

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 3, 2008

There was a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Community Centre on Thursday July 3, 2008. Present were Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Deputy Mayor Bob Hall, Councillors David Bennett and Bob Kingsbury, Councillor Don Eady was on sick leave.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 3, 2008

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No.08-230**

That Council approves the June 3, Regular Council Meeting Minutes, the Road Closure Public Meeting Minutes, Zoning Public Meeting Minutes and Draft Municipal Budget Public Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

Councillor Kingsbury referred to page 4 of the Minutes asking if a letter has been written to the person with the farm pond, the CAO/Clerk said yes, but there has been no response.

Councillor Kingsbury referred to the Recreation Minutes and asked if there was any report on finding a Collection Agency, the CAO/Clerk said he was not able to find one, Councillor Bennett may be asked to help with names of companies.

5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The CAO/Clerk requested adding applications received for the Labourer position for the Construction of the Lime Stabilization Treatment Facility be added to the Agenda.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-231

That Council adds the following item to the Agenda and approves the Agenda for the July 3, 2008 Council Meeting.

- Applications for Labourer position to Lime Stabilization Treatment Facility

Carried

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4:10 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Public Works Committee June 2 & 4, 2008

Councillor Bennett, chair of Public Works Committee, reviewed the June 2 & 4, 2008 Committee Meeting Minutes.

Councillor Kingsbury asked about brush piled on Thompson Hill Cemetery Street ditch? Jeff Schruder advised him it was being looked after.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08- 232

That Council approves the June 2, 2008 and June 4, 2008 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried

Infrastructure Reports

Jeff Schruder reviewed the Infrastructure Manager Report for Council and the Public Works Department Report. Councillor Bennett asked if the farmer is satisfied with the fence constructed along the CNR right of way this Spring?

Jeff Schruder said yes.

Councillor Kingsbury asked how the prices are sought for construction equipment on day labour rates. He expressed concern that when a contractor donates equipment for the Lime Stabilization Project but is not given an opportunity to bid on other Township Work.

Councillor Bennett thanked the Public Works Department for the extra work they carried out on Monday June 30, 2008 to get the Community Centre grounds ready for Canada Day.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 08-233

That Council receive the June 2008 Infrastructure Manager's Report.

Carried

Delegation Request – Provincial Minister at AMO

Council received a notice from AMO on the Delegation Request Form to speak to Ministers while at the AMO Conference on August 25 & 26, 2008. After discussion the Council agreed that they wish to speak to Jim Watson, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and to George Smitherman, the new Minister of Infrastructure Renewal.

4:25 **WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

June 20, 2008 Committee Meeting Minutes

Acting Chair Kingsbury reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. He asked when Fast Eddy is expected to be grinding at the Landfill Site? Mr. Schruder said the last word was July 8, 2008.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-234

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

Carried

Recommendation

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-235

That Council, on recommendation of the Waste Management Committee, approves a plan to send four 50 cent coupons to each residence/cottage from Sterlings No Frills Grocery Store in Renfrew, to be used towards the purchase of two cloth grocery bags to replace plastic bags. The Township will contribute 25% of the cost of all redeemed coupons.

Carried

4:35 **FIRE COMMITTEE**

Fire Committee Meeting June 25, 2008

Councillor Bennett, chair of Fire Committee, reviewed the Fire Committee Meeting Minutes. He informed Council that he and Chief Corbin attended an auction and purchased a new tanker at the auction at the price of \$50,000 which was \$10,000 under budget. This balance of the budget will be used to train fire fighters operating the vehicle with this type of transmission and upgrading the equipment to go onto the truck.

Chief Corbin's Report

Chief Corbin's Report was contained in the Fire Committee Minutes.

Draft Smoke Alarm Policy

Chief Corbin had produced a draft policy for Smoke Alarms which will be reviewed at the next Fire Meeting in September.

Fees for Inspections and Service

The CAO/Clerk presented a copy of a by-law passed by the Township of North Kawartha as a sample. Council agreed that this would be discussed at the September Meeting as well.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08.-236

That Council approves the June 25, 2008 Fire Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

4:38 **FINANCE**

Finance Committee – Reports etc

The CAO/Clerk brought to Council the quotations received from three companies to supply a Photocopier. He presented a spreadsheet comparing the machines offered, which he reviewed with Council and suggested that the Xerox Model WC 345 would best meet the needs of the Township. Council discussed the tender and passed the following resolution.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No.08-237

That Council accepts the quotation of Xerox in the amount of \$3,910.94 per year for a sixty month lease of a new color Photocopier model WC345.

Carried

June Tax Arrears Report

Council reviewed the June Tax Arrears Report.

June Financial Report

Council reviewed the June Financial Report.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-238

That Council receives the June 2008 Tax Arrears Report and June Financial Report.

Carried

4.53 **RECREATION**

June 09, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation, reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. It was agreed to cancel the Day Camp Program as there were insufficient applicants to make it viable.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 08-239

That Council approve the June 9, 2008 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-240

That Council cancel the planned Summer Day Camp at the Community Centre as we have only received applications for four children.

Carried

Councillor Kingsbury thanked everyone for their work in making the Canada Day Breakfast a big success. The unofficial number of breakfasts served is 542, which includes the volunteers. The entertainment was excellent – people stayed to enjoy it rather than leave when they finished eating.

Recommendations

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 08-241

That Council, on recommendation of the Recreation Committee, agrees to explore the possibility of advertising for a full time/part time Recreation Director for the Community Centre.

Carried

Councillor Kingsbury suggested that as Clara Roffey, who offered on a volunteer basis to organize recreation, should be an applicant for this job. The CAO/Clerk suggested that there is a need to develop a position and what is expected. It was suggested getting a Recreation Director job description from another Municipality to use as a base. Councillor Bennett suggested that our volunteers are getting tired and there is a need for this position.

5:01 **PLANNING**

Planning Committee Meeting June 17, 2008

Councillor Bennett, chair of Planning Committee, reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 08-242**

That Council approve the June 17, 2008 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried

Development Charge Correspondence

Councillor Bennett referred to a meeting held before the Council meeting, with George Thompson and Brian Whitehead, to discuss Mr. Thompson's concerns about the new Development Charge. Mr. Thompson would like Jp2g to do an overview of their Study, as he believes there are errors and new information available that could change the figures, which he thinks should be 30% lower.

Building Permit Fee for Agricultural Accessory Buildings (Silos)

Due to confusion about the fees for agricultural buildings as listed in our By-law 2007-40 Councillor Bennett suggested that anyone who put up an agricultural accessory building since 2007 should be reimbursed the fee they paid. Councillor Bennett suggested the by-law needs to be reworked

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-243**

That Council agrees to remove the notation of "Agricultural Accessory Buildings (silos)" from By-law 2007-40 and that farmers who took out building permits in this category between June 19, 2007 and July 3, 2008 have their fee returned.

Carried

Councillor Kingsbury suggested that swimming pools need to be defined, there are now inflatable pools that are put up for the season and taken down for the winter, in addition to the inground and above ground pools.

Council received a letter from Terry A. Verhelle requesting permission to clear land, dig a hole for the basement in preparation for a log home, which he has to order to be constructed. After discussion Council felt he could dig a hole for the basement as long as he does not go to the point where he needs a building permit.

Recommendations

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall **Resolution No. 08-244**

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, agrees to "receive" the Miller Estate Mobile Home Park expansion and authorizes the County Planning Department to comment on the approval process.

Carried

5:26 **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Human Resources Committee Meeting – June 17, 2008

Deputy Mayor Hall, chair of Human Resources reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. He asked if any progress had been made to appoint the Ratepayer Committee? The CAO/Clerk replied that he had not approached anyone yet.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall **Resolution No. 08-245**

That Council approve the June 17, 2008 Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried

Appoint Acting Treasurer

The CAO/Clerk reported that he had spoken to Randi Keith, a former Treasurer from Whitewater Region Township, who is willing to work part time while our Treasurer is on sick leave. Seven training sessions have been lined up with USTI, the Computer Company. For cheque signing the Toronto Dominion Bank require a letter with Randi Keith's signature and a copy of the original By-law, a resolution is not required.

Recommendations

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-246

That Council, on recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, agrees not to recreate the former position of Lead Hand in the Public Works Department.

Carried

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-247

That Council, on recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, approves the Landfill Attendant/Public Works/Labourer position Job description.

Carried

5:31 **RENFREW & AREA SENIOR'S HOME SUPPORT**

Councillor Kingsbury Horton's representative, thanked Council for their generous donation to Home Support. He also referred to the newsletter which was included in the package.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-248

That Council receive the Renfrew & Area Home Support Report for June 2008.

Carried

5:35 **CPAC**

Speedboard Data

Councillor Bennett, Chair of CPAC, reported that the Speedboard has been in operation since May 2008 and the OPP are very pleased with the data provided.

CPAC Minutes of June 23, 2008

Councillor Bennett reviewed the Minutes of the June 23, 2008 Meeting. The Rules and Regulations for ATVs were discussed. At present Horton Township is the only Township without a by-law. It would be much easier for the OPP to control ATVs if everyone has a by-law.

Council discussed the need for the Township to have a by-law controlling the operation of ATVs and agreed that the CAO/Clerk should prepare a by-law for the Fall Council Meeting similar to the Whitewater Region Township by-law.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-249

That Council receive the June 23, 2008 Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

5:45 **BUILDING REPORT**

Council reviewed the June Permit Report.

Moved by Dave Bennett seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-250

That Council receive the June 2008 Building Report.

Carried.

5:46 **LIME STABILIZATION**

Joint Meeting of Council and Lime Stabilization- June 16, 2008

Councillor Bennett, chair of Lime Stabilization Committee, reviewed the Minutes of the meeting of June 16, 2008. A copy of a letter from John Yakabuski to the Minister of Environment, supporting our request for additional funding for the project was reviewed.

Applications have been received for the two Labourer positions and interviews will be held next week.

The CAO/Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Shelly Bonte Gelok at the MOE, they are aware of the issues here. They are still on target and pleased with the facility.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-251**
That Council approve the Jun 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Township Council and the Lime Stabilization Committee.

Carried.

Emergency Plan

Councillor Bennett reported that he had attended the Pandemic Exercise in Petawawa and found it very worthwhile and useful.

7. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY

Information

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence Summary.

- A. MNR – Plant a tree challenge
- B. 2nd Mayors Summit – Communique
- C. Municipal Dataworks – June newsletter
- D. MMAH – Backgrounder – Residential Fire Sprinklers
- E. MMAH – 2009 Rent Increase Guideline
- F. Ottawa Valley Business – June 2008
- G. AMO: - Ontario students to get real-life lessons in responsible citizenship
- An opportunity to provide input on Provincial input on Provincial Poverty Reduction strategy
- H. John Tory – leader of Ontario PC Party – re: Investing in Ontario Act
- I. Judith Beaman – Ontario Court of Justice – re: Ontario Court of Justice
- J. Melissa Johnston – County of Renfrew – Navigable Waters Protection Act
- K. LAS – Audit ++ targeting facilities
- L. Connection – Summer 2008 - Sludge Spreading does not affect home values – MPAC
- M. John Yakabuski, MPP – petition for gas tax fairness

John Yakabuski's Petition for Gas Tax Fairness, Council discussed and felt they should support. The following resolution was passed.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-252**
That Council lends its support to our MPP John Yakabuski's petition for Gas Tax Fairness.

Carried

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-253**
That Council receive the July 03, 2008 Information Correspondence Summary

Carried

Council took a break for supper and resumed at 6:40 with all members of Council present.

Action Correspondence

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence Summary.

- A. City of Waterloo – support their resolution calling on the Provincial Government to clarify and confirm that the 2008 Municipal Roads and Bridge Infrastructure Investment is in fact a one-time infusion of funds versus an annual contribution and if that is the case, that the Provincial Government provide long term and sustainable infrastructure funding to assist the City of Waterloo and all upper, lower and single-tier municipalities in addressing their infrastructure roles and responsibilities

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 08-254**
That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a resolution of the City of Waterloo which calls on the Provincial Government to clarify and confirm that the 2008 Municipal Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment was a one time payment or an annual contribution.

Carried.

- B. Corporation of the Nation Municipality – support their resolution petitioning the Ontario Government to amend the Clean Water Act to incorporate a provision for compensation

for those landowners who suffered loss of land use and/or enjoyment of land as a result of source protection initiatives under the Clean Water Act

Council did not support this resolution.

- C. Town of Caledon – support resolution requesting the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) to increase the deduction limit of tax exempt allowance paid by employers to employees using their personal vehicle for business purposes from the current rate of 52 cents on the first 5,000 kilometres driven and 46 cents for each additional kilometer

Moved by Dave Bennett,, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-255

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Town of Caledon which requests the Canadian Revenue Agency to increase the deduction limit of tax exempt allowance paid to employees using their personal vehicle for business from 52 cents on first 5,000 kilometres driven and 46 cents on each additional kilometre.

Carried

- D. Peter Julian, MP, Burnaby – New Westminster – BC - support private motion calling on the Federal Government to recognize that fire retardants containing polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE's) are proven to be the most dangerous form of flame retardant harmful to people, animals and the environment, and that legislation completely phasing out the production and import of products containing additive PBDE's should be brought forth within a year

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-256

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a motion tabled in the House of Commons by Peter Julian, MP Burnaby-New Westminster calling on the phase out of production and import of products containing additive PBDE's which are fire retardants harmful to people, animals and the environment.

Carried

- D. International Association of Firefighters – letter to Peter Julian, MP, acknowledging support of private motion re: PCBE's
- E. County of Renfrew – support resolution calling on the Provincial Government to develop a funding model which will adequately compensate all child welfare and protection agencies through application of understandable and consistent criteria which ensures all child protection agencies in the Province of Ontario are funded equitably

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-257

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the County of Renfrew which requests that the Province of Ontario work with Renfrew County Family and Children's Services to resolve the issue of the unexpected deficit for the 2007 operating year.

Carried

- F. OMAFRA – Rural Connections Broadband Program.
Council did not support this motion

- G. Canadian Union of Postal Workers – support request for submissions to save universal, public postal service

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-258

WHEREAS the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review, which was launched by the Federal Government on April 21, 2008, is looking at deregulating our public post office (i.e. reducing or removing Canada Post's exclusive privilege on letters).

WHEREAS it will become increasingly difficult for our public post office to provide affordable service to everyone, no matter where they live, if the government erodes or eliminates the very mechanism that funds universal postal service – the exclusive privilege.

WHEREAS postal deregulation in other countries has led to post office closures, less service, few jobs and higher postal rates for public and small businesses.

WHEREAS the government is not holding public hearings as part of its strategic review or adequately consulting with the real owners of the post office – the public.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Horton send a letter or submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review opposing deregulation of Canada Post and insisting that the government hold public hearings and properly consult with the true owners of Canada Post – the public.

Carried.

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Council reviewed the June Accounts Payable Listing.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-259

That Council approves the June Accounts Payable Listing totaling \$662,306.68

Carried.

9. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

10. RESOLUTIONS

Killaloe Centennial Ad in Eganville Leader

Mayor Johnston vacated the chair and Deputy Mayor Hall assumed the chair.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Johnston

Resolution No. 08-260

That Council agrees to take out a ¼ page ad in the Eganville Leader for the 100th anniversary of the Village of Killaloe souvenir edition at a cost of \$200.00.

Against Bob Kingsbury

Bob Hall

Motion Lost

11. BY-LAWS

By-law to Appoint Acting Treasurer

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No 08-261

That Council enacts the following by-law

2008-25 - appoint Acting Treasurer

Carried

12. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY

Mayor Johnston reported that the County Road Department have inspected the culvert on Thompson Road and agree that it may need to be done sooner rather than later. The Director has also agreed that the County will look bridges and large culverts on municipal roads.

13. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

14. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

There were no concerns expressed by Council Members.

15. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

There was no request for reconsideration.

16. CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-262

That Council proceeds to a closed Meeting pursuant to Section 8 (b) (iv) of By-law 98-08 as amended Procedural By-law to discuss wage concerns.

Carried

Council returned to Public Session at 7:09 p.m. and Mayor Johnston reported that the CAO/Clerk have been authorized to seek wage comparisons from other municipalities.

17. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-263

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

18. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 08-264

That Council adjourns this Council Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

CAO/Clerk