

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Special Council Meeting  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

There was a Special Meeting of Council held in the Township Council Chambers on Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Subject to procedural by-law 2015-53 passed under section 238, as per Section 240(a) the head of Council may at any time call a special meeting. Purpose of the meeting is the Horton Recreation Association update. Present were Mayor Robert Kingsbury, Deputy Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Councillor Dave Bennett. Regrets Councillor Glen Campbell and Councillor Jamey Larone. Staff present was Treasurer Jennifer M. Barr, Recording Secretary.

Also present from the Recreation Committee and public were Ralph Miller, Gladys Miller, Barb Dickson, Valerie Miller and Sharon Bennett.

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kingsbury called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Kingsbury asked Council to consider appointing Mrs. Barr as the Recording Secretary for this meeting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnston

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-88**

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

**THAT** Council appoint Treasurer/Tax Collector Jennifer Barr as Clerk and Recording Secretary for the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Special Council Meeting.

**Carried**

## 2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

## 3. HORTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Mayor Kingsbury turned the Chair of the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Johnston as Chair of the Recreation Committee.

Deputy Mayor Johnston opened the floor for a general discussion regarding how the proposed Horton Festival would work within the proposed Horton Recreation Association structure.

Valerie Miller inquired as to why the Township would not provide seed money for a Festival like what has been provided in the past for construction of the recreation facilities we currently have. Mayor Kingsbury explained that Council must ensure that the taxpayers funds are used in an appropriate fashion. Council must always consider the risk, if any, when utilizing taxpayer's dollars. Valerie Miller was hoping a large festival would replace the multiple smaller fundraising activities currently operating under the Recreation Committee structure. This would simplify the workload for members.

Barb Dickson suggested that the planning for such a large festival should take place at least a year in advance and the opportunity for fundraising for seed money could take place during that year as well as advance ticket sales.

Ralph Miller noted that he was concerned that as Chair of Bar he was not consulted regarding a bar for the Festival.

Sharon Bennett inquired as to what happens if Council provides the seed money as requested of \$30,000 and the Festival committee goes over that amount. Councillor Bennett responded that it is a gamble Council must consider and that given this is a recreation event the recreation committee would end up with a deficit. Councillor Bennett noted that if the committee was under the proposed Horton Recreation Association the decision to provide seed funds would not be Council's but the Association's.

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It was the consensus of the Recreation Committee that the Festival Committee consider holding the event in the Township's recreation facilities and that any funds for electrical infrastructure be put into Township facilities. Also, that the Festival Committee consider holding a smaller event given the time line is too tight and that should the event be held at the Township facility, Willis Riopelle be approached regarding renting her property for rough camping.

Mrs. Barr reviewed the status of the current fundraising commitment for the Recreation Committee to be approximately \$61,588 by December 31, 2018 based on the 2018 budget. She also noted that part of the 2018 budget is a profit of \$3,000 for a Festival. If the Horton Festival did go forward there would have to be another event or several events to meet that budget target of \$3,000.

Mrs. Barr also noted that the planning for this Festival is part of the Chair of Fundraisings mandate which was approved by Council in the 2018 budget. Mrs. Hunt did request seed money to start fundraising for this event last fall but was denied and has had several planning meetings, she created Chair's overseeing specific activities along with duties which she has been almost completely filled and had several Festival committee meetings to which all of the Recreation Committee members were invited to and two members have participated in.

Councillor Bennett then continued the discussion with regards to the Horton Recreation Association and how to revive the committee. After a short discussion the Recreation Committee generally agreed that having control of their own operating budget and events is still worth considering and having new members would be a great asset. Valerie Miller is concerned that there is not enough interest out there and that a public meeting should be held to see if there is interest in pursuing the Association. Deputy Mayor Johnston concurred that a meeting should be held and that all Recreation Committee meetings should receive the draft constitution and facility agreement prior to scheduling this meeting. CAO/Clerk is to schedule this meeting.

**4. LOWERING OF FLAGS**

Mayor Kingsbury raised an additional item given the recent tragedy that happened in Humboldt Saskatchewan.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnston

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-89**

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

**THAT** Council directs the CAO/Clerk to have all flags lowered to half mast in memory of the tragic loss of the Humboldt Broncos Hockey Team members from Saskatchewan.

**Carried**

**5. CONFIRMING BYLAW**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnston

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-90**

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

**THAT** Council enacts By-law 2018-27, a by-law to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Township of Horton at the Regular Council meeting held on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Carried**

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kingsbury declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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MAYOR Robert Kingsbury

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CAO/CLERK Suzanne Klatt