

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

December 02, 2008

There was a Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Horton Community Centre on Tuesday December 02, 2008. Present were Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Deputy Mayor Bob Hall, Councillors David Bennett, Don Eady and Robert Kingsbury.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest in the Tender for the Fire Truck, Accounts Payable and an item under Planning.

3. MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 04, 2008

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 366**

That Council approves the following Council Meeting Minutes:

November 04, 2008 Regular Council Meeting

**Carried.**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Dave Bennett referred to OMEX Insurance inquiring if there was anything new? The CAO/Clerk replied that he had a Report from our Lawyer which he would give later.

Deputy Mayor Hall inquired if the Michigan Loader had been picked up –it was confirmed that it has been picked up.

5. ITEMS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA

The CAO/Clerk added a report from JRMC November 21, 2008 under Waste Management, Lime Stabilization October 31, 2008 Minutes and two By-laws 2008-44 and 2008-45.

The 7:00 p.m. appointment is cancelled, the speaker has laryngitis.

Councillor Bennett had an addition under Public Works – Minister Watson.

Councillor Eady had an addition under # 14 - Chamber of Commerce and Christmas Party.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 08-367**

That Council add the following items to the Agenda and approves the Dec 2, 2008 Council Meeting Agenda.

Add : Waste Management - Report on Joint Recycling Meeting November 21, 2008

Lime Stabilization - October 31, 2008 Meeting Minutes

By-Law 2008-47 - rescind 2008-41

By-law 2008-48 - adopt CIP for Brownfield projects

Public Works - Meeting with Minister

Additions - Chamber of Commerce

- Christmas Party

Delete: Delegation 7:00 pm United Way representatives

**Carried.**

6. DELEGATIONS

4:00 Ole Henrickson & Richard Copeland – Ottawa River Institute

Mr Henrickson and Mr Copeland, who are volunteer Board Members, were present to talk about ways of Moving toward Sustainable Energy / Energy Self-Reliance in Renfrew County. Their purpose was to discuss action that can be taken locally, municipally and individually. With a Trillium Grant in 2005/06 they were able to hold workshops in people's homes, which were hands on.

They asked Council to look at solar domestic hot water heating, suggesting that people who use this method could be offered a tax break. Councillor Bennett said that tax incentives are difficult, this is really an individual issue not a municipal issue. He asked if they had charts available to show savings with different plans? At this time the Institute does not have charts but thought this was a good suggestion.

Mayor Johnston thanked Mr Henrickson and Mr Copeland for their presentation.

7. COMMITTEE

4:50 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Public Works Committee Meeting November 12, 2008

Councillor Bennett, chair of Public Works reviewed the Minutes.

Deputy Mayor Hall asked about the culvert on Thompson Road.

Councillor Bennett reported that a County Engineering Team had been present at the Public Works Committee Meeting on Monday December 1, 2008, who reported that the necessary studies have been completed and they hope, within a month, to release the job for Tender, with completion by June 15, 2009. The County has taken responsibility to do a Press Release and a mail out for the Municipality to deliver to residents in the area.

There was a lengthy discussion about the time taken to replace this culvert and the inconvenience caused to residents in the area. Deputy Mayor Hall wondered if there was anything we could do to avoid this happening in the future when a culvert has to be replaced.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 08-368**

That Council approves the November 12, 2008 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Carried.**

Municipal Infrastructure Reports for November

Councillor Bennett reported that Jeff Schruder was not present due to a knee injury. He reviewed the Reports.

Councillor Eady reported that he had visited Bill Yantha at the Landfill Site, which has now become very spread out. Instead of hiring another Attendant, he was proposing have a map of the Site made which could be handed to residents when they entered, showing the different areas to deposit items. Councillor Eady suggested that the Infrastructure Manager prepare this map. Council agreed.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 08-369**

That Council receive the November 2008 Infrastructure Manager's Reports.

**Carried.**

Councillor Bennett reported that at the Public Works Committee Meeting on December 1, 2008 a letter was received from John Yakabuski's Office reporting that Minister Watson does not wish to meet with Township representatives and feels that Minister Smitherman should look after our concerns.

Councillor Bennett asked Council's permission to call Minister Watson's office. Council agreed. He feels it is very important to speak to the Ministers before the Good Roads Convention in February 2009.

Recommendations

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 08-370**

That Council, on recommendation of the Public Works Committee accepts the proposal to complete our Asset Management Program Values and Policies from ASI Technologies and Brent A. Boutellier, P.Eng. in the amount of \$14,700. Work to be carried out in 2008 and 2009.

**Carried.**

5:23 **FIRE COMMITTEE**

Councillor Bennett reported that the Committee Meeting scheduled for November 26, 2008 was cancelled due to weather conditions.

Fire Chief Corbin had submitted a report on Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation for Horton Township. Copies were handed to Council members and it was agreed to read and study the document before discussing it.

Tender – Fire Tanker – 1988 GMC 7000 Tanker

Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest and did not participate in the discussion or the resolution.

Council received the following three Tender Bids:

Renfrew Rent-All	\$6,250.00
Latchford, Ontario Fire Dept	\$5,502.00
Muskoka Warehousing Ltd	\$5,740.00

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 08-371**

That Council accepts the Quote from Renfrew Rent-All in the amount of \$6,250.00 for the 1988 Fire Tanker Truck Sale.

**Carried.**

Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest.

5:27 **WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Waste Management Meeting November 20, 2008

Councillor Eady, Chair of Waste Management Committee, reviewed the Minutes of the November 20, 2008 meeting.

Councillor Bennett raised the issue of disposable packaging from Tim Hortons and MacDonaldis in particular, which is thrown on the side of the roads. He suggested that Councillors speak out on this issue at conferences, such as AMO, as local municipalities have to do the clean up but receive no compensation and he wondered if a tax on take-out containers would help.

Councillor Eady commented that the people stopped by the OPP for trespassing at the Landfill site had not been charged, and he felt they should have been. He wondered if the OPP would attend a Waste Management Committee Meeting. Councillor Bennett invited Councillor Eady to attend the CPAC meeting to discuss the issue. Councillor Bennett questioned if our By-law is strong enough for the OPP to lay charges.

Councillor Eady reported that the budget looks good, it is around the same as last year and includes \$1,000 for the Beauman Study.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 08-372**

That Council approves the Minutes of the November 20, 2008 Waste Management Committee Meeting.

**Carried.**

Recommendations

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 08-373**

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Township of Horton is an interested party within a collective group of municipalities operating mutually as the Joint Recycling Management Committee (JRMC) which is studying the possibility of purchasing Renfrew County Recycle Centre (Beaumen Recycling) in the Town of Renfrew;

**AND WHEREAS** the JRMC at a regular meeting on November 21, 2008 suggested that a business plan be prepared by Rick Findlay, PSTG Consulting Inc to determine the feasibility of the purchase and governance model;

**AND WHEREAS** the JRMC will apply for funding up to 50% from the Continuous Improvement Fund, Waste Diversion Ontario for the business plan;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Horton hereby resolves that;

1. Cost sharing for the business plan be pro-rated on the basis of households of participating municipalities, and;
2. Horton Township's portion of the cost for the business plan is not to exceed \$1,000.00.

**Carried.**

Council took a break at 5:53 p.m. for supper and resumed at 6:25 p.m. with all members of Council present.

6:25 **FINANCE**

Tax Arrears Report – November 2008

Council reviewed the Tax Arrears Report.

Finance Report – November 2008

Council reviewed the Finance Report for November 2008.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 08-374**

That Council receive the November 30, 2008 Tax Arrears Report and the November 2008 Financial Report.

**Carried.**

Reciprocal Insurance – Bradley Response

The CAO/Clerk reported that Janet Bradley, our solicitor, had replied that she would be unable to represent the Township as the Legal Firm she is employed by has represented OMEX in the past. She had given three names of litigation lawyers that the Township may wish to contact and she felt that we had a case to pursue.

Councillor Eady suggested writing to each lawyer and perhaps meeting with them. When OMEX come back we should have a lawyer present at this time. After discussion it was agreed that the CAO/Clerk would contact all three to see if they are interested in representing the municipality.

Date for Budget Review

Council agreed to meet December 8 at 7.00 p.m. in the Upstairs Meeting Room at the Community Centre for the first review of the 2009 Draft Budget. A second meeting will be held in mid January and a third meeting in late January.

6:46 **RECREATION**

Recreation Committee Meeting – November 17, 2008

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. Council discussed the rate of \$60/hour for ice rental that the Recreation Committee had set. The Committee also asked that if a lunch was to be provided for an event at the Community Centre they be given the option of providing it.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No: 08-375**

That Council approves the November 20, 2008 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Carried.**

Recommendation

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 08-376**

That Council, on recommendation of the Recreation Committee, approves the implementation of a \$60.00/hour ice rental rate for the Horton Community Centre Outdoor Rink. This rate would include all organized outdoor sports.

**Carried.**

**Opposed by Councillor Eady**

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury      **Resolution No. 08-377**

That Council, on recommendation of the Recreation Committee, approves a VISA card for use by the Recreation Committee to purchase supplies for the Community Centre events, with a limit of \$500.00

**Carried.**

**Opposed by Councillor Eady**

Council discussed when the best time to start the ice for the outdoor rink would be.

Fire Chief Randy Corbin was present to discuss the Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation Report which he had compiled. He reported that Chief Dodge from McNab/Braeside Fire Department had helped with this Report and was willing to help with the accreditation. Council asked for time to review the document before discussing it.

7:30    **PLANNING**

Planning Committee Meeting – November 25, 2008

Councillor Bennett, Chair of Planning Committee reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. He also reviewed the Minutes of the Deacon Site Plan Agreement Meeting of November 25, 2008.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury      **Resolution No. 08-378**

That Council approves the Minutes of November 25, 2008, Planning Committee Meeting and the November 25, 2008 – Deacon Site Plan Agreement Meeting.

**Carried.**

Recommendations

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 08-379**

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, agrees to receive a zoning amendment application for 1466750 Ontario Inc and that the County Planning Department be authorized to prepare the draft by-law and public notices.

**Carried.**

Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 08-380**

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, agrees to support consent application B17/08 for Daniel Sheehan to create a lot addition severance.

**Carried.**

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 08-381**

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, agrees to support a preliminary “Vacant Lot Plan of Condominium” on property owned by Kevin and Marlene Bennett located at Con 3 E Pt Lot 12 RP 49R7500 Part 2, 1144 Dugald Road, subject to an agreement that the developers will reimburse the Township for all costs.

**Carried.**

7:35    **HUMAN RESOURCES**

The Committee had not met – there was no report.

7:36    **RENFREW & AREA SENIORS HOME SUPPORT**

Councillor Kingsbury reviewed the report. Their main concern is finance, their request to the LHIN for funds was denied.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 08-382**

That Council receives the November 2008 Report for Senior Home Support.

**Carried.**

7:38    **CPAC**

Councillor Bennett reported that there was a meeting on November 24, 2008. The Speedboard had some problems with the battery which was replaced and covered under the warranty.

7:40 **BUILDING**

Council reviewed the Building Report for November 2008.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 08-383**  
That Council receive the November 2008 Building Permit Report.

**Carried.**

7:43 **LIME STABILIZATION**

Lime Stabilization Committee Meeting October 31, 2008

Councillor Bennett, Chair of Lime Stabilization reviewed the Committee October 31, 2008 Meeting Minutes. Council discussed the Minutes and asked some questions about the project.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-384**  
That Council receive the October 31, 2008 Lime Stabilization of Septage Meeting Minutes.

**Carried.**

8. **CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**

**INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE**

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence summary.

- A. Ministry of Finance and Revenue – Investing in Ontario Act – allocation and formula
- B. Dwight Duncan, Minister, Ministry of Finance and Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – re report of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review and its impact on the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund.
- C. McCormick Rankin Corporation – notice of submission – design and construction report Hwy 17 twinning – from west of Division Street to West of Scheel Drive
- D. Renfrew and Area Chamber of Commerce – nomination from for 2009 Board of Directors positions
- E. Mike Milinkovich, Mayor, Township of Black River-Matheson – re: Head of Councils Association of Ontario
- F. Ontario Property and Environmental Rights Alliance – re: linking endangered species and municipal Drainage Legislation
- G. Ottawa Valley Business – November 2008 issue
- H. LAS – energy newsflash – November 2008 issue
- I. MPAC – activity update
- J. AMO: - First Joint Annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Statement  
- Municipal Collection of Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes  
- Government Releases – draft information and communications standard
- K. FCM: Infrastructure and the economy

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 08-385**  
That Council receive the December 2, 2008 Information Correspondence Summary.

**Carried.**

**ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence.

- A. County of Renfrew – support resolution calling on the Province of Ontario to decrease the residential education tax rate for the 2009 tax year and remaining years of the phase-in program, by committing that the education tax rates will be reduced proportionately to the increase in assessment values to ensure that County of Renfrew taxpayers are not adversely affected by the substantial increase in assessment.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 08-386**  
That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the County of Renfrew which requests the Province of Ontario decrease the residential education tax rate for the 2009 tax year and remaining years of the assessment phase-in program by committing that the education tax rates will be reduced proportionately to the increase in assessment values.

**Carried.**

- B. City of Cambridge – support resolution calling on the Hon. Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance of Ontario, the Hon. Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario and the Ontario Government to do what they can to help soften the blow for Ontario residents and property owners of all classes including, a deferral of the 4-year phase-in for property tax increase by one year from the present phase-in of 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 to 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013

Council tabled this resolution.

- C. Community Futures for Renfrew County and Pontiac County - Resolution to support the continued efforts of the Renfrew County Community Futures and the SADC Pontiac Community Futures to develop and evaluate the potential of a pilot commuter train project.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 08-387**

**WHEREAS** the municipalities throughout the MRC Pontiac and the County of Renfrew have inadequate public transportation;

**WHEREAS** this issue of transportation is critical for economic development, business sustainability, tourism initiatives and access to health care specialists;

**WHEREAS** there are local, regional, provincial, federal and other funding sources to help address this issue;

**WHEREAS** the Community Futures Development Corporation serving Renfrew County and the SADC Pontiac Community Futures will jointly support and facilitate this project,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Township of Horton support the continued efforts of the Renfrew County Community Futures and the SADC Pontiac Community Futures to develop and evaluate the potential of a pilot commuter train project.

**Carried.**

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

November Accounts Payable Report

Council reviewed the Accounts Payable Summary in the amount of \$153,156.43.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 08-388**

That Council approves the following Accounts Payable Listings for November 2008 in the amount of \$153,157.43.

**Carried.**

10. DELEGATIONS

7:00 Dave Studham, Mike Wright – United Way

The Speakers had cancelled their appointment due to illness.

11. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

12. BY-LAWS

By-Law 2008-33 to amend Schedule A of By-law 2008-12

By-Law 2008-44 to rescind By-law 2008-41

By-Law 2008-45 to adopt the Community Improvement Plan for Brownfield Projects

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 08-389**

That Council agrees to enact the following by-laws:

By-law 2008-33 Entrance Permit – amend Schedule A to By-law 2005-12

By-law 2008-44 Rescind By-law 2008-41

By-law 2008-45 Adopt Community Improvement Plan for Brownfield Projects

**Carried.**

13. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY

Mayor Johnston reported that Donald Rathwell from Whitewater Region Township has been acclaimed as Warden of Renfrew County.

14. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Councillor Eady reported that he attended the Newcomers Night in Renfrew which is sponsored by the Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce recently, and he thought that perhaps Horton Township should be represented at future events.

Councillor Eady confirmed that the Christmas Party will be Friday December 5, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The local Women's Institute Branches will be honoured and Township pins will be presented.

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

Council members did not express any concerns.

16. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Council did not have any request for reconsideration.

17. CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

18. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 08-390**

That Council passes this confirming resolution to cover 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 Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 08-391**

That this Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

**Carried.**

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Mayor

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CAO/Clerk



