

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 15, 2007

(following Finance Committee Meeting)

There was a Special Council Meeting held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Friday June 15, 2007, following the Finance Committee Meeting. All Members of Council were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY

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

3. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 07-**

That Council, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, agrees to draw down \$31,132 from the Working Capital Reserve account as of December 31, 2006 to offset a shortfall in OPP payments in 2006. Further, Council agrees that \$31,132 will be added back into the Working Capital Reserve Account for the 2007 Budget.

**Carried on Division**

For: Bob Hall  
Bob Kingsbury  
Don Eady

4. RECOMMENDATION FROM PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

Council reviewed the June 12, 2007 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes.

Eliminate Part Time Position

Councillor Bennett, chair of Public Works Committee, said he supports elimination of the part-time position but suggests we give six weeks working notice rather than pay in lieu of notice that was recommended by the Committee. He believes that we have work that requires a person for eight to ten weeks, which this person can carry out and cover off holidays.

There was discussion about the change in the recommendation from the Committee. Following discussion the following resolution was put forward .

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No**

WHEREAS the Part time Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Maintenance Worker informed the CAO/Clerk that he may not return to this position when he was laid off November 17, 2006;  
AND WHEREAS the Public Works Committee and the Human Resources Committee carried out a review of the work force and management over the 2006-07 winter months;  
AND WHEREAS the Committees have determined that existing staff can carry out the duties of the Part time Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Maintenance Worker if a Municipal Infrastructure Manager was employed to manage the Department.

AND WHEREAS Council has now advertised for applications to fill the Municipal Infrastructure Manager position.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Horton, on recommendation of the Public Works Committee agrees:

1. That the Part time position of Equipment Operator/Truck Driver/Maintenance Worker be eliminated.
2. That the Part time employee that was in this position be given 6 weeks working notice as required under the Employment Standards Act.
3. That the employee be given an additional 4 weeks employment over and above the minimum required under the Act.

**Carried on division**

For: Dave Bennett, Don Eady & Robert A. Johnston

Call Tenders for Engineering Thomson Road Culvert

Chair Bennett informed the Council that the second large culvert on Thomson Road is now in a collapse situation. The Committee recommended to Council that tenders be called for Engineers to design and replace the culvert.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 07-**

That Council, on recommendation of the Public Works Committee, agrees to call tenders for consulting engineers for design and replacement of the second large culvert on Thomson Road, which is collapsing.

Further, Council accepts the County of Renfrew's offer to review the culvert problem and offer recommendations.

**Carried.**

Interview Applicant for CET Position

Council was informed that one application was received for the call for resumes for the Municipal Infrastructure Managerial position. In addition a request has been made to the Town of Renfrew who interviewed for a similar position in the winter, they have agreed to contact applicants and forward names to us if the applicants are interested in the position with Horton.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 07-**

That Council, on recommendation of the Public Works Committee, agree to interview the one applicant who submitted a resume for the Infrastructure Manager position and that they continue to receive names from the Town of Renfrew who had a competition for a CET last winter.

**Carried.**

Summer Student – Cut Grass, Open Community Centre

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 07-**

That Council, on recommendation of the Public Works Committee, agrees to employ a summer student to be shared by the Public Works Department and the Recreation Department to cut grass and to open and close the Community Centre. Rate of pay shall be \$10.00 per hour while cutting grass and \$15.00 per hour to open, close and show the Community Centre outside the normal working hours.

**Carried.**

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Kingsbury said there was a need to commence the work on the Rink

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 07-**

That Council authorize the call of quotations for the construction of the Rink at the Community Centre, which will include adding earth to the gravel base, board construction and lighting .

**Carried.**

Mayor Johnston asked when the flood lights will be on the poles for the Parking Lot and the metal for the base of the sign. Council agreed that it could be done next week.

Councillor Eady briefly reviewed the MWIN Convention, he and John Wilson attended in Coburg on June 12, 13, & 14, 2007. He learned that a master plan will have to be put together within two and a half years for all Landfill Sites. Greenhouse gases generated from landfill sites are a concern and municipalities will be expected to take a lead in the Community by resolving this. He noted that he was the only elected official present, all others were engineers, consultant staff etc.

He met with Mike Snow, head of Golder Associates in Canada, and discussed his scenario for the Landfill Site operation. He will have a more detailed report at the next Council meeting.

6. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 07-**

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

**Carried.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 07-**

That Council adjourns this Special Council meeting at 9:13 a.m.

**Carried.**

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Chair

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CAO/Clerk