – Volunteer Advisory Group

CAO/Clerk Suzanne Klatt reviewed her report.

6.2.4 OMAFRA – Deadstock Removal

CAO/Clerk Klatt reviewed her report. She wanted Committee to consider the financial end of it in terms of the time the Livestock Valuers spent helping throughout this issue as it was not their job but they were involved nonetheless. The Treasurer recommended using the daily public per diem that is used for Public Advisory Members and in the future, adding the Valuers to that list. The CAO/Clerk also reviewed the role and position of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs as well as the Ministry of Natural Resources in such occurrences. Chair Larone suggested that Mayor Kingsbury voice the municipality's concern at the upcoming AMO Conference.

6.2.5 Community Event – Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

CAO/Clerk Klatt reviewed her report. There was no budget set and staff was hopeful that the sale of alcohol and donations will offset the cost of the Community Event. Councillor Bennett felt there should be a budget set of at least \$2500.00-\$3000.00. The Treasurer recommended it come out of the General Government Operating Budget. She also stressed that any donations must be paid through the municipal office so there can be a charitable receipt issued for tax purposes.

6.3 Health and Safety

6.3.1 Inspection Report- Public Works Garage and Municipal Office

The Inspection Reports were reviewed by Council.

6.4 Human Resources - None

6.5 New Business - None

6.6 Outstanding Business

6.6.1 TOPPS – Flood Update – Landfill Site Waste Diversion

CAO/Clerk Klatt reviewed her report. She also reviewed with the Committee that there was some question regarding the sufficient space at the landfill site to keep the waste rather than haul it away. Chair Larone stated that, although there may be sufficient space, there's a lot of flood debris that came into the landfill that is not waste from the municipality, as it has floated downstream. He felt it's not the Township's responsibility to deal with the extra waste and the landfill site needs to be maintained accordingly. There was consensus to have the flood debris waste shipped away for the cost estimate provided by TOPPS, regardless if it's covered, or not, by Ministry funding.

6.7 Questions on Reports and Recommendations – Deputy Mayor Johnston

There were no additional questions on the reports.

Moved by Councillor Larone

Resolution No. 2017- 259

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT Council receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures dated July 18th, 2017.

AND THAT Council receive the Consolidated Financial for period ending July 31st, 2017.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Larone

Resolution No. 2017-260

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

THAT Council approves the request from the CAO/Clerk to accept the AMCTO appointment to the CMO/AMP Advisory Group for a 2 year term.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Campbell

Resolution No. 2017-261

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

THAT Council accept the OMAFRA Deadstock Removal Report as information.

AND THAT Council approve the public per diem rate compensation for the livestock valuers and approve invoices submitted by Don Miller and Sanimax;

AND THAT Council approve the funds be taken from the Livestock Account.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Larone

Resolution No. 2017-262

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT Council designate the Flood Volunteer Appreciation BBQ and Dance being held August 19th, 2017 from 4 p.m. – 1 a.m. at the Horton Community Centre Outdoor Covered Rink as a Community Event.

AND THAT a budget of \$3,000.00 be established and come from the General Government Operating Budget.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Larone

Resolution No. 2017-263

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

THAT Council receive the Health and Safety Inspection Checklists completed for the Public Works Garage and Municipal Office.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Campbell

Resolution No. 2017-264

Seconded by Councillor Larone

THAT Council accepts the Flood Update – Landfill Site Waste Diversion Report as information;

AND THAT Council approve the recommendation from the CAO/Clerk to divert all flood refuse/debris to Lafleche;

AND THAT the diversion/trucking costs be charged to Emergency Management and the Environmental 2017 Operating Budget;

AND FURTHER THAT the diversion costs form part of the submission to the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program.

Carried

7. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY COMMITTEES AND COUNTY COUNCIL

7.1 Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support

Councillor Bennett briefly reviewed.

7.2 Community Policing Advisory Committee

CAO/Clerk Klatt reviewed her report. There was consensus to wait until OPP Inspector Colin Slight comes back with an estimate to fix the speed sign.

7.3 Health Services Village

No update.

7.4 Chamber of Commerce

No update.

7.5 County Council

No update.

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Resolution No. 2017-265

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT Council receive the Reports from Community Committees and County Council.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Larone
Seconded by Councillor Bennett

Resolution No. 2017-266

THAT Council receive the CPAC Committee Report as information.

Carried

8. CONFERENCE REPORTS - None

9. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINUTES/BUSINESS

9.1 Economic Development Ad-Hoc Committee

No update.

9.2 Recreation Association Ad-Hoc Committee

No update.

9.3 Official Plan Review Ad Hoc Committee

Chair Larone thanked Deputy Mayor Johnston for going over the mapping to determine the acreage and the additional time he's put in. The draft mapping was also reviewed and there was consensus to choose the final draft of Map #2 which shows the most agricultural properties to be removed.

9.4 Ad Hoc Budget Committee

No update.

9.5 Transportation and Environmental Services Ad Hoc Committee

No update.

9.6 Ad Hoc Fire Committee

No update.

9.7 Ad Hoc Human Resources Committee

Chair Larone reviewed the Minutes.

9.8 Recommendations from Ad-Hoc Committees – Deputy Mayor Johnston

Moved by Councillor Larone

Resolution No. 2017-267

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

WHEREAS Section 26(1) of the Planning Act states that if “an official plan is in effect in a municipality, the Council of the municipality has adopted the official plan shall, not less frequently than every five years, hold a special meeting of Council, open to the public, to determine the need for a revision of the official plan and in determining the need for a revision, Council shall have regard to policy statements issued under subsection 3(1). 1996, c.4, s.16(1)”.

AND WHEREAS as part of the Official Plan review, the County of Renfrew circulated their draft report including area maps of proposed changes from rural designation to agriculture designation which showed that Horton Township is one of the few municipalities that are greatly affected by the change in policies required by the Provincial Policy Statement;

AND WHEREAS in 1989, former Reeve and former Warden of the County of Renfrew, Milt Stevenson, was successful in proving the limited areas of PRIME Agricultural land in Horton, supported in an excerpt from the Background Study for the Official Plan Review for Horton Township prepared by the County of Renfrew. Council gained the support of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the “Agricultural” designation was changed to “Rural” however this most recent Official Plan Review ignores those findings and is once again changing Rural to Agriculture. With this change and also with the proposed restrictive policies of “Significant Valleylands” and “Significant Woodlands”, development in Horton will be severely and detrimentally restricted.

AND WHEREAS Horton Township ratepayers voiced their discontentment at public meetings and have become knowledgeable in the effect these policies would have on

future development of their properties and are asking Council to lobby the County of Renfrew and OMAFRA on their behalf to demonstrate that Horton Township is unlike the surrounding municipalities of Admaston/Bromley, McNab/Braeside and Whitewater Region which have all very large areas of higher capability soils for agriculture which are continuous and uninterrupted.

AND WHEREAS lands located within the proposed Rural Agriculture designation in Horton are fragmented by areas of poorer soils for agriculture, steep slopes, water courses, rock outcrops, road and pipelines and because the 1989 study proved that higher capability soils for agriculture in Horton which are continuous and uninterrupted are limited to isolated pockets which form a part of larger areas of poorer soils for Agriculture.

AND WHEREAS the ARDA Report No. 8 stated that 'Class 1,2,3 and 4 soils are generally considered as the soils which should be outlined for the purpose of identifying agricultural resource lands. There are no soils in the Township identified in the Class 1 soil capability for agriculture. It further states that "Table 4.9 shows that approximately 15,872 acres (6,349 hectares) or 39.2% classified acreage are in Classes 5,6,7 and these soils have severe limitations of no capability for agricultural crop production.

AND WHEREAS comparisons of data show that in 1989 – 217 properties were assessed as farm and in 2016 – 183 properties were assessed as farm and of those assessed a total of 6,536 acres have been removed by owners from farm use which represents a 29% reduction in assessed farms, or more than 1% per year average reduction in assessed acreage indirectly representing the actual number of acres in some sort of production.

AND WHEREAS Horton Council and staff and representatives from the County of Renfrew met with OMAFRA representative John O'Neill to tour the area;

AND WHEREAS it was stated by John O'Neill that the prime agricultural areas were not prepared by OMAFRA and do not represent the Provincial position about what areas reflect prime agricultural areas as per the Provincial Policy Statement and that the mapping prepared by the County was based on pre-consultation comments provided to the County to assist with the development of the Official Plan and comments were for consideration and not a requirement to be a part of the Agricultural designation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT following Public Meetings led by the County of Renfrew, municipal council discussions, written comments from the public, meeting with the OMAFRA representative, that the Council for the Township of Horton cannot support the Official Plan Amendment as presented with the proposed Agricultural land designation for Horton Township.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Horton Council recognizes the necessity to approve the County's Official Plan therefore the Council for the Township of Horton respectfully requests that the County of Renfrew note our objection with this resolution and the amended map of what Horton Council recognizes as prime agricultural land. This is based on the local historical knowledge this Council brings and past soil studies showing poorer soils, and reverently request that County Council modify their proposed agricultural designation area and support their previous report which is contradictory with the proposed areas the County of Renfrew had identified as proposed Agricultural Designation and ask that they remain as Rural designation as per the 1989 ARDA Report No. 8 for the exception of selected lands identified on the attached map.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, MPP John Yakabuski, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, the County of Renfrew, and all municipalities under the jurisdiction of the County of Renfrew's Official Plan

Carried

Moved by Councillor Larone

Resolution No. 2017-268

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT Council approve the following Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes:

- Ad Hoc Human Resources
 - June 21st, 2017
 - June 26th, 2017

Carried

10. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY

10.1 Information Correspondence Summary

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence Summary:

10.1.1 CAO/Clerk Information Memo

Council briefly reviewed the information.

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Resolution No. 2017-269

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT Council accept the Information Correspondence list as per the CAO/Clerk's Information Memo for July 18th, 2017.

Carried

10.2 Action Correspondence

10.2.1 County of Renfrew – EORN – Cell Gap Project

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Resolution No. 2017-270

Seconded by Councillor Larone

WHEREAS the revitalization of the economy of Eastern Ontario continues to be the primary objective of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC);

AND WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Inc. in its *Economic Development Strategy for Eastern Ontario* has identified the necessity of improving mobile broadband and cellular networks as critical to propelling innovation and economic growth in all sectors of the regional economy including manufacturing, agriculture, and transportation services;

AND WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) have undertaken a detailed and comprehensive engineering analysis of the gaps in cellular coverage and capacity across the region;

AND WHEREAS that analysis demonstrates the existence of significant gaps in both coverage and capacity that is impacting public safety, economic growth and the quality of life for residents;

AND WHEREAS EORN, on behalf of the EOWC, has prepared a full business case to support improvement and expansion of cellular networks and mobile broadband services across Eastern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS establishing a Public Safety Broadcast Network (PSBN) for First Responders is a national imperative;

AND WHEREAS EORN is proposing the development of a Public Safety Broadcast Network pilot project covering Eastern Ontario to support a national network;

AND WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus has proven itself capable of designing, building and delivering a major telecommunications project on behalf of the businesses and citizens of Eastern Ontario, Ontario and Canada;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Horton hereby strongly supports submission of The Eastern Ontario Cellular Mobile Broadband Project as the region's highest economic development priority;

AND FURTHER THAT the Township of Horton Council requests that both MP Cheryl Gallant and MPP John Yakabuski work closely with the EOWC and EORN on this essential infrastructure project.

Carried

10.2.2 County of Renfrew – Ontario Cycling Program Funding

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Resolution No. 2017-271

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT Council of the Township of Horton direct staff to apply to the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program with, through a partnership with the County of Renfrew, as there is potential funding to be allocated to the Algonquin Trail.

Carried

10.2.3 Request – Boat Launch Passes

Moved by Councillor Bennett
Seconded by Councillor Campbell

Resolution No. 2017-272

THAT Council agree to give five (5) free day Boat Launch Passes to David Brown to be used on Saturday, July 19th, 2017 for the Bonnechere River Watershed Project Paddler's Group.

Carried

SUPPER BREAK – 5:30 P.M.

RECONVENED – 6:00 P.M.

11. DELEGATIONS and/or PUBLIC MEETINGS

There was a Public Meeting held at 6:00 p.m. for a Zoning By-Law Amendment.

12. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Public Advisory Members present were John Wilson, Bob Lockwood and David Brown.

Regrets: Mae Craig

Councillor Campbell, Chair of the Planning Committee presented the following items for consideration and recommendation.

12.1 Staff Reports

12.1.1 Consent Application B28/17(1) – B31/17(4) – Brian Thompson

Chair Campbell reviewed the file.

12.2 New Business - None

12.3 Outstanding Business - None

12.4 Correspondence - None

12.5 Building Report

The Committee reviewed the Building Permit Report for June 2017.

12.6 Questions on Reports and Recommendations – Deputy Mayor Johnston

There were no additional questions on any of the items.

Moved by Councillor Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Bennett

Resolution No. 2017-273

THAT Planning Committee and Council approve Consent Application B28/17(1) – B31/17(4) – Brian Thompson, upon the following conditions being met:

- A Registered Plan of Survey;
- A Consent Agreement be entered into with the Township, under Sections 51(26) and 53(12) of the *Planning Act*;
- The Applicant pay a lot development fee of \$3,777.00 to the Township of Horton per lot created;
- The two barns located on the two proposed lots must be removed;
- A Zoning By-Law Amendment to rezone the retained lands from Rural (RU) to Rural – Exception (RU-E) to permit the existing triplex and rezone the severed lands to accurately show the Environmental Protection (EP) Zone;
- Upon recommendation from the Applicant's Consultant, the utility lines be raised in order to provide clearance for a driveway on the proposed lot.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Larone
Seconded by Councillor Bennett

Resolution No. 2017-274

THAT Council accept the June 2017 Building Report.

Carried

13. OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ISSUES

13.1 Backhoe/Loader - Tender

CAO/Clerk Klatt reviewed her report. She confirmed that all requested information, as it pertained to parts, repairs and warranty, had been obtained by staff that had been asked of them at the previous Council meeting. The Public Works Superintendent test drove a CASE model for comparison; the Public Works Manager and the CAO/Clerk confirmed there is a warehouse for JCB in Grimsby and a "loaner" backhoe available under warranty; the Public Works Manager spoke with the Roads crew and there was discussion regarding which machine they felt more comfortable with; the CAO/Clerk confirmed that the \$3000.00 savings would be honoured until the end of July for the JCB model (lowest bid submission). There were concerns and questions about past issues with parts and repairs and concerns with the frequent change in dealers.

Moved by Councillor Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Larone

Resolution No. 2017-275

THAT Council award the 2017 Backhoe/Loader Tender PW-08-17 to Reis Equipment Centre for a 2017 JCB, Model 3CX-14 Super in the amount of \$132,967.10 including taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2001 JCB 215 Series be declared surplus and advertised for sale;

AND FURTHER THAT the financing for the 2017 JCB Model 3CX-14 Super and sale of the 2001 JCB 215 Series be financed to and from the Public Works Equipment Reserve.

Not Carried

13.2 2017 Storie Road Flood Rehabilitation

CAO/Clerk Klatt reviewed her report. Public Works Manager Charles McDonald and Public Works Superintendent Rod Eady met with the Contractor to discuss the scope of work. It was determined there was no need to remove the existing granular material; therefore the scoped down work was reflected in a decreased tender amount. Councillor Campbell asked if the Contractor was ok with this: CAO/Clerk Klatt said they were, however this was only done because they were the sole tenderer for this project and a new agreement reflecting the reduction of price was signed and submitted to the Township.

Moved by Councillor Bennett
Seconded by Councillor Larone

Resolution No. 2017-276

THAT Council rescind Resolution No.2017-242;

AND THAT Council award the 2017 Rehabilitation of Storie Road, flood damage tender PW-2017-11 to B.R. Fulton Construction Ltd. for \$29,400.00;

AND FURTHER THAT the cost is financed from the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program and the Public Works Infrastructure Reserve.

Carried

13.3 Ministry of Environment – Inspection Report

CAO/Clerk reviewed.

14. BY-LAWS

- 14.1 2017-45 – Zoning Amendment – Tom Orr
2017-46 – By-Law to Amend 2017 Tax Rate By-Law

Moved by Councillor Bennett
Seconded by Councillor Larone

Resolution No. 2017-277

THAT Council enact By-law 2017-45 – Zoning Amendment – Tom Orr.

Carried

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Moved by Councillor Larone

Resolution No. 2017-278

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

THAT Council enact By-law 2017-46 – By-Law to Establish 2017 Tax Rates.

Carried

15. **NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING** - None
16. **COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS**
17. **MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**
18. **IN CAMERA (CLOSED) SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Campbell

Resolution No. 2017-279

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

THAT Council went into a Closed Session Meeting at 6:45 p.m. pursuant to Section 239(2) (e) of the *Municipal Act*, Litigation or potential litigation – Farrell's Landing Property.

Carried

Council came out of closed at 6:56 p.m.

19. NEXT MEETING

The Next Council Meeting is Tuesday September 5th, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

20. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Campbell

Resolution No. 2017-280

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

THAT Council enact By-law 2017-47– Confirming By-law

Carried

21 ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Johnston declared the Meeting to be adjourned at 6:57 pm.

DEPUTY MAYOR Robert A. Johnston

CAO/Clerk Suzanne Klatt