

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

COUNCIL MEETING

July 7, 2009

There was a Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Municipal Council Chamber on Tuesday July 7, 2009. Present were Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Deputy Mayor Bob Hall, Councillors Dave 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
Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest in Accounts Payable.
3. MINUTES OF:
JUNE 2, 2009 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 2, 2009 DRAFT MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC MTG
JUNE 2, 2009 EXPANSION OF LANDFILL SITE PUBLIC MTG
JUNE 2, 2009 PLEAU ZONING PUBLIC MEETING
JUNE 9, 2009 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 09-183**

That Council approves the following Council Meeting Minutes:

June 2, 2009 Regular Council Meeting
June 2, 2009 Draft Municipal Budget Public Meeting
June 2, 2009 Expansion of Landfill Site Public Meeting.
June 2, 2009 Pleau Zoning Public Meeting
June 9, 2009 Special Council Meeting

Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING
There was no business arising.
5. ITEMS TO ADD TO THE AGENDA
The CAO/Clerk requestee an addition under Delegations – Armand Bakx at 7:15 p.m.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 09-184**

That Council add the following items to the Agenda and approves the July 7, 2009 Council Meeting Agenda.

Delegations – 7:15 Armand Bakx.

Carried.

6. DELEGATIONS.
4:09 MacKillican & Associates – 2008 Financial Statements
Rory Richards was present from MacKillican & Associates. He reviewed the 2008 Financial Statements and answered questions from the Councillors.
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
4:38 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
Council reviewed the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting June 29, 2009

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 09-185**

That Council approve the June 29, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Recommendations

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-186

That Council, on recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, authorizes the execution of the Community Futures Grant application for the program Scott Humphries is organizing at the Horton Community Centre.

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-187

That Council, on recommendation of the Committee of the Whole agrees to establish a policy for discretionary spending of up to \$2,000 by each Committee without coming back to Council, provided the funding is in the Budget. If the need for funds is slightly over the amount, Council is to be polled for direction by Staff.

Carried.

4:38 **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Committee June 1, 2009 & July 6, 2009

Councillor Bennett, chair of Public Works reviewed the Minutes of the June 1, 2009 meeting and the July 6, 2009 Meetings.

Unrelated to the minutes, Councillor Kingsbury reported that during the recent rain he noticed water running down the side of Mullins Road, not in the ditches. Jeff Schruder confirmed that he had also noticed this, which he felt was caused by the stone being pushed to the side and grass growing causing a berm. This will be attended to.

Councillor Eady referred to the June 1, 2009 Minutes and asked what was covered by the \$185,000 for construction of Pinnacle Road? Jeff Schruder confirmed that it was from Highway 60 to the top of Pinnacle Hill.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No.09-188

That Council approve the June 1 and July 6, 2009 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Infrastructure Manager Report for June 2009

Jeff Schruder reviewed his Report and confirmed that the Welcome Signs are ready to be installed. Mr Peter Smith will attend the next Waste Management Committee Meeting to discuss his system for grinding at the Landfill Site.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-189

That Council receive the June 2009 Infrastructure Manager's Report.

Carried.

Public Works Report for June 2009

Jeff Schruder reviewed the Public Works Report. Chair Bennett asked about the roadside grass cutting, mentioning that Thompson Road needed to be done urgently.

The CAO/Clerk reported that he had received a call from Randy Thur, a Technician with the Renfrew County Public Works Department, who had called about a missing pin number on a section of Thompson Road, a survey would cost \$30,000 - \$40,000. The CAO/Clerk recommended waiting as the pin is not needed at this time.

4:58 **FIRE COMMITTEE**

There was no report. The Committee is to meet July 15, 2009.

4:59 **WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Waste Management Committee Meeting June 18, 2009

Councillor Eady, chair of Waste Management reviewed the June 18, 2009 Minutes. Councillor Kingsbury asked if a note was being put on Tipping Invoices for the LFS, indicating that there would be a penalty on unpaid accounts.

Chair Eady suggested that a by-law is needed to do this and it was agreed that it be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

E-Waste

Jeff Schruder reported that he, Bill Yantha and Katie Turton (summer student) had loaded nine pallets and covered them with shrink wrap ready for pickup.

Grinding

Jeff Schruder reported that he spoke to Fast Eddie (Grinding Company), who promises to come soon. Jeff reported that there has been a gain of about 50% space by reworking and compacting at the Landfill Site. The Certificate of Approval for the Landfill Site Expansion has been sent to the Ministry.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-190

Whereas the Township of Horton own a landfill on Lot 17 Concession VI that operates under Certificate of Approval A412505 and is predicted to reach capacity sometime in 2010, and

Whereas the Township has reviewed alternatives for the provision of disposal services for municipal waste and has selected the expansion of their existing landfill as the preferred option for providing this service, and

Whereas the Township has requested their Consultants to prepare a Hydrogeological report and a Site Development, Operation and Closure report to support an application under the Environmental Protection Act for approval of the expansion (slightly less than 40,000 cubic metres), and

Whereas the Township has advised abutting landowners by letter that these documents are available for review at the municipal office and have presented these reports at a public meeting on May 5, 2009.

Be it resolved that the Township of Horton adopt the Consultant reports for the expansion of the landfill and authorize the clerk to submit the application and supporting documentation to the Ministry of the Environment for environmental approvals.

Carried.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-191

That Council approves the Minutes of the June 18, 2009 Waste Management Meeting and the June 18, 2009 Public Meeting for the Biodegradable Bag Study.

5:08 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

June Finance Report

Council reviewed the Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the fiscal period ending May 31, 2009.

Tax Arrears

Council reviewed the Tax Arrears Report as of June 20, 2009. At present we have 14% in arrears, 10% is considered ideal. Letters have been sent out for Tax Arrear Sales.

The CAO/Clerk reported McNab Township is planning a press release about High Speed Internet and considering using combined letterhead with all municipal logos. He had requested that Horton's name not be on the letterhead, Council agreed, as we are part of the group but are not getting any benefits.

Council discussed the state of high speed internet service in the Township – it is still not available to all residents.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-192

That Council receive the June 2009 Tax Arrears Report and the June 2009 Financial Report.

Carried.

5:28 **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Recreation Committee Meeting June 10, 2009

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes, which had been discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

The Canada Day Breakfast was very successful, 515 people were served. All the expenses have not been received, so final figures are not available yet.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-193

That Council approve the June 10, 2009 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

5:30 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Committee Meeting Minutes June 16, 2009

Mayor Johnston declared pecuniary interest and stepped down. Deputy Mayor Bob Hall took the Chair.

Councillor Bennett, chair of Planning Committee reviewed the Minutes which had been discussed at the Committee of the Whole.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-194

That Council approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2009 Planning Committee Meeting;

Carried.

Recommendations

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-195

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, supports Consent B 83/09 for Robert and Juliette Johnston to sever a lot addition severance, no conditions.

Carried.

Mayor Johnston declared pecuniary interest.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-196

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, agrees not to accept the zoning amendment application of Mitch and Kim Fleugel to construct a garage on a vacant parcel of land they own.

Carried.

Mayor Johnston resumed the chair.

5:33 Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support

Councillor Kingsbury referred to the Reports which were included in the Council Package, and reported that unless there is a change in the funding for Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support, the organization will cease to exist within twenty months as they will have no money.

Although the government is encouraging seniors to stay in their own homes the funding is not being provided to the agencies to provide the necessary support. Council discussed this situation and Councillor Bennett suggested that all Councils get together and write to the Provincial Government.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-197

That Council accepts the June 2009 Report for Renfrew Senior Home Support.

Carried.

5:38 **CPAC**

There was no meeting to report. Councillors reported that the Speedboard had been visible around Town.

5:40 **BUILDING REPORT**

Council reviewed the June 2009 Building Report.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-198

That Council receive the June 2008 Building Permit Report.

Carried.

5:41 **LIME STABILIZATION**

The CAO/Clerk reported that there is a meeting tomorrow to show the Committee Members the facility.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY
INFORMATION**

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence:

- A. AMO – Report of the Secretary-Treasurer on Nominations to the 2009-2010 AMO Board
 - Of Directors
 - AMO – Support for Inclusion of Animals in Municipal Emergency Plans
 - AMO – Comments on Long Term Care Homes Act Proposed Regulations
 - AMO – Needle Safety Regulatory Review
 - AMO – Important Report on Early Learning signals Direction Ontario must Take for Future Prosperity
 - AMO – WDO – Used tire plan comes into effect September 1, 2009
 - AMO – AMO report to members on June 2009 Board Meeting
- B. FCM – Members’ Advisory – H1N1 Influenza Update for Municipalities
- C. Ontario Good Roads Association – Board Brief – April 2009
- D. AECL – Information Bulletin – NRU Status report # 3 – heavy water leak

Council agreed to invite Lynn Jones from The Ottawa River Institute to come to the Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 31, 2009 to explain the best approach for the Township to take.

- E. Cunningham Swan - Legal Matters, client newsletter
- F. Ontario Property and Environmental Rights Alliance – Species Habitat Regulations Emerging from Endangered Species Act (ESA) 2007
- G. Ottawa Valley Business Newsletter June 2009
- H. OEMC Conference
Mayor Johnston and Councillor Kingsbury will attend the OEMC Conference in Kingston.
- I. Ministry of Natural Resources – rabies control operations
- J. County of Renfrew – letter to OPP re: Horton Twp request for Parking Restriction – County Rd. 52 - Burnstown Road

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-199

That Council receive the July 07, 2009 Information Correspondence Summary.

Carried.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence.

- A. The Greater Toronto Area Countryside Mayors' Alliance – support for their resolution calling on Canadian Municipalities to adopt a procurement policy that future Canadian Infrastructure projects at the municipal level, including environmental projects such as water and wastewater treatment projects, require that any goods and materials required for the projects be bought only from companies whose countries of origin do not impose local trade restrictions against goods and materials manufactured in Canada to better ensure open, fair and competitive practices across the globe.

Council agreed to table this item.

- B. The Greater Toronto Area Countryside Mayors' Alliance – support for their resolution calling on Canadian Municipalities to be supportive of Free Trade between the United States and Canada and that the restrictive “Buy American” provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act are contrary to that spirit of free trade.

Moved by Don Eady seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-200

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports the Greater Toronto Area Countryside Mayors Alliance which supports Free Trade between the United States and Canada and that the restrictive “Buy American” provisions are contrary to that spirit of free trade.

Carried.

Councillor Bennett opposed.

- C. City of Pickering – support resolution to appeal to the Province of Ontario to stop the implementation of the proposed Provincial Sales Tax until more public consultation and input is received.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-201

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a resolution of the City of Pickering which appeals to the Province of Ontario to stop the implementation of the Proposed Provincial Harmonization Sales tax until more public consultation and input is received.

Carried.

Councillor Bennett opposed.

- D. Town of Innisfil – support resolution that the Province of Ontario be requested to exempt electricity sales from the provincial portion of the single harmonized sales tax at least until the standard debt of Ontario Hydro is fully retired.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-202

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a resolution of the Town of Innisfil which requests the Province of Ontario exempt electricity sales from the provincial portion of the single harmonized sales tax, at least until the stranded debt of Ontario Hydro is fully retired.

Carried.

- E. Town of Fort Erie – support resolution to petition the Premier of Ontario to take the necessary steps in a timely manner to amend the Ombudsman Act to include hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Ombudsman and in the event the Premier responds negatively, the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie respectfully requests and expects a full and complete explanation as to why the Province will not amend the Act as requested.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-203

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Town of Fort Erie which petitions the Premier of Ontario to take necessary steps in a timely manner to amend the Ombudsman Act to include Hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Ombudsman.

Carried.

- F. Municipality of Hastings Highland. – support resolution that Hydro One recognizes the emergency services provided by Hastings Highland Fire Department and remit fair payment for services when requested by the Municipality of Hastings Highlands.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-204

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports a resolution of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands which calls on Hydro One to recognize the emergency services provided by our local Fire Department to maintain and protect a scene when there are downed power lines and remit payment for services.

Carried.

- G. Wallaceburg Disaster Relief Committee – request for financial contribution to flood victims who suffered damage during flooding in Southwestern Ontario in February 2009.

Council referred this item to the Finance Committee.

- H. City of Welland – support resolution calling on the Provincial Government to develop and implement an improved funding model that ensures that every citizen has equal and reasonable access to all necessary medical and health services provided through the hospital system.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-205

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the City of Welland which demands an improved funding model be developed and implemented by the Provincial Government to ensure that every citizen has equal and reasonable access to all necessary medical and health services provided through the hospital system.

Carried.

6.08 p.m. Council took a break for Supper and resumed at 6:35 pm with all members of Council present.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Council reviewed the Accounts Payable Summary for June 2009.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-206

That Council approves the following Accounts Payable Listings for June 2009 in the amounts of \$654,477.60.

Carried.

Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest.

10. DELEGATIONS

7:00 James Collins – Dog Tag Sales Concern

Mr Collins did not attend.

7:15 Armand Bakx

Mr Bakx did not attend.

11. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

12. BY-LAWS

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-207

That Council agrees to enact the following by-laws:

2009-19 Chapeski Yard Sale Agreement

2009-20 Rescind By-law 2009-07 Nesbitt Holdings Tile Drain Debenture

2009-21 Revised Nesbitt Holdings Tile Drain Debenture

Carried.

13. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY

Mayor Johnston reported that he is still working with the County to get the bump on County Road 20 repaired. The Bonnechere Manor is planning to put on an addition dependent upon receiving a government grant. The Bonnechere Manor has passed a by-law to totally prohibit smoking on the property or grounds which will come into effect in March 2010. It is generally felt that this is inconsiderate to expect residents who have smoked all their lives to suddenly stop smoking.

14. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

Council expressed concern about the proposed Provincial harmonized sale tax.

16. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

There was no request for reconsideration by members of Council.

The CAO/Clerk reported that as requested by Hydro One all bills received have been forwarded to Toronto, so when Hydro representatives come to the Township they will have answers for the customers. Hydro representatives will be present at the AMO Conference in Ottawa in August and would be willing to come to Horton at that time. It was agreed to invite Hydro to come to the Township on Tuesday August 18, 2009 and hold a Special Meeting.

17. CLOSED MEETING

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-208

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

Carried.

Council returned to regular meeting at 7:37 pm and the Mayor reported that Council had discussed a personal matter about an identifiable individual.

18. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-209

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.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-210

That this Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Carried.

