

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 4, 2008

There was a Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Horton Community Centre on Tuesday November 4, 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 4:00 p.m.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by members of Council.
3. **MINUTES OF:OCTOBER 01, 2008 REGULAR COUNCIL METING
OCTOBER 01, 2008 PUBLIC MEETING LOT EVELOPMENT CHARGE –
MOBILE HOME
OCTOBER 27, 2008 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.**

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-340**

That Council approves the following Council Meeting Minutes:

October 01, 2008 Regular Council Meeting
October 01, 2008 Public Meeting – Lot Development Charge – Mobile Home
October 27, 2008 Special Council Meeting

Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
Councillor Bennett referred to the delegation from Algonquin College at the October 1, 2008 Council Meeting and asked if we had received any information from them? The CAO/Clerk replied that we had not, but we received a funding request from the Student Association.
5. **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA & APPROVE AGENDA**
Councillor Eady added an item under Waste Management and the CAO/Clerk added Broadband Report under Finance.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 08-341

That Council add the following items to the Agenda and approves the November 4, 2008 Council Meeting Agenda.

- Waste Management
- Finance – Broadband Report

Carried.

6. **DELEGATIONS**
Bill Bishop – OMEX Insurance
The CAO/Clerk introduced Bill Bishop, Director of Finance, OMEX Insurance, who was present to discuss the recent retro-assessment claim which the Township received for \$84,135.00

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 08-342

That Council move into closed session pursuant to Section 8 (b) (v) of procedural By-law 98-08 as amended.

Carried.

Council returned to Public Session at 4:35 p.m. and Mayor Johnston thanked Mr. Bishop for attending.

Mayor Johnston reported that during the Closed Session, Bill Bishop, discussed the large invoice the Township received from OMEX. Council was very disappointed with several revelations noted during these discussions:

a. Council had requested to opt out of the Reciprocal Group without notice at the end of 2003. They were told that their contract required six months notice and therefore they were unable to opt out. However, during the same period thirty-seven members left the group without proper notice. OMEX made a decision not to penalize these members.

b. This left the Reciprocal Group with only sixteen members including Horton Township. With such a small group they lost the capability to absorb retro-assessments. Our percentage premium went from 0.92% in 2003 to 2.84% in 2004.

After discussion regarding their options about the current invoice, the following resolution was put forward.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-343

That Council investigates the claim for retro insurance further. That Council requests a report from Staff on the options available.

Carried.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4:45 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Municipal Infrastructure Manager Reports

Jeff Schruder reviewed the Reports.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 08-344

That Council receives the October 2008 Infrastructure Manager's Reports.

Carried.

Tender Opening for Michigan Loader

Council received the following tenders for the purchase of their 1955 Michigan Loader:

NAME	BID
Arnel McCann	\$2,150.00
Davies Development	\$1,051.06
Kevin Johnston	\$ 400.00
Jim Bovair	\$1159.00
Dan Doris	\$ 625.00
Dennis McAvoy	\$2113.00

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-345

That the Council of the Township of Horton accepts the tender bid for the Michigan Loader from Arnel McCann in the amount of \$2,150.00.

Carried.

Letters Requesting Meeting re Infrastructure Funding Needs for Horton Township

Council reviewed the letters sent to MPP John Yakabuski, Minister Jim Watson and Minister George Smitherman requesting a meeting to discuss the Township's unique needs for infrastructure funding. The CAO/Clerk reported that no date has been set for this meeting.

Build Canada Application

The CAO/Clerk reported that he has been talking to Ed Vickers, our Engineer Consultant for infrastructure applications. Mr Vickers suggested that we proceed with putting forward a resolution confirming that the top

priority for the Build Canada Fund application is the Garden of Eden Road from south of Highway 17 to west of County Road 20.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-346

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Horton within the County of Renfrew wants to participate in the Build Canada Fund; and

WHEREAS the Township is a rural community with a population less than 250,000 people; and

WHEREAS the Township recognizes that Highway 17 is an important link in Trans Canada travel; and

WHEREAS improvements to the existing Garden of Eden Road are required to allow this road to continue to serve as an alternate route when the Highway is detoured and continue to serve the surrounding area and local residents and business owners who regularly travel this route.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Horton confirm that their top priority for the application for the Build Canada Fund Program is the reconstruction of the Garden of Eden Road from South of Highway 17 to West of County Road 20; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the municipal CAO/Clerk be authorized to submit the application before November 21, 2008.

Carried.

5:07 **FIRE COMMITTEE**

Fire Committee Meeting October 29, 2008

Councillor Bennett, Chair of Fire Committee reviewed the Minutes. He noted that Chief Corbin will give a report outlining his research into implementing a pumper relay status – costs and benefits. He also noted that the Committee reviewed a JEPP application for Communication equipment and supplies for Emergency Operations Centre; and training exercise and education costs. The JEPP grant portion is 45% and the Township share is 55%.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 08-347

That Council approve the minutes of the October 29, 2008 Fire Committee Meeting.

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-348

That the Council of the Township of Horton approves the following 2009/2010 JEPP Application:

- Emergency Operations Centre Supplies	\$ 2,438.78
- Communications at Emergency Operations Centre	\$ 21,064.10
- Communications a Fire Hall	\$ 1,944.00
- Training Exercise and Education	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL:	<u>\$ 28,446.88</u>

Carried.

5:15 **WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Waste Management Committee Meeting October 16, 2008

Councillor Eady, Chair of Waster Management reviewed the Meeting Minutes. He also gave a brief report regarding the Joint Recycling Committee and their research into the purchase of a local Waste Management/Recycling Company.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-349

That Council approves the Minutes of the October 16, 2008 Waste Management Committee Meeting

Carried.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-350

That Council approves an expenditure of up to \$1,000.00 as Horton's share of the net costs to develop a business plan and to develop alternatives for a governance body for the possible purchase of a Waste Management/Recycling Company.

Carried.

5:30 FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee Meeting October 27, 2008

Deputy Mayor Hall, Chair of Finance Committee reviewed the Minutes.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 08

That Council approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of October 27, 2008.

Carried.

Tax Arrears Report

The CAO/Clerk reviewed the Tax Arrears Report for October 2008. He noted that there are nine properties in the four year arrears status and eight properties in the three year arrears status.

The Treasurer will start the process as outlined in our Procedural By-law.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-352

That Council receive the October 31, 2008 Tax Arrears Report and the October 2008 Financial Report.

Carried.

Broadband Meeting Report

Deputy Mayor Hall gave an update on the Broadband Project. Horton is part of a cluster group (Horton, Admaston-Bromley, McNab-Braeside and Greater Madawaska) that is submitting an application to the Broadband program. The County is hiring a co-ordinator to assist this group with their Request for Proposal.

5:47 RECREATION COMMITTEE

Recreation Committee Meeting October 20, 2008

Councillor Kingsbury, Chair of Recreation, reviewed the Meeting Minutes. He noted that Renfrew Recreation Department has been very helpful looking for solutions to make the current User Agreement work. He asked for permission to extend the current User Fee Agreement for 2009.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennete

Resolution No. 08-353

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

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-354

That the Council of the Township of Horton accepts the recommendation of the Horton Recreation Committee, requesting that the Finance Committee rescind the resolution put forward at their January 29, 2008 meeting. This resolution stated: "that effective December 31, 2008 the Renfrew User Fee Agreement is to be cancelled, unless the Township is able to negotiate a new User Fee Agreement that would allow the Township to pay only for children 18 years of age and younger."

Further, the Recreation Committee recommends to Council that we extend the current user fee agreement for 2009 and re-assess the user fee agreement at the end of the year.

Carried.

Opposed by Councillor Eady

Program Manager Job Description

Council reviewed the job description for a part-time Program Manager for the Community Centre.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-355

That Council, on recommendation of the Recreation Committee approves the job description and advertises for a Manager/Programmer contract position with the Recreation Department.

Carried

Council took a break for supper at 6:10 p.m. and resumed at 6:50 p.m. with all member of Council present.

6:60 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Committee Meeting October 22, 2008

Chair Bennett, Chair of Planning reviewed the Meeting Minutes.

Site Plan Agreement Meeting – Harold Deacon – October 23, 2008

Chair Bennett reviewed the Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-356

That Council approves the Minutes of the October 22, 2008 Planning Committee Meeting and the October 23, 2008 – Deacon Site Plan Agreement Meeting.

Carried.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 08-357

That the council of the Township of Horton accepts the recommendation of the Planning Committee that the Township take out an annual membership with the Ontario East Economic Development Commission in the amount of \$275.00.

Carried.

7:00 **HUMAN RESOURCES**

There was no report as there had not been a meeting.

7:01 **RENFREW & AREA SENIORS HOME SUPPORT**

Letter re Funding Request

Councillor Kingsbury, Horton representative on the Committee, reviewed the letter outlining the 2008 activities and the request for the annual \$1200 donation to their organization.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-358

That Council accepts the October 2008 Report for Senior Home support.

Carried.

7:02 **CPAC**

There was no report as there had not been a meeting.

7:03 **BUILDING REPORT**

Council reviewed the Building Report for October 2008.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-359

That Council receive the October 2008 Building Permit Report.

Carried.

7:05 **LIME STABILIZATION**

Councillor Bennett gave an update on the Lime Stabilization Project. He noted that the project is on track. Nothing can go into the tanks until May 2009.

7:10 **EMERGENCY PLAN**

There was no report as there had not been a meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence summary.

- A. Health Force Ontario – letter re: New registration policy for US physicians
- B. Barbara Desilets, RVH – Update on Physician Recruitment
- C. Ministry of Energy & Infrastructure – reply to letter written to David Caplan, former Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal re: Building Canada Plan
- D. Ministry of Agriculture Food & Rural Affairs – Premier’s Award for Agri-Food Innovation
- E. MNR – Comment – Minor Amendment Inspection – Ottawa Valley Forest 2006-2026 Forest Management Plan
- F. Miramachi Lodge – September Newsletter
- G. Alfred Beck – re: proposals for the erection of wind turbines within and along the Mount St Patrick Escarpment from Dacre to Barry’s Bay
- H. Thank You Card – Barry & Eve Yantha.
- I. OGRA – Nomination – candidates 2009/10 OGRA Board of Directors
- J. AMO – National Do No Call List – Implications for Municipal Candidates In Ontario
 - Ontario proposes ban on cell phones while driving
 - Peter Hume, new AMO President – letter of introduction
- J. FCM – Message from president
 - Statement by FCM President on the Federal Election results
 - National Do No Call List – update on municipal impact
- L. Ottawa Valley Business – October 2008 newsletter
- M. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – report of the Provincial Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review
- N. AMO: re: report of the Provincial Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review
- O. OGRA – Re: Provincial Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-360

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

Carried.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence Summary,

- A. Town of East Gwillimbury – support resolution requesting the Provincial and Federal Governments to provide more funding that is both predictable and sustainable to municipalities to support our aging municipal roads and bridges.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 08-361

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Town of East Gwillimbury requesting the Provincial and Federal Governments to provide more funding that is both predictable and sustainable to municipalities to support our aging municipal roads and bridges.

Carried.

- B. Misasing Children Society of Canada – request to purchase magazine advertisement.

This item was referred to the Finance Committee.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Council reviewed the Accounts Payable Listing for October 2008.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-362

That Council approve the following Accounts Payable Listing for October 2008 in the amount of \$146,498.66.

Carried.

10. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

11. BY-LAWS

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 08-363

That Council agrees to enact the following by-laws:

- 2008-40 By-law to designate Horton Township as a Community Improvement Project Area
- 2008-41 By-law to adopt the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for Brownfield projects
- 2008-42 By-law to impose special annual drainage rates upon land in respect of which money is borrowed under the Tile Drainage Act (W. G. Nesbitt Holdings)
- 2008-43 By-law to authorize agreement with Marion Kauffeldt to occupy existing residence while completing construction of her new residence

Carried.

12. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY

Mayor Johnston gave a brief report on County business.

13. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

These items were discussed above.

14. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

There were no concerns expressed by Members of Council.

15. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

There was no request for reconsideration.

16. CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

17. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by B. Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-364

That Council pass 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. 08-365

That this Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk

