

THE COPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 06, 2007

There was a Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday March 06, 2007. Present were Deputy Reeve Bob Hall, Councillors Dave Bennett, Don Eady and Bob Kingsbury. Reeve Robert Johnston was away on vacation.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Reeve Hall called the Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest in Item 8 – Accounts Payable.

By-law 2007-20 will be deferred until the next meeting when Reeve Johnston will be present. Councillor Kingsbury would like to look at the structure as well as the names.

3. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2007 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2007 CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2007 PUBLIC ZONING MEEING.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 07-095

That Council approves the following Council Meeting Minutes:

February 6, 2007 Regular Council Meeting

February 6, 2007 Closed Council Meeting

February 6, 2007 Zoning Public Meeting

Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Councillor Kingsbury asked about the Lime Stabilization Meeting referred to under Committee Reports, in the Council Minutes of February 6, 2007. Councillor Bennett reported that it went well, they will explore issues and keep moving ahead with Lime Stabilization.

5. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVE THE AGENDA

Councillor Kingsbury would like to discuss a personnel issue in Closed Meeting.

The CAO/Clerk would like to discuss the Summer Student Employment Program.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No.07-096

That Council agrees to add the following items to the Agenda and approve the Agenda for the March 6, 2007 Council Meeting:

- Closed Meeting – Personnel Issue
- Canada Student Summer Jobs Application

Carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4:10 **PUBLIC WORKS**

February 12, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Councillor Bennett reviewed the February 12 Committee Minutes. A Site Visit is planned in April to meet Bill Hobbs and Jack Steklenberg to inspect the drainage problems on their properties.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 07-097

That Council approved the February 06, 2007 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Recommendations

The Public Works Committee recommends to Council that David Radke be appointed to full time employment.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 07-098**

That Council on recommendation of the Public Works Committee agrees to appoint Dave Radke to fill the vacant backhoe/truck driver/labourer position at the Public Works Garage effective March 12, 2007. Wage shall continue to be Grid 5 "C" until the 2007 Cost of Living Grid increases are approved.

Carried.

Public Works Superintendent's Report February 2007

Hydro One has cut out a swath on Eady Road for a new power line. The Public Works Department have cut and collected the wood for the Garage furnace next year.

Deputy Reeve Hall asked how much sand and salt had been used this winter? The Public Works Superintendent reported that less than three-quarters had been used, there is a full trailer load of salt left.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 07-099**

That Council receive the February 2007 Public Works Superintendent's Report.

Carried.

OGRA/ROMA Convention Report

Councillor Bennett reported that it was a very good conference. Horton's Pilot Project was part of the Septage Presentation.

Minister John Tory outlined the money available from the Federal to Provincial Government to offset the imbalance, which should filter down from the Provincial to Municipal Governments.

Donna Cansfield, Minister of Transportation spoke of the Five Year Plan which focuses on North and South Western Ontario. The only mention of Eastern Ontario is an add-on lane to Highway 416 at Pladium Drive.

Leona Dombroski, Minister of Rural Affairs spoke about renewable energy.

Judy Dezell, Project Manager, Federal Gas Tax, in her presentation thanked the Municipalities for directing the money to where it is supposed to go.

Rod Bryden spoke about generating revenue from waste, they hope to have electric power to sell and will conduct the first trial in two to three weeks time.

Lafarge are turning tires into cement at the Bath Cement Plant. They will burn the tires to make cement powder and will need 1.2 million tires at start-up. They expect to realize a savings of 40%.

Septage – Dave Darch of Dillon Consulting, and Eileen Smith, Ontario Minister of Environment gave an update on Septage Management. Councillors talked to the Ministry of Environment about the Certificate of Approval for the tanks and the host farmer.

The Provincial Offences Act may be looked at again by the Public Service Accounts Board – January 2009.

Set up \$60K Reserve for 2006 Operations Budget

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 07-100**

That Council agrees to place \$60,000 unspent funds from the 2006 Public Works Department Budget into a Reserve Account for the "Move Ontario" Account to be used in 2007 to assist in funding the hard surface to Goshen Road which was the designated "Move Ontario" funding project.

Carried.

4:30 **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

February 12, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Councillor Eady, Chair of Waste Management reviewed the Minutes.

Rod Eady reported that he has not been to see the Hydro Stop Logs, but will have information for Committee Meeting on March 12, 2007.

Councillor Eady reported that the test results for the soil have been received from Water Earth Sciences, and they are difficult to understand. Councillor Bennett has asked a Township Resident, who works in this field, to explain the analysis.

Councillor Eady referred to item 7 in the February 22, 2007 Minutes – Earth Day. The CAO/Clerk reported that Renfrew has received funding for a morning event. There is a cost to getting rid of computers, which perhaps we should not accept at our Landfill Site.

Councillor Eady reviewed the Tipping Fee Comparisons.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No 07-101

That Council approve the February 12, 2007 and February 22, 2007 Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

2007 Bear Wise Program

The promised meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources to talk about the Program for 2007, did not happen. John Wilson, a member of the Waste Management Committee, suggested talking to Ministry people before completing the application, which the Committee agreed was a good idea.

4:48 **FINANCE**

February 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Deputy Reeve Hall, chair of Finance reviewed the Minutes. There will be a meeting on March 14, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. to continue Budget discussions.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Con Eady

Resolution No. 07-102

That Council approves the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2007.

Carried.

Renfrew Library Contract

This will be discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting on March 14.

February Tax Arrears Report

There was no discussion.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 07-103

The Council receive the February 28, 2007 Tax Arrears Report.

Carried.

2006 Development Charges Report

Councillor Bennett suggested reviewing the Lot Development Charges to bring them in line with other municipalities. Councillor Eady agreed that they should be reviewed. Councillor Kingsbury disagrees with Lot Development Charges. Councillor Bennett referred to the strip development that is taking place on Eady Road, most of the people are from other parts of the Province and demand better roads etc. The cycle of housing in Horton Township has changed.

Councillor Eady said the charges in McNab/Braeside Township are higher than Horton and there is lots of development there. Councillor Bennett suggested that a study be conducted, to change the rates, which will cost about \$6400 Councillor Kingsbury is against doing a study. It was agreed to bring the subject to the Planning Committee.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 07-104

That Council receive the December 31, 2006 Development Charges Reserve Fund Report.

Carried.

5:00 **RECREATION**

February 22, 2007 Committee Meeting Minutes

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation reviewed the Minutes. The Carnival and Fishing Derby held on March 3, 2007 was very successful. There was over 400 people ice fishing. The Fire Department organized food for the day. The OPP made rounds and had lunch at the Community Centre. Councillor Kingsbury thanked Marshalls who supplied a Jumping Castle for the children. He also suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Larry Rawn for games that he donated.

Councillor Kingsbury and the CAO/Clerk will discuss a job description for a Business Manager/Caretaker for the Community Centre before advertising for the position.

A meeting will be held in late March or early April to start planning for Canada Day.

A search continues for card tables – to find a good table at a reasonable price.

Councillor Kingsbury would like to meet with Renfrew Recreation Department to discuss user fees. Deputy Reeve Hall suggested having an arrangement similar to the Renfrew Library. Township residents should be aware of fees when using facilities in other municipalities.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 07-105

That Council approve the February 20, 2007 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

5:14 **PLANNING**

February 22, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Councillor Bennett, chair of Planning reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 07-106

That Council approve the February 20, 2007 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Recommendations

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 07-107

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee receives the rezoning application of Janet & Dave Flaherty and authorizes the County Planning Department to prepare the notices and draft by-law.

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 07-108

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee receives the rezoning application of Terry Runtz and Kaelae Davies and authorizes the County Planning Department to prepare the notices and draft by-law.

Carried.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 07-109

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, agrees to recommend approval of Consent B 231/06 for Lidia Worm and Denis Gagne.

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 07-110

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, agrees to receive the zoning application of 1300074 Ontario Inc and authorizes the County Planning Department to prepare the notices and draft by-law.

Carried.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 07-111

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee agree to accept the County Planning Department Work Plan and cost estimate to prepare a new Draft Comprehensive Zoning

By-law to replace By-law 94-07, at \$27,693.00 of which the Township is responsible for 30% - \$8,307.90.

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 07-112

That Council, on the recommendation of the Planning Committee, receives the draft Community Improvement Plan (C.I.P.) prepared by Novotech Engineering Consultants Ltd and requests Novotech proceed towards a Public Meeting to present this draft to our ratepayers.

Carried.

February 22, 2007 Committee of Adjustment Minutes

Councillor Bennetter reviewed the February 22, 2007 Committee Minutes.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 07-113

That Council approve the minutes of the Committee of Adjustment Meeting held February 20, 2007.

Carried.

Ottawa River Keeper May 15, 2007

The CAO/Clerk confirmed that the Ottawa River Keeper, Meredith Brown, is coming for a Public Information Session at the Community Centre on May 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

5:20 **HUMAN RESOURCES**

February 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Deputy Reeve Hall, chair of Human Resources, reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 07-114

That Council approves the Minutes of the February 10, 1007 Human Resources Committee Meeting.

Carried.

The CAO/Clerk informed Council that he had received an application from Barb Hollywood to sell Dog Tags in the Township. Councillor Eady requested that she carry identification that she is employed by the Township. The CAO/Clerk said that she would have a letter from the Township, an Invoice Book and Dog Tag Books. Mrs Hollywood will be paid \$5.00 per tag that she sells. The CAO/Clerk mentioned that the tag fee usually increases at the end of March but he is recommending that it be extended until the end of May.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 07-115

That Council approves Barbara Hollywood as Canine Census Takers for 2007. Mrs Hollywood is to receive \$5.00 per tag for every tag sold. Further, the March 31, 2007 deadline to purchase tags before the price increases be extended to May 31, 2007.

Carried.

5:25 **HOME SUPPORT**

January Meeting

Councillor Kingsbury reported that they did not have a quorum and were unable to pass the Minutes.

5:26 **CPAC**

Councillor Bennet reported that a meeting was held on February 19, 2007. The three new Committee Members were present and Sergeant Colin Slight had answered all questions. It was an informative meeting.

5:28 **BUILDING REPORT**

There was no report for January.

5:29 **LIME STABILIZATION**

February 7 & 22, 2007 Committee Meeting Minutes

Councillor Bennett, chair of Lime Stabilization reviewed the Minutes of the two meetings. Host farmer interviews have been rescheduled for the next meeting on March 8, 2007. The Township has received \$7,500 from the County of Renfrew and \$10,000 from a Futures Grant. There is a meeting in Pembroke on March 8, which Tony Ho will be attending and he is invited to come to a meeting in Horton later in the day.

Councillor Bennett confirmed that the Township must hold a Public meeting before anything goes into the ground and some one from the Ministry of Environment will come to speak at that meeting.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 07-116

That Council approve the February 08, 2007 and the February 22, 2007 Lime Stabilization of Septage Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 07-117

That Council, on recommendation of the Lime Stabilization Committee, accepts the quotation of Anchor Concrete for supply and delivery of two 10,000 gallon tanks and one 800 gallon tank for the storage and treatment of septage.

Carried.

5:35 **EMERGENCY PLAN**

Oxygen Tank for Emergency Use at Community Centre

The CAO/Clerk reported that Joan Sherlock and the Medical Team, who are RNs, say that we need to have oxygen available at the Community Centre. Councillor Bennett questioned whether there was some available. The Fire Department does have oxygen but it would not necessarily be available if required at the Community Centre.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 07-118

That Council approves the yearly rental of an oxygen tank @ \$60.00 per year and initial fill-up of \$51.00 for use by the Emergency Evacuation Centre at the Horton Community Centre.

Carried.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**

Information Correspondence

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence for March 6, 2007

- A. Ontario East – Tourism Business Investment Partnership Strategy Workshops
- B. Renfrew Library – Annual Report
- C. Hon Laurel Broten, Minister of Environment – response to our question about funding for Clearwater Act (George Thompson suggested this letter)
- D. Ministry of Community & Social Services – Obligation to continue to update our Accessibility Plan
- E. AMO - Annual Conference in Ottawa August 19-22, 2007

Dave Bennett and Don Eady would like to attend this Conference in Ottawa. Councillors agreed to discuss at the Finance Committee Meeting the number of conferences each Councillor could attend in a year. It was agreed that it is important to attend conferences to network with councillors from other municipalities and members of Government Departments and Ministries.

Alert - Report on January 2007 Board Meeting
Member Communication – Rural-Northern Discussion Papers
News Release – Provincial Electric Campaign launched at Conference
Member Communication – AMO President Remarks at Conference

- F. County of Renfrew – Warden's Invitational Golf Tournament June 22, 2007
- G. Valley Heritage Radio – Membership and advertising rates
- H. Renfrew County Senior Games – June 6/7, 2007 – Eganville – Donation?

This request to be sent to the Finance Committee.

- I. Ottawa Valley Business – February Publication
- J. Renfrew County Clerks & Treasurers Spring Meeting – March 22, 2007 – Council Members invited
- K. Service Ontario – February Newsletter

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 07-119**
That Council receive the March 6, 2007 Information Correspondence Summary.
Carried.

Action Correspondence

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence summary.

- 1. Township of Scugog – petition Provincial and Federal Governments to revise the JEPP funding formula.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 07-120**
That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Township of Scugog which petitions the Ministry of Community, Safety and Correctional Services, Emergency Management Ontario, and the Federal Government to revise the Funding formula and application process for the Joint Energy Preparedness Program to increase grants available for emergency preparedness purposes and reduce funding limitations.
Carried.

- 2. Township of North Algoma Wilberforce – support resolution on objection to amendment and enforcement of the Aggregate Resources Act.

Council tabled this request.

- 3. Township of Madawaska Valley – support resolution requesting Starlink Aviation look very positively at the viability of bringing service to the Pembroke and Area Airport as soon as possible.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 07-121**
That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Township of Madawaska Valley which requests that Starlink Aviation look very positively at the viability of bringing service to the Pembroke and Area Airport as soon as possible
Carried.

- 8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 07-122**
That Council approves the February 2007 Accounts Payable Listing in the amount of \$196,930.25.
Carried.

- 9. DELEGATIONS
There were no delegations.

- 10. FIRE COMMITTEE
February 21, 2007 Meeting Minutes
Councillor Bennett, chair of Fire Committee reviewed the Committee Minutes. The Committee had adopted the Mission Statement which the Fire Chief had prepared, responding to a request from the Fire Marshall.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 07-123**
That Council approves the February 21, 2007 Fire Committee Meeting Minutes.
Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 07-124**
That Council, on recommendation of the fire Committee approve the Fire Department Mission Statement
Carried.

Chief Corbin's Report

The Fire Chief presented the following report:

- February 6 - Single vehicle accident Gillan Road – 12 firefighters attended
- February 7 - Chimney fire River Road – 8 firefighters attended
- February 23 - Chimney fire River Road – 10 firefighters attended

Firefighters trained on the proper use of safety gear.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 07-125

That Council receives Fire Chief Corbin's February Fire Chief Report.

Carried.

Councillor Kingsbury suggested an advertisement to alert people to clean their chimneys. Councillor Bennett, on behalf of Council thanked Chief Corbin and the Fire Department for their work for the Winter Carnival.

11. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

12. BY-LAWS

By-law 2007-21 McGrimmon/Sholea Site Plan Agreement

Moved by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 07-126

That By-law 2007-21, being a by-law to authorize a Site Plan Agreement between Derek McGrimmon and Jennifer Sholea AND the Township of Horton BE INTRODUCED.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That By-law 2007-21, being a by-law to authorize a Site Plan Agreement be read a first time this 06th day of March 2007.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

That By-law 2007-21, being a by-law to authorize a Site Plan Agreement be read a second time this 06th day of March 2007.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

That By-law 2007-21, being a by-law to authorize a Site Plan Agreement be read a third time and passed this 06th day of March 2007.

Carried.

By-law 2007-22 Protyre Site Plan Approval

Moved by Don Eady

Resolution No. 07-127

That By-law 2007-22, being a by-law to authorize an Amendment to the Protyre Site Plan Agreement BE INTRODUCED.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That By-law 2007-22, being a by-law to authorize an Amendment to the Protyre Site Plan Agreement be read a first time this 06th day of March 2007.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

That By-law 2007-22, being a by-law to authorize an Amendment to the Protyre Site Plan Agreement be read a second time this 06th day of March 2007.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

That By-law 2007-22, being a by-law to authorize an Amendment to the Protyre Site Plan Agreement be read a third time and passed this 06th day of March 2007.

Carried.

By-law 2007-23 Execute Agreement with RA Jamieson –extention of Jamieson Lane

This by-law was held as there was no agreement to cover Township costs.

13. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY

Councillor Bennett reported that the Mayor of McNab/Braeside had made a presentation to the Ministry of Transport at the OGRA Conference, which County Council did not approve of and did not attend.

14. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The CAO/Clerk discussed the Summer Student Application which is now available. Council needs to define the position. After discussion, they agreed to hire two students

from university or college, in the engineering or technical field, to work for four months on Asset Management

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 07-128

That Council authorize an application for two students under the Canada Summer Jobs Program:

- Asset Management – four month term
- PSAB 2009 reporting requirements – four month term.

Carried.

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

Council members had no concerns.

16. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

There was no request for reconsideration.

17. CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 07-129

That Council proceed into a Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 8 (b) (iv) of By-law 98-07 Procedural By-law.

Carried.

Council went into a Closed Meeting at 6:27 p.m. and returned to Public Meeting at 6:50 p.m. Deputy Reeve Hall reported that Council had discussed the Bell Sports Grant for the Community Centre and the operation of the Bar.

18. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 07-130

That Council pass this confirming resolution to validate any actions or directions given during the open portion of this Council Meeting which are minor in nature and which were not set out in By-law or Resolution.

Carried.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 07-131

That Council adjourns this meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve

CAO/Clerk

