

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

COUNCIL MEETING

March 4, 2008

There was a Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday March 4, 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
Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest in Accounts Payable.
3. MINUTES OF: FEBRUARY 5, 2008 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2008 PUBLIC MEETING ON COMMUNITY
IMPROVEMENT PLAN
FEBRUARY 12, 2008 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2008 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 08-74

That Council approve the following Meeting Minutes:

- February 5, 2008 Regular Council Meeting
- February 5, 2008 Public Meeting on Community Improvement Plan
- February 12, 2008 Special Council Meeting
- February 19, 2008 Special Council Meeting

Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
The CAO/Clerk referred to page 4 Council Meeting February 5, 2008, Planning Committee and reported that the Outdoor Wood Furnace Manual has been received. Councillor Bennett referred to page 2 of Council Meeting February 5, 2008, Public Works and asked if the modifications to the Municipal Office furnace system had been completed? Jeff Schruder is looking after this. Councillor Bennett referred to the AMO Convention in Ottawa, August 24-28, 2008, the only rooms available at the Westin Hotel are very expensive and he suggested that Councillors stay at the Novatell Hotel, which is more reasonable.
5. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVE AGENDA
The CAO/Clerk requested the following additions:
 - Cost & Financing Study for Office Expansion
 - Rink Cover
 - Recommendation from March 3, Public Works Meeting

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No: 08-75

That Council agree to add the following items to the Agenda and approves the Agenda for the March 4, 2008 Meeting:

- Cost & Financing Study for Office Expansion
- Rink Cover
- Recommendation from March 3, 2008 Public Works Meeting.

Carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4:10 **PUBLIC WORKS**

Report from Municipal Infrastructure Manager

Jeff Schruder reported that the winter events were much the same as usual. There was a discussion about the time it takes to put the stage at the Community Centre

up and down, which has to be done a couple of times a month, and whether there was a way of making it easier and quicker to do.

Jeff Schruder had attended a General Legal Course for Building Code in Huntsville from February 18 – 22, 2008.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 76**
That Council receives the Infrastructure Manager's Report for February 2008.
Carried.

Recommendation from Public Works Meeting March 3, 2008

The CAO/Clerk reported that he and the Infrastructure Manager had attended a meeting at Brian Whitehead's office on February 28, 2008, and worked on a Public Works Department 11 Year Road Rehabilitation Program 2008-2018. This is, of course, dependant on funding.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall **Resolution No. 08-77**
That Council, on recommendation of the Public Works Committee, adopts the Public Works Department Eleven Year Road Rehabilitation Program 2008-2018.
Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall **Resolution No. 08-78**
WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Horton identified the culvert that was in danger of collapse on Thomson Road as our project for Federal Gas Tax Funds for years 2, 3,4 & 5
AND WHEREAS this culvert work has been assumed by the County of Renfrew as it meets their 3 metre or longer culvert/bridge replacement criteria
AND WHEREAS Council is desirous to select another project(s) for the use of the Federal Gas Tax Funding
THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED
1. That the Federal Gas Tax Funding for years 2, 3, 4 & 5 be applied to road construction and hard surface programs.
2. That AMO be notified of the change in program.
Carried.

OGRA

Councillor Bennett reported that the presentations at the Convention had been excellent and overall it was a good convention. He had spoken to the manufacturers of the Debermer who have promised to come to the Township and set up the debermer so it will work properly. He had also spoken to Miller Paving who have promised to come and look at the Mullins Road paving, which is not wearing well. Rick Lester, a member of the Public Works Committee who attended with the Horton Councillors was very impressed and enjoyed the Convention.

4:38 **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

There was no Committee Meeting to report on.

The CAO/Clerk reported that Advantage Boring are taking the debris from the Lennie house fire on Cobus Road to the Dump. The rate for burned debris is \$40 per cubic yard, compared to \$7 per cubic yard for waste. In this case the house is still standing and they are only tearing out the inside, so the rate was questioned.

4:45 **FIRE COMMITTEE**

Fire Chief Corbin's Report was reviewed.

Councillor Bennett asked Jeff Schruder if there had been any word from Ottawa about the Fire Truck they had looked at in the Fall. Jeff reported they were to hear in the Spring 2008.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-79

That Council receive Chief Randy Corbin's Fire Report for February 2008.

Carried

4:50 **FINANCE**

There was no Committee Meeting to report on.

February Tax Arrears Report

Council reviewed the February Tax Arrears Report.

February Financial Report

Council reviewed the February Financial Report.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 08-80

That Council receive the February 29, 2008 Tax Arrears Report and Financial Report.

Carried.

4:55 **RECREATION**

February 11, 2008 Committee Meeting Minutes

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation, reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. He reported that the Winter Carnival went well and was well attended.

Mayor Johnston asked what the position with the Pipe Band was?

The CAO/Clerk reported that a letter was sent informing them that the rental would be \$50 per night – which the Band was going to discuss with their members.

A meeting with representatives from Renfrew Recreation Department has been arranged for March 6, 2008 at the Township Office to inform Renfrew that Horton will not pay for adults, starting January 2009, but will to pay the user fee for children.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 08-81

That Council approves the February 11, 2008 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

5:00 **PLANNING**

February 29, 2008 Meeting Minutes

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

Deputy Mayor Hall inquired which option Derek McGrimmon has selected?

The CAO/Clerk reported that to date Derek McGrimmon has not made a choice.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-82

That Council approves the February 29, 2008 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Recommendations

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-83

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee agrees to "receive" the following zoning amendment applications and requests the County Planning Department prepare the notices and draft By-laws:

- Richard and Nancy Wilson – Rural Exception to permit Commercial Garage
- Grant Crozier Excavating – reduce set back from Licensed Gravel Pit

Carried.

Request to Back Date CIP to June 2004

The CAO/Clerk reported that he had received a request to back date the Community Improvement Plan for Linda MacParland. This was referred to Planning Committee.

5:07 **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Deputy Mayor Hall reported the Committee had not met. Changes have been made to the HR Policies, which now need to be retyped. A meeting will be called when needed.

5:08 **RENFREW & AREA HOME SUPPORT**

Councillor Kingsbury, reported that the Board has tried to meet a number of times but has not had a quorum.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-84**
That Council receives the Renfrew & Area Senior Home Support Report for February 2008.
Carried.

5:11 **CPAC**

Councillor Bennett reported that the Committee met on March 3, 2008. An agreement between the municipalities purchasing the Speedboard must be signed before the Speedboard can go out on the road. The Agreement will be based on the Agreement signed in Lanark County, which the Committee will use as a guide. The Auxiliary will be trained by late March and the Speedboard should be on the road by mid-April.

Sergeant Slight had a copy of Justice Beaman's letter about the Renfrew Court moving to Pembroke, which generated discussion and the suggestion to invite Justice Beaman to meet with CPAC to discuss her position. Councillor Bennett had raised the issue of "blue lights" on snow plows and the intent of the legislation. He also asked about the highway closure when traffic is moved from a class 1 road to a class 4 road. Sergeant Slight reported that when the OPP make the decision to close a highway MTO is contacted for an alternate route.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall **Resolution No. 08-85**
That Council receive the verbal Community Policing Advisory Committee Report.
Carried.

5:21 **BUILDING REPORT**

Council reviewed the Building Report.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 08-86**
That Council receive the February 2008 Building Permit Report.
Carried.

5:25 **LIME STABILIZATION**

The Certificate of Approval for the Facility has been received. The Certificate of Approval for the Land is coming. It was agreed to call a Committee Meeting to discuss construction for Friday March 7, 2008 at 2:00 pm

7. **CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

Council. Reviewed the following Information Correspondence summary.

- A. AMO - Report on January 2008 Board Meeting
 - Federal Liberals pledge Infrastructure Money
 - 450 applications for MIII funding
 - Federal Government makes Gas Tax permanent
- B. Buy local - Champions
- C. Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network – response to Council's request that Horton Township children be included in their Rural Inclusion Program – free access to sports programs
- D. County of Renfrew
 - Family Day survey results
 - Finance and Administration Committee Report – closed meetings
 - Provincial Offences Act – Revenue Sharing
- E. Justice Beaman - proposed plan for Renfrew and Pembroke Courts
- F. Ottawa Valley Business – February Publication

- G. Ombudsman – First Closed Meeting Investigation Report – Fort Erie
 - H. LAS – Natural Gas News Flash & Electricity News Flash
 - I. FCM Federal Budget – info
 - J. Peel Region – Energy Matters Summit
 - K. Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce - Employer Essential Skills Luncheon - Best Western Renfrew Inn - March 13, 2008 – 11:30 to 1 p.m. 2008 Federal Budget Report
 - L. United Way
- Deputy Mayor Hall agreed to represent Mayor Johnston at this event.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennete

Resolution No. 08-87

That Council receive the March 4, 2008 Information Correspondence Summary.

Carried.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence Summary.

- A. Greater Madawaska – support resolution requesting Province to establish a stumpage fee as compensation to municipalities that have logging on Crown land.

Council discussed issues that the County of Renfrew has with this resolution. The County believes that this resolution is premature as there seems to be some funding coming out of the Fact Finding Committee Report on Provincial Municipal Cost Sharing that is due this Spring.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-88

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a resolution of the Township of Greater Madawaska which requests the Province to establish a system whereby revenue from stumpage fees from Crown Land be used to compensate municipalities for damage to roads from logging companies; and

That the Province establish the same system for compensating municipalities per tonne for logs in the same manner as currently occurs with aggregate extraction.

Carried on Division

Opposed Mayor Johnston

- B. Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands – support resolution which requests Province assume ownership of all municipal water systems.

Council could not support this resolution.

- C. Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus – support resolution regards Farm Tax Rebate Program

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-89

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution proposed by the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus which petitions the Province to provide compensating revenue to the municipalities of Ontario that have been negatively impacted by the transition from the Farm Tax Rebate Program to the Agricultural Property Tax Rate Reduction Program.

Carried.

- D. Town of New Market – support resolution calling on Province to eliminate the misuse of disable parking permits and parking spaces

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-90

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Town of Newmarket which requests the Province of Ontario to take action to eliminate the misuse of disable parking permits and parking spaces.

Carried.

- E. Township of Laurentian Valley – support resolution requesting the Ministry of Health to offer effective incentives to family physicians

Councillor Bennett, Horton's representative on the local Renfrew Victoria Hospital Physician Recruitment Committee requested permission to hold this resolution until next meeting, until he has an opportunity to speak with the local Committee.

F. Greater Madawaska – support resolution on physician recruitment

Councillor Bennett again asked if this resolution could also be delayed so that he could have an opportunity to speak to the local Recruitment Committee. Council agreed that these two resolutions be brought back to the April Council meeting.

G. City of Woodstock – support resolution which calls on the Province to eliminate tax capping and replace it with an equitable system based on current assessment values

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-91**

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a resolution of the City of Woodstock which requests the province eliminate tax capping and replace it with an equitable system based on current value assessment.

Carried.

H. Town of Milton - support resolution calling for MNR review of rehabilitation of gravel pits and security deposits

Council could not support this resolution.

I. Cheryl Gallant – sample resolution to call on Province to work with Federal Government to develop a Framework Agreement under the Building Canada Plan (Infrastructure)

Council expressed concern with the position of both the Federal Government and the Provincial Government on the issue of infrastructure as at the recent OGRA Convention the Provincial politicians are stating it is a Federal problem and as we see with this draft resolution the Federal Government is saying that it is a Provincial problem. It was agreed by Council that before we decide on this resolution we should ask Minister Caplan, of the Ministry of Infrastructure, why the Province can not move forward on infrastructure financing and we advise Ms Gallant, our local MP of Council's position. This resolution will be brought back when word is received from Mr. Caplan.

J The Regional Municipality of Niagara – support resolution which calls on the Federal Government to amend Bill C-22 to provide Ontarians with their fair share of seats in the House of commons while maintaining the constitutionally protected seat guarantee of smaller Provinces.

Council could not support this resolution

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

FEBRUARY 2008

Council reviewed the Accounts Payable Listing. Councillor Bennett had previously declared pecuniary interest.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-92

That Council approve the February Accounts Payable Listing in the amount of \$130,485.19

Carried.

6:05 Council took a break for supper and resumed the meeting at 6:45 with the same members of Council present.

9. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations.

10. RESOLUTIONS:

TO SET UP YEAR END RESERVES;

- DRAW DOWN FROM RESERVES AND LOT DEVELOPMENT CHANGES FOR RINK CONSTRUCTION
- INCREASE SEPTAGE RESERVE TO MOVE UNSPENT 2007 TO 2008 BUDGET
- INCREASE PUBLIC WORKS RESERVE (GOSHEN ROAD) TO MOVE UNSPENT 2007 TO 2008 BUDGET
- INCREASE WASTE MANAGEMENT RESERVE TO MOVE UNSPENT 2007 TO 2008 BUDGET

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-93

That Council approves the following 2007 Year End changes to Reserve Fund Accounts and Lot Development Account.

- Draw down \$13,957.47 from Recreation Revenue for rink construction
- Transfer \$8,700.00 from Development Charge Revenue for rink construction
- Add \$54,528.00 to Septage Study Reserve to move unspent 2007 to 2008 Budget
- Add \$61,000.00 to Move Ontario Grant Reserve to move unspent 2007 to 2008 Budget
- Add \$9,500.00 to Landfill Site Reserve to more unspent 2007 to 2008 Budget.

Carried.

11. BY-LAWS

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-94

That Council enact the following by-laws:

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| 2008-14 | Animal Pound Agreement with Renfrew |
| 2008-15 | Van Den Hurk Zoning Amendment |

Carried.

Councillor Kingsbury opposed By-law 2008-15

12. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY

Mayor Johnston reported that a presentation had been made to Minister Bradley, at the OGRA Convention, for Highway 417 extension. The presentation was prepared by Warden Janice Visneskie and Dave Darch, Public Works and Engineering Director.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-95

That Council accept Mayor Johnston's verbal County Report.

Carried.

13. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Office Addition

Councillor Bennett suggested that Council must investigate and move ahead with an addition to the Office complex. We need to get drawings and pricing to see how we can arrange financing. Deputy Mayor Hall suggested touring other Townships for ideas.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-96

That Council grants authority for Staff to research costs and financing opportunities to add an office addition and renovate the Council Chamber and to add a cover to the Outdoor Rink. Further, Council authorizes John McIntyre to prepare building drawings for the Municipal Office expansion.

Council agrees to temporarily relocate the Municipal Meetings to the Horton Community Centre to provide needed office space for the CAO & Municipal Infrastructure Manager until the office addition is completed.

Carried.

14. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

There were no concerns expressed by Council Members.

15. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

There were no requests for reconsideration.

16. CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 08-97

That Council proceed into a Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 8 (b) (v) and/or (vii) of By-law 98-08 as amended (Procedural By-Law) to receive information from our solicitor on our options for a Human Rights Commission file.

Carried.

Council returned to Public Session at 8:01 p.m. and Mayor Johnston reported that Council had discussed a Solicitor – Client issue.

17. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-102

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 Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-103

That Council adjourns this Council Meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk