

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 16, 2007

There was a Special Meeting of Council held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday January 16, 2007, following the Planning Committee Meeting. All members of Council were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Johnston called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by members of Council.

3. CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

That Council close this meeting pursuant to Section 8 (b) (ii) of By-Law 98-08 as amended, Procedural By-law.

Carried.

The meeting was closed at 5:53 p.m.

The meeting was called back to public session at 7:55 p.m. and Reeve Johnston reported that during the Closed Meeting Council discussed issues of Group Health Benefits for Council Members, applications for ratepayers to sit on various committees, and discussion of management changes in the municipal structure.

The following resolutions were presented to Council following the Closed Meeting.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 07-

That Council rescind Resolution No.06-320, passed October 3, 2006 as it pertains to increased remuneration and meeting allowances for Deputy Reeve Hall and Councillors Bennett, Eady and Kingsbury.

That Council approves a Group Health Benefit Plan for these same Council members at 100% Township cost in lieu of the increases set out in Resolution No. 06-320.

That Council agrees that there will not be a cost of living increase for the same members during this term of Council.

That the increase set out in Resolution No. 06-320, and any future COLA increases remain in effect for Reeve Johnston as he already receives this benefit through the County of Renfrew.

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 07-

That Council, having advertised for members of the Public to submit resumes to sit on various Council Standing Committees agrees to add the following members:

Lime Stabilization of Septage Committee

David Brown
J. Bruce Golden
Reg Leventure

Public Works Committee

Murray Humphries
Rick Lester

Planning Committee

Mae Craig
John Wilson

Carried.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

That Council authorize the CAO/Clerk to prepare a by-law to establish the OMERS Pension Plan as a benefit for our full-time employees. Further, employees who wish to enroll in this plan will have their 2007 COLA increase directed to fund the Township increase in premium (from 3% for RSP to 6.5% for OMERS). Finally, employees who not do wish to enroll with this plan will receive their annual COLA as in previous years.

Carried.

4. REVIEW AND MAKE CHANGES TO 2007 INTERIM TAX INSERT
Council reviewed the draft Tax Insert, several changes were made.

5. OTHER BUSINESS
Council briefly discussed the possibility of relocating the Council Chamber to the upstairs room of the Community Cenrrre in the near future. Prior to that happening the issue of handicapped access to the room would have to be resolved.

Renfrew Recreation Department

The CAO/Clerk informed Council that at one time Renfrew Recreation Staff supported the Township's User Fee Cards and required that they be shown before any programs were applied for. For the last several years they have not been enforcing this. Also in the past when an adult person was in arrears for the user fee, they would not let them register for a future program until that fee was paid off. They are not honoring this commitment any more. As a result we have a number of invoices outstanding from 2005 that may not be collectable for adult user fees.

The CAO suggested that Council consider the possibility of opting out of the User Fee Agreement, which would cost our users from Horton a premium of 20% surcharge on top of the user fee because there is no agreement. However, he suggested that the Township reimburse our users eighteen years of age and under. He did a review of the 2005 users and this would have resulted in a savings of between three and four thousand dollars.

After discussion the following resolution was put forward.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 07-

That Council advise the Renfrew Recreation Department that effective immediately Horton will no longer pay Renfrew for the user fee for adults 19 years of age and older. Horton will continue to reimburse Renfrew for the cost of children 18 years of age and younger.

Carried.

Laptop and Projector

Councillor Eady suggested that the Township purchase a Laptop and a Power Point Projector, to be able to display information for Public Meetings. Council briefly discussed this and the CAO/Clerk was authorized to get prices.

6. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 07-

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

Carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 07-

That this meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Carried.

