

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 02, 2008

There was a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Community Centre on Tuesday September 02, 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 4:05 p.m.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest in Accounts Payable. Councillor Kingsbury declared pecuniary interest in By-law 2008-29 ATVs on Township roads.
3. **MINUTES OF:** JULY 3, 2008 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 3, 2008 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 8, 2008 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2008 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-268**

That Council approves the following Council Meeting Minutes:

July 3, 2008 Special Council Meeting
July 3, 2008 Regular Council Meeting
July 8, 2008 Special Council Meeting
August 21, 2008 Special Council Meeting.

Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
Councillor Kingsbury referring to July 3, 2008 Minutes, asked if a Collection Agency had been found. Councillor Bennett is working on it.

Building Permit Fees for Agriculture

The CAO/Clerk reported that two Building Permit Fees had been refunded. The error had also been corrected in the Building By-law.

5. **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVE THE AGENDA**
The CAO/Clerk referred to a correction on the Agenda under Finance, date for Public Meeting.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-269

That Council adds the following item to the Agenda and approves the Agenda for the September 2, 2008 Council Meeting.

Carried.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

4:13 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

June 30, 2008 Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Deputy Mayor Hall wished to confirm that Ian Fraser and Joanne Clouthier were on the executive of the Property Owners Association for Leavoy Lane, he will contact them for community support for our possible Broadband application.

Councillor Kingsbury asked about the Gravel Pit, which Councillor Bennett said would be discussed later.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-270**
That Council approve the June 20, 2008 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes.
Carried.

Infrastructure Manager Report

Jeff Schruder reviewed the Report. Notice has been delivered to all the Thomson Road residents about the culvert repair.
Mayor Johnston will speak to Dave Darch at the County about the Thomson Road Culvert.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-271**
That Council receive the July and August 2008 Infrastructure Manager's Report.
Carried.

4:20 **WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Waste Management Committee July 17, 2008

Councillor Kingsbury, acting Chair of Waste Management reviewed the Committee Minutes.

Deputy Mayor Hall asked when Fast Eddy was expected to return to the Landfill Site. He is not expected until next year. However, the material ground this year did not seem as small and fine as last year which contributed to the Ministry of the Environment rejecting some of the material for cover. The unsuitable material will have to go into the Landfill.

Council discussed the machine that Fast Eddy was using this year, different from the one use last year, which has no screening method and no control on the size of material coming out. Although the Township has signed a four year contract with Fast Eddy, he would not have a problem if the Township could find someone else who could grind the product finer. It was felt that the technology is available, but the costs would be greater. It was agreed to research what is available before next year.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall **Resolution No. 08-272**
That Council approves the July 18, 2008 Waste Management Committee Meeting.
Carried.

Councillor Kingsbury reported that a load of E-Waste has been picked up from the Landfill Site. The Township started this program to save space in the Landfill Site and show leadership. It is hoped that in the future the Ministry will refund some of the costs involved in the pick up fees.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall **Resolution No. 273**
That Council on recommendation of the Waste Management Committee agrees to contract with computer Recyclers Inc of Ottawa to pick up e-waste at our Depot.
Carried.

4:30 **FIRE COMMITTEE**

Chief Corbin's Report

Councillor Bennett reported that Chief Corbin is on holidays. The Fire Department is moving ahead training drivers for the new Pumper Truck.

4:31 **FINANCE**

August 31, 2008 Tax Arrears Report

Council reviewed the Report noting that Tax Arrears are climbing.

Financial Report

The CAO/Clerk commented that the reports are not in the usual form.
Councillor Kingsbury commented on the amount received from the Boat Launch, which is less than expected. Council discussed the idea of an automatic gate - Councillor Bennett will look into this.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-274**
That Council receive the August 31, 2008 Tax Arrears Report and the July and August 2008 Financial Report.

Carried.

Development Charge – Revised Study Schedules re Mobile Homes

The CAO/Clerk reported that a letter was received from Jp2g, and a Public Meeting needs to be held. The earliest possible date would be September 30, 2008

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-275**
That Council agrees to hold a Public Meeting to receive comments on the proposed amendment to the Lot Development Charge Study for Mobile Homes on October 1, 2008.

Carried.

Broadband Funding Program Reports

The CAO/Clerk had attended a meeting in July and Deputy Mayor Hall attended one in August. Greater Madawaska is going to submit an application for September 18, other municipalities will wait until the February 18 deadline. Three or four towers would be needed in Horton Township. Most of the cost for the Township would be in kind i.e. land for the towers. Deputy Mayor Hall will attend the September meeting and bring a report to the October Council Meeting.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-276**
That Council receive the July 21 and August 18, 2008 Broadband Funding Meeting Reports.

Carried.

Committee on Councillor Remuneration

The CAO/Clerk reported that he had written to five citizens and received a favourable response from four. Mayor Johnston offered to speak to Bob Lockwood, who has not replied. The CAO/Clerk had been advised to wait until Bruce Beakley, at the County, returns before starting. Mr Beakley usually leads the meeting, sets up information for the Committee to research and come up with a solution. The time frame required is three months or less.

Deputy Mayor Hall asked Councillors, at the September Committee Meetings to think about figures for the 2009 budget, he would like preliminary numbers in December.

4:53 **RECREATION**

July 16, 2008 Recreation Committee Meeting

Councillor Kingsbury, Chair of Recreation reviewed the Minutes. The drawings for the Change Room Facility have not been received yet. Mayor Johnston asked if it would be ready for use this winter? Councillor Bennett felt as long as the footings are in before the end of October there should not be a problem. There was discussion about planting trees to block the lights at the Rink from shining on neighbouring properties.

Councillor Kingsbury drew members' attention to the piece in the Renfrew Recreation Book about the Horton user fee, the amount and the need to pay before signing up for courses.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-277**
That Council approve the July 16, 2008 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

5:08 **PLANNING**

July 15, 2008 Committee Meeting

Councillor Bennett, chair of Planning, reviewed the Meeting Minutes. Mayor Johnston asked about the Township Sign to go on the highway? Jeff Schruder has made application for approval and is waiting for MTO to reply.

The CAO/Clerk reported that at the Planning Meeting on September 16, when Charles Cheesman will be present to discuss the comprehensive Zoning by-law, there are three zoning applications that will have to be heard.

July 15 Committee of Adjustment Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-278

That Council approves the July 15, 2008 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes and July 15, 2008 Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-279

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee recommends the approval of consent applications:

B15/08 & B16/08 - Hollingsworth
Conditional upon execution of the Consent Agreement and,
B74-08 - McGrimmon
No Conditions.

Carried.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution 08-279 A

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee advises the County Land Division Committee that they do not support a Zoning Amendment that would be required for the approval of B81/08 – McGonigal and recommends the lot addition severance be re-divided in a manner that the remnant parcel is larger than half an acre.

Carried.

5:13 **HUMAN RESOURCES**

July 15, 2008 Committee Meeting

Deputy Mayor Hall, chair of Human Resources reviewed the Minutes.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 08-280

That Council approves the July 15, 2008 Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

5:15 **BUILDING REPORT**

Council reviewed the July and August 2008 Building Reports.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-281

That Council receive the July and August Building Permit Reports.

Carried.

5:17 **LIME STABILIZATION**

Councillor Bennett reported that the hole has been dug, there is stone on the bottom and tile in place, ready to put the tanks in. The Township dropped the amendment changes and is proceeding with the original C of A. It will probably be Spring 2009 before there is any field spreading due to the delays caused by Ministry changes and delays in getting approvals.

5:20 **EMERGENCY PLAN**

Mayor Johnston reported that he had been contacted about a sewage spill in Renfrew into the Bonnechere River. He contacted Jim Ferguson who took over notification of property owners who own property along the river.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence Summary.

- A. OPP News Releases: - Collisions Involving Animals
 - Driving Drowsy
 - Aggressive Drivers
- B. Chris Bentley, Attorney General of Ontario – crime rate in Ontario
- C. AMO - Climate change and engineering symposium
 - municipal hazardous or special waste – phases 2 & 3
 - Canada & Ontario sign major infrastructure agreement
 - new local land ambulance response time standards to be established
 - WEEE plan

- report on June 2008 AMO Board Meeting
- Integrated Community Sustainability Plan tool kit
- D. Renfrew County and District Health Unit – newsletter Summer & Fall 2008
- E. Renfrew & Area Senior's Home Support – Summer 2008
- F. OPG – Management changes in Ottawa/St. Lawrence Plant Group
- G. Cheryl Gallant – Navigable Waters Protection Act Study
 - Homelessness Partnership for Outreach Community
 - Enabling Accessibility Fund
- H. County of Renfrew – Council communiqué – June 2008-08-27
- I. MNR – fact sheet – protecting family and pets against rabies
- J. OGRA –
 - Alert – OGRA meets with MOE to discuss ban on cosmetic use of pesticides
 - Alert – Canada & Ontario sign infrastructure agreement
 - OGRA June Board Brief
- K. Data Fix – new mail-in voter kit
- L. Retirement invitation – Darrel Ryan, CAO, Laurentian Valley Township
- M. Borden-Ladner-Gervais – July 2008 newsletter
- N. Andrea Horwath, MPP, Hamilton Centre – slams McGuinty's municipal failure
- O. Ottawa Valley Business – July & August 2008
- P. Jeff Muzzi, County Weed Inspector – Wild Parsnip
- Q. Bob Hall, Chair of Finance Committee – e-mail re: Building Canada Fund
- R. Algonquins of Ontario – contact list
- S. VCARS Renfrew County – 3rd Annual Emergency Services Golf Tournament
- T. Kevin Bossy, President, Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce – request to address Horton Council to discuss working together for the benefit of our business community
- U. John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke – Horton Township's portion of the infrastructure funding monies announced by the Ontario Government this week

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-282

That Council receive the September 2, 2008 Information Correspondence Summary.

Carried.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence.

- A. City of Owen Sound - support resolution calling on the Provincial Government to provide a full exemption of provincial sales tax on goods and services to all Ontario municipalities similar to the GST exemption.
- B. City of Owen Sound - support resolution calling on the Provincial Government to provide a full exemption of provincial sales tax on goods and services for Ontario police services similar to the GST exemption.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-283

That the Council of the Township of Horton support two resolutions of the City of Owen Sound which call on the Provincial Government to provide full exemption to the Provincial Sales Tax to all Municipalities and Ontario Police Services similar to the GST rebate

Carried.

- C. Township of Galway-Cavendish and Harvey – support resolution calling on Federal and Provincial governments to protect Canada's water resources from export discussions and to protect Canada's fresh water lakes and rivers from being used as toxic dumps for the mining and oil refinery industries.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-284

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Township of Galway-Cavendish & Harvey which requests the Provincial and Federal Governments to protect Canada's water reserves from export discussions and protect our fresh water lakes and rivers from being used as toxic dumps for mining and oil refinery industries.

Carried.

- D. Mae Craig – requesting written support to maintain rural mail delivery in our area

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-285

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a letter sent to Prime Minister Harper on behalf of the Castelford Women's Institute to maintain rural mail delivery in Horton Township.

Carried.

- E. Town of Halton Hills – support resolution requesting the Lieutenant Governor in Council appoint one or more persons to conduct a provincial public inquiry into challenges facing municipalities from of provincial growth legislation, such as the Places to Grow Act and the Bill 51 amendments to the Planning Act, and advising the Premier and the Attorney General that such an inquiry is necessary to remove the innuendo and the confrontation in the current development processes and to restore and maintain public confidence in good government in Ontario and its municipalities.

Council did not support this resolution.

- F. Jim Karygiannis, M.P., Scarborough – Agincourt – support is private member's bill which requests the Motor Vehicle Safety Act to require all vehicles manufactured after January 01, 2010 to be equipped with speed limiters so vehicles cannot travel at more than 150 km/hr. First responder vehicles or other vehicles used in emergencies would be exempt.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-286

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a Private Members Bill which requests the Motor Vehicle Safety Act requires all vehicles manufactured after January 1, 2010 to be equipped with speed limiters capping speed at 150 km/hr. First Responder Vehicles to be exempt.

Carried.

- G. Township of Muskoka Lakes – support resolution requesting MPAC Board of Directors to improve their operations by:
- 1) Allocating provincial funds to correct the over 70,000 errors across the Province for those municipalities with greater reliance on the data receiving priority
 - 2) Making errors and backlog in data a priority to complete
 - 3) Working with lower and upper tier municipalities to correct these errors

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 08-287

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Township of Muskoka which requests MPAC Board of Directors improve their Operations by:

1. Allocating provincial funds to correct the over 70,000 errors across the Province for those municipalities with greater reliance on the data receiving priority.
2. Making errors and backlog in data a priority to complete.
3. Working with lower and upper tier municipalities to correct these errors.

Carried.

- H. Town of Milton – support their resolution endorsing the Region of Halton's resolution requesting the Ministry of Environment consider placing a deposit/return system on aluminum and plastic drink containers.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-288

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Town of Milton which calls on the Minister of the environment to consider a deposit/return system on aluminum and plastic drink containers.

Carried.

- I. Tay Valley Township – support their resolution requesting AMO to petition the Premier and the Minister of Northern Development and Mines to reunite surface and mining rights on SRO properties when requested by the SRO property owner or the municipality.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-289

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a resolution of the Township of Tay Valley which petitions Premier McGuinty to reunite surface and mining rights on "Surface Rights Only" Lands when the Mining Act is amended.

Carried.

- J. Township of Hilliard – support resolution petitioning the Province of Ontario to take the same position that Quebec has taken already and allow low speed vehicles to be licensed in Ontario.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 08-290

That the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Township of Hilliard which petitions the Province of Ontario to take the same position as Quebec and allow low speed vehicles to be licensed in Ontario.

Carried.

- K. FCM – Canadian Red Cross Society – Auxiliary Role Project

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-291 WHEREAS

the Canadian Red Cross is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its creation as a national non-profit volunteer humanitarian organization under **The Canadian Red Cross Society Act, 1909; AND WHEREAS**, under national and international law, the Canadian Red Cross and other National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies are considered "auxiliary to the public authorities in the humanitarian field;"

AND WHEREAS the mandate of the Canadian Red Cross is to: "In time of peace or war to carry on and assist in work for the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world;"

AND WHEREAS millions of Canadians and beneficiaries in other countries have been assisted by the Canadian Red Cross for over a century through programs aimed at disaster assistance, emergency preparedness, international aid, assistance and development, health, injury prevention and the promotion of international humanitarian law and humanitarian values:

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Red Cross Auxiliary Role Project seeks to revitalize the relationships with public authorities at the Federal, provincial, territorial and municipal levels so as to better serve the need of humanity ;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Horton expresses its support for the Auxiliary role Project and in particular the renewal of the framework for cooperation between public authorities and the Canadian Red Cross to better address the humanitarian challenges of the 21st century by:

- a) working to reinforce the status and roles of the Canadian Red Cross as auxiliary to public authorities in the humanitarian field;
- b) and reviewing existing measures, arrangements and instruments supporting the relationship

Carried.

8. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Council reviewed the accounts payable.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-292

That Council approves the following Accounts Payable Listings:

July 2008	\$168,263.19
August 2008	\$196,355.97

Carried.

Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest.

9. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

10. RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 08-293**

That Council agrees to move the date of the October 7, 2008 Council Meeting to Wednesday October 1, 2008.

Notice of this change to be advertised in the Renfrew newspapers.

Carried

11. BY-LAWS

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-294

That Council agrees to enact the following by-laws:

2008-29 Permit ATVs to operate on Municipal Roads

2008-30 Authorize OSIFA Loan for Office addition & Rink Change Room

2008-31 Runtz / Davies Temporary Use Zoning By-law

Carried.

Councillor Kingsbury declared pecuniary interest.

12. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY

Mayor Johnston spoke about the AMO Convention which he attended in Ottawa August 24-27, 2008. The highlight had been Mr McGuinty's announcement about money for Infrastructure. There were a number of ministers present and 1800 delegates, making it one of the biggest conferences. The Workshops were very good.

Council took a break for supper and resumed at 7:00 pm with all Members of Council present.

13. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the Agenda.

14. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

Councillor Bennett expressed concern about the Thomson Road.

15. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

There were no requests for reconsideration.

16. CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 08-295

That Council proceeds into a Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 8 (b) (ii) of By-law 98-08 as amended – Procedural By-law (Personal Matter about an identifiable individual).

Carried.

Council returned to Public Session at 8:43 p.m. and Reeve Johnston reported that Council considered a request to cancel interest on property taxes, a request not to charge the Development Charge on a property and an Internship Program under the Chief Building Official for the Municipal Infrastructure Manager.

17. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-296

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-297

That this Council Meeting be closed at 8:44 p.m.

Carried.