

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 05, 2008

There was a meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday February 05, 2008. Present were Deputy Mayor Bob Hall, Councillors Dave Bennett, Don Eady and Bob Kingsbury. Mayor Robert A. Johnston was on vacation.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Deputy Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
Councillor Dave Bennett declared pecuniary interest in Accounts Payable.
3. MINUTES OF: JANUARY 07, 2008 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
 JANUARY 08, 2008 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
 JANUARY 08, 2008 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 JANUARY 25, 2008 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 08-39**

That Council approves the following Council Meeting Minutes:

- January 07, 2008 Special Council Meeting
- January 08, 2008 Special Council Meeting
- January 08, 2008 Regular Council Meeting
- January 25, 2008 Special Council Meeting.

Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
Councillor Bennett asked for an update on the Wes Wallace file. The CAO/Clerk reported that Wes Wallace is in the process of registering the Agreement.
5. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVE THE AGENDA
Councillor Bennett requested adding the Doctor Recruitment Committee under Finance and Councillor Eady requested an item on user fees under Recreation.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 08-40**

That Council agrees to add the following items and approves the agenda for the February 05, 2008 Regular Council Meeting.

- Finance – Doctor Recruitment Committee
- Recreation – User Fees

Carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4:12 **PUBLIC WORKS**

January 29, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Councillor Bennett, chair of Public Works, reviewed the Minutes.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 08-41**

That Council approve the January 29, 2008 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Recommendations

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 08-42**

That Council, on recommendation of the Public Works Committee agrees to close the unopened road allowance between Concessions 7 and 8 at Lot 19 subject to the transfer at fair market value and all costs borne by the applicant Hugh Stevenson.

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-43**

That Council, on recommendation of the Public Works Committee, agrees to submit an application under the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative Program for reconstruction and asphalt surface of Pinnacle Road between the end of the asphalt near the intersection of Price Road to Highway 17, a distance of 3.5 km. at an estimated construction cost of \$543,502.00.

Carried.

Report from Municipal Infrastructure Manager

Jeff Schruder reviewed his Report. He visited the ratepayers on Thompson Hill who had complained about the snow on their fence, which will be looked after in the Spring when the snow has gone. As the trucks have been busy with snow removal in the last weeks he has helped out in the field and the Garage.

Councillor Bennett asked about the problem with a drain in the Garage, which Jeff reported seemed to have fixed itself. Councillor Bennett also enquired about people pumping out basements in Thompson Hill? Jeff reported that some residents had pumped water from their basements which flowed down their driveways to the road, freezing and causing problems. The Backhoe had gone to the area and dug out the catch basin so that the water can drain away. The problem should be looked into in the Spring and fixed before next year.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-44**

That Council receives the Municipal Infrastructure Manager's Report.

Carried.

Replace Furnace Oil Line at Municipal Office.

Jeff reported that as we had changed fuel suppliers, the system had been inspected and new regulations required that it be modified to meet standard.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 08-45**

That Council authorizes North Country Heating to bring the Municipal Office into compliance with the code for oil burning equipment:

- oil line under cement
- fill pipes not painted
- vent pipe not 6" above fill pipe

Carried.

Summer Student Grant Program – Project

The CAO/Clerk reported that last year the two students had worked on Asset Management, this year he is suggesting Public Works and Waste Management, and possibly grass cutting. There is no shortage of work.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-46**

That Council agrees to apply to the Canada Summer Jobs 2008 Program to employ a summer student for four months to assist the Municipal Infrastructure Manager with the Asset Management Program. Salary to be \$10.00/hour for a 40 hour week.

Carried.

4:28 **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

January 20, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Councillor Eady, chair of Waste Management, reviewed the Meeting Minutes. Item #7 in the Minutes referred to Stewardship Ontario paying 50% of the recycling cost - this is an estimate and not definite.

Chair Eady reported that there may not be an E Waste Earth Day this year in Renfrew. He mentioned to Jeff Schruder that there are boxes at Storyland Park which belong to the Township and should be returned here if the Park is not in operation.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-47**
That Council approve the January 17, 2008 Waste Management Committee Meeting Minutes.
Carried.

Recommendations

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-48**
That Council, on recommendation of the Waste Management Committee, approves a price of \$75.00 for the sale of a stop log. The purchaser shall be responsible for loading and transportation costs. Further, Council agrees that a Horton based charitable organization can apply for one free stop log upon written request.
Carried.

Adopt Rules for Operation of Landfill Site

Councillor Kingsbury suggested that E-Waste be added to the list of materials accepted, on page 1 of the Rules for Operation of the Horton Landfill Site. It was agreed that this List should be reviewed from time to time.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 08-49**
That Council, on recommendation of the Waste Management Committee, adopts the rules for Operation of the Horton Landfill Site dated October 9, 2007, including the following forms:

- Deomolition Material Acceptance Form
- Contaminated Soil Acceptance Form; and
- Landfill Access Permits

Carried.

Joint Waste Management Committee Report

Councillor Eady attended a meeting on January 21, 2008. Beauman wishes to sell the operation and have the local municipalities take over the facilities. There are a lot of questions and it will take a long time to work things out. The Committee agreed that the Town of Arnprior, Township of Horton and Township of McNab/Braeside representatives would sit on a working group to review the submitted questions and Beaumen's business plan. The review will be presented at the next meeting held February 8, 2008.

Training for Landfill Personnel

Our present Operator does not see the need to attend this training. Many of the topics covered he is not involved in, they are covered by our Engineers' Report.

4:42 **FIRE COMMITTEE**

Fire Chief Corbin's Report

Councillor Bennett, chair of Fire Committee, reviewed the Report.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 08-50**
That Council receive Fire Chief Randy Corbin's Report for December 2007 and January 2008.
Carried.

4:45 **FINANCE**

January 29, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Bob Hall, Chair of Finance reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. The CAO/Clerk reported that the Auditors are coming February 13, 2008 and final numbers should be available for budget purposes shortly.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-51**
That Council approves the January 29, 2008 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.
Carried.

Financial Report for January

Council reviewed the January Financial Report.

Doctors Recruitment Committee

Councillor Bennett had requested this item be added to the Agenda. It now appears that the Recruitment Committee have approached the County of Renfrew for assistance. Councillor Bennett feels if the County contributes then the Township's contribution should be less than the \$8,000. requested.

4:49 **RECREATION**

January 14, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation Committee reviewed the Meeting Minutes.

Renfrew User Fee Statistics

Council discussed the Recreation User Fee. Councillor Eady asked to have a report on the unpaid adults for the last few years. He feels that it is unfair that fifteen adults are subsidized by the Township. Dave Bennett suggested having a meeting of individuals who are unwilling to pay.

Councillor Bennett reported that the lights over the Rink are finished. They need to be properly focused after dark, hopefully tomorrow. The CAO/Clerk reported that he had received a call from a neighbour about the brightness of the lights. It was suggested inviting her to the Recreation Meeting to address her concerns.

Councillor Bennett also reported that the trailer to be used as a Change Room for this year is ready to be installed. It was agreed that there should be rubber mats when you step off the ice. The CAO/Clerk reported that the Goalie Nets have arrived. Deputy Mayor Hall reported that the Grant Application for Change Rooms should be ready next month. Councillor Bennett is working with Rose Curley on budget figures for the Hydro One Grant application to cover the cost of building Change Rooms.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-52

That Council approves the January 14, 2008 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Councillor Eady reported that he had heard a report on the radio that the County of Renfrew would pay for children to be involved in sports. An internet search found that the program is under the Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network. The program is called Rural Inclusion, which will waive the sporting fees for kids in a number of small communities in the County. Councillor Eady suggested writing to see if Horton Township could be included.

5:07 **PLANNING**

January 15, 2007 Committee Meeting Minutes

Councillor Bennett, chair of Planning reviewed the Meeting Minutes.

Deputy Mayor Hall asked about the Outdoor Furnaces. The Zoning By-law will be circulated next week for a Public Meeting on March 4, 2008. The Owner Manual, which we requested from the Furnace Company, has not been received.

Councillor Eady suggested we have a by-law stating that dry wood must be used, stored inside and the Township would conduct twice yearly inspections. The Township would also have the right to shut down the furnace if it has been incorrectly operated.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 08-53

That Council approves the January 15, 2008 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-54

That Council on recommendation of the Planning Committee agrees that the remaining costs for the Wes Wallace Site Plan Agreement be split 50-50 between Mr. Wallace and the Township on the understanding that there is no determination of responsibility and as a good neighbour policy.

Carried on divison.

Opposed Dave Bennett

5:13 **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Deputy Mayor Hall reported that the Committee did not meet in the last month. Dave Bennett asked where the Township stands on Family Day? The CAO/Clerk reported that a survey was done by the County. Horton has one less statutory day than the County so we can take it as a mandatory holiday and not use a floater .

5:19 **HOME SUPPORT**

The Renfrew Seniors' Home Support Committee is meeting tonight so Councillor Kingsbury was unable to attend.

5:20 **CPAC**

Councillor Bennett reported that the Speedboard has been delivered to the Renfrew OPP. The Committee meets on March 3, 2008 at McNab Township Office. There will be discussion about where the Speedboard will be allocated.

5:32 **BUILDING**

There was no Building Report as there have been no new starts in January.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence Summary:

A. AMO - Convention Room Reservation Policy

The CAO/Clerk asked Council for direction on how many rooms to book for the AMO Convention in Ottawa August 24 -28, 2008. It was agreed to book four rooms.

- Heads of Council Leadership Skills Seminar
- Support FCM Call for Intergovernmental Action on Housing and Homelessness
- Response to a Commentary in Financial Post
- Pre Budget Submission

B. United Way – Community Matters Initiative

C. Emergency Services – County of Renfrew – Funding for Defibrillator for Community Centre

D. Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce – Breakfast Buffet February 12, 2008

- Chamber Update – Introduction to Building a successful Business Using the Internet

E. Cheryl Gallant – Canada Summer Jobs 2008 – deadline February 29, 2008

F. County of Renfrew – Ontario Works – Water Filter Program

G. Renfrew County Veterinary Services Committee – Annual Meeting Minutes September 26, 2007

H. Children's Aid Society of Ottawa – invitation to 'Family Day' on Parliament Hill, February 18, 2008

I. Ministry of Transportation - \$182,988 to Town of Renfrew Public Transit

J. Town of Renfrew – Twinning of Highway 17

K. Danna Jennings – Community Futures – Grant from Farm Credit Corporation

Council wondered if this grant would cover the chair lift to the second floor meeting room. It was suggested contacting Ann Andrechek for figures on the cost of installing a chair lift.

L. Ottawa Valley Business – January 2008 Newsletter

M. Bonnechere River Watershed Project – General Meeting February 12, 2008

N. Golder Associates – Winter Newsletter

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 08-55

That Council receive the February 05, 2008 Information Correspondence Summary
Carried.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence.

- A. City of Ottawa – support resolution calling on the Provincial Government for the authority to create a hotel room tax

Council tabled this resolution.

- B. City of Pembroke – support resolution petitioning the Minister of the Environment to change the responsibility for lead sampling and testing to the Renfrew County and District Health Unit; or provide Provincial funding to offset the cost to local taxpayers

Council tabled this resolution.

- C. Municipality of North Grenville – support a resolution which requests that the Government of Ontario commit 1/8th of the current 8 percent Provincial Sales Tax to Municipalities to fund Municipal Infrastructure Programs

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 08-56

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Municipality of North Grenville which requests the Province of Ontario to commit 1/8th of the current 8% Provincial Sales Tax to municipalities to fund Municipal Infrastructure Programs.
Carried.

- D. Municipality of South Bruce – support resolution calling for the Province to implement a “Responsible Use Plan” for urban pesticide use and not impose a ban on cosmetic pesticide use

Council tabled this resolution.

- E. Township of Russell – support resolution which petitions the Province to consider amending the formula used to calculate a Municipality’s debt capacity.

Council tabled this resolution.

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Council reviewed the Accounts Payable. Deputy Mayor Hall commented that there seemed to be more Home Hardware and Canadian Tire invoices than RONA. As RONA is in Horton Township Council wishes to support them.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-57

That Council approves the following Accounts Payable Listings:

December 2007	\$739,260.28
January 2008	\$484,634.92

Carried.

5:45 Council took a break for supper and resumed the meeting at 6:20 p.m. with all members present.

9. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

10. RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-57A

That the Council of the Township of Horton recommends that the County of Renfrew adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 5.

Carried.

11. BY-LAWS

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-58**

That the Council of the Township of Horton ENACT the following by-laws:

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| 2008-10 | Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative Project |
| 2008-11 | Temporary Borrowing By-Law – TD Bank |
| 2008-12 | Accountability and Transparency Policies |
| 2008-13 | Delegation of Power and Duties. |

Carried.

12. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY

There was no report from the County.

13. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councillor Eady wondered if it was possible to have high speed internet available for young people to access within the Township. This was discussed but at the present time internet access is not available at the Community Centre.

14. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

There were no concerns expressed by Council.

15. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

There were no requests for reconsideration by Council.

16. CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 08-59**

That Council proceed into a Closed Council Meeting pursuant to Sections 8 (h) (ii) and/or (v) of By-law 98-08 as amended – Procedural By-law.

Carried.

Council returned to Public Session at 8:10 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Hall reported that Council had discussed Solicitor – Client issues.

17. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-60**

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.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 08-61**

That Council closes this Council Meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Carried.

