

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**COUNCIL MEETING**

June 2, 2009

There was a Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Horton Council Chamber on Tuesday June 2, 2009. Present were Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Deputy Mayor Bob Hall, Councillors Dave Bennett, Don Eady and Bob 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 and Recreation.
3. MINUTES OF: MAY 05, 2009 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 25, 2009 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury      **Resolution No. 09-146**

That Council approves the following Regular Council Meeting Minutes:

Minutes:      May 05, 2009 Regular Council Meeting  
                  May 25, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting

**Carried.**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES  
Mayor Johnston inquired if the sight lines for the McGrimmon Entrance on Whitton Road had been checked. Jeff Schruder reported that Councillor Eady had been unable to make a Site Visit with him, they were hoping to do it in the near future.

Mayor Johnston also asked about the timing of the Traffic Lights on the Phillip Shrive Bridge and at Highway 17 and Bruce Street. Jeff Schruder reported that another complaint has been put in to MTO.

Councillor Kingsbury asked if there had been any follow-up to the Newberrys visit to Council about their hydro bill? The CAO/Clerk reported that the Newberrys had received a second extremely high bill. The Township received a letter from Hydro One today which gives a phone number in Toronto, which the CAO/Clerk will contact to see about setting up a meeting.

Councillor Kingsbury asked if the Snowmobile Club had fixed the bridge on the CN Trail – Jeff Schruder reported that they are getting organized.

Councillor Kingsbury asked if anything had been done about the slope in the tile floor coming into the Council Room – Brian Hewitt has not been contacted but Garnett Headrick is aware of the problem.

Councillor Bennett referred to the Committee of the Whole Meeting May 25, 2009 and reported that the trees Bell Canada had cut on Ruttan Road belonged to the property owner who had removed them.

Deputy Mayor Hall asked about item No 4 of the Committee of the Whole meeting which referred to discussing “Deputy Mayor Position” and asked what this was about? The CAO/Clerk reported that the Remuneration Committee has suggested the same pay rate for Deputy Mayor and Councillors and Council wished to discuss this suggestion.

Mayor Johnston read a Press Release “Clarification of Reported Statement by Ontario Landowner Association”.

5. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA AND APPROVE AGENDA

The CAO/Clerk requested adding Public Meeting for Budget Consideration. He added that he had invited Scott Humphries to be present to talk about his proposal to the Recreation Committee.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No 09-147**

That Council add the following item to the Agenda and approves the June 2, 2009 Council Meeting Agenda.

Public Meeting for Municipal Budget Consideratio.

**Carried.**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4:23 **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Committee Meeting May 19, 2009

Councillor Bennett, chair of Public Works Committee, reviewed the May 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

Councillor Kingsbury reported that he had driven on the Burnstown Road to check the parking complaint and agreed that vehicles are parked on the sidewalk making it impossible for pedestrians to walk on the sidewalk.

Mayor Johnston reported that the County is mulling over what to do with the seasonal bump on Castleford Road and he will keep Council informed

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 09-148**

That Council receives the Minutes of the May 19, 2009 Public Works Committee Meeting.

**Carried.**

Municipal Infrastructure Manager Reports

Jeff Schruder reported that the Thomson Road culvert is looking good. Cynthia Hyland from Steward Edge had visited the Landfill Site and was pleased with the facility – grant money should be available through Stewardship Ontario for the E-Waste Depot.

Councillor Kingsbury asked about the Road Supervisors Meeting?

Jeff reported that all the Road Superintendents from Renfrew County are invited, so it is a great opportunity to network. Meetings are held every two to three months. There is usually a demonstration of new products by suppliers.

Jeff Schruder that he had spent a day with Dennis Fridgen last week doing building inspections. Now that he has membership with OBOA he can register for an internship

Jeff Schruder reviewed the Public Works Report and reported that the digouts on Early Road were very bad. Councillor Bennett suggested, next year keeping the half loads on longer.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 09-149**

That Council receive the May 2009 Infrastructure Manager's Reports.

**Carried.**

Tender PW- 2009-01 - Surface Treatment

**SUPPLY & APPLICATION OF SURFACE TREATMENT**

|  | Item |  | Length |  | Total |
|--|------|--|--------|--|-------|
|--|------|--|--------|--|-------|

| Company            | Description     | Unit  | 7M Width  | Unit Price | Amount      |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Smith Construction | Dbl Fraser Rd   | Metre | 30 metre  | 80.00      | \$37,716.00 |
|                    | Dbl Mullins Rd  | Metre | 200 metre | 20.95      |             |
|                    | Sngl Mullins Rd | metre | 120 metre | 41.90      |             |
| Greenwood Paving   | Dbl Fraser Rd   | Metre | 30 metre  | 95.00      | \$41,842.50 |
|                    | Dbl Mullins Rd  | Metre | 200 metre | 23.00      |             |
|                    | Sngl Mullins Rd | Metre | 120 metre | 47.00      |             |

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**SUPPLY AND PLACE APPROXIMATELY 4,500 TONNE  
GRANULAR "M" ON COBUS ROAD**

| Company                         | Unit  | Quantity | Unit Price | Total       |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------|------------|-------------|
| B R Fulton Construction Ltd     | Tonne | 4500     | 7.10       | \$31,950.00 |
| Eastway Contracting             | Tonne | 4500     | 8.23       | \$37,035.00 |
| R. G. T. Clouthier Construction | Tonne | 4500     | 8.39       | \$37,755.00 |
| Smiths Construction Company     | Tonne | 4500     | 10.50      | \$47,250.00 |

Tender PW-2009-03 – Screened Winter Sand

**TENDER FOR 3000 TONNES-SCREENED WINTER SAND**

| Company                 | Price Per Tonne | Total Amount |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Smith Construction      | 10.00           | \$31,500.00  |
| Clouthier Construction  | 5.39            | \$16,978.50  |
| B R Fulton Construction | 5.25            | \$16,537.50  |
| Eastway Contraction     | 7.23            | \$22,174.50  |

Council discussed Tender No.PW-2009-01 Supply and Application of Surface Treatment and agreed to take the Tender to the Public Works Committee for decision.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 09-150**

That Council awards the following tender to:

| <u>Tender</u> | <u>Contractor</u>   | <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| PW 2009-02    | Fulton Construction | \$33,547.50   |
| PW 2009-03    | Fulton Construction | \$16,537.50   |

Subject to written specifications that material meets specifications.

**Carried**

There is a new grant available under Industry Canada – Community Adjustment Fund. Council discussed the possibility of developing industrial land with the infrastructure for an Industrial Park, and agreed that an application should be made for this grant.

5:08 **FIRE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of May 20, 2009 Fire Committee Meeting

Councillor Bennett, chair of Fire Committee reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. He reported that the Fire Chief is working with the Renfrew Fire Department to get access to Hydrants on the outskirts of Town.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 09-151**

That Council approve the May 20, 2009 Fire Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Carried.**

5:09 **WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Waste Management Committee Meeting May 21, 2009

Councillor Eady, chair of Waste Management Committee reviewed the May 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

Deputy Mayor Hall asked about the time frame for the Biodegradable Bag Program. A meeting has been arranged for Thursday June 18, 2009 at the Community Centre and all participants have been invited. The CAO/Clerk commented that he is still waiting to receive names of some of the participants.

Councillor Eady reported that he had ordered kitchen compost containers from Canadian Tire for this project. The Township has not received any communication from the Ministry about the Bearwise Program

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 09-152**

That Council approves the Minutes of the May 21, 2009 Waste Management Committee Meeting.

**Carried.**

515 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

May 2008 Tax Arrears Report

Deputy Mayor Hall reviewed the Tax Arrears Report. The Treasurer/Deputy Clerk reported that post dated cheques have been received for some of the outstanding taxes. There are some properties that can be listed for Tax Sale.

May 2009 Finance Report

Councillor Kingsbury asked about the cost of the Change Room, what percentage of the total budget has been spent?

Remuneration Committee Report

It was agreed that this would be discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on June 29, 2009.

Summer Experience Student Program

Interviews for this position will take place Wednesday June 3, 2009.

The CAO/Clerk also reported that the Township had received a grant for a student for a six week program, which is funded 100% by the Province. The Township has to have an Accessibility Plan in place for January 2009 and it is hoped to get this student to write the document.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 09-153**

That Council, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, agrees to increase staff wages/salaries by 3% COLA effective January 1, 2009.

**Carried.**

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 09-154**

That Council receive the May 30, 2009 Tax Arrears Report and the May 2009 Financial Report.

**Carried.**

The CAO/Clerk reported that the Auditors have completed the Financial Statement and the Township has a surplus of \$32,270. It was agreed to invite the Auditors to come to the next Council meeting to speak to Council.

5:28 **RECREATION**

Recreation Committee Meeting May 21, 2009

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation viewed the May 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes. The Committee did not visit the beach, as planned, because the water

was too high. Councillor Kingsbury thanked the Councillors who had helped at the Euchre Night.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 09-155**

That Council approve the May 21, 2009 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Carried.**

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 09-156**

That Council, on recommendation of the Recreation Committee, authorizes the Recreation Program Manager to book Jan Charbonneau's "So Good to Be Me" Day Camp for August 4 to August 6, 2009.

**Carried.**

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 09-157**

That Council, on recommendation of the Recreation Committee, authorizes the Recreation Program Manager to book Ray's Reptiles from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Canada Day at the corporate rate of \$400.00

**Carried.**

Scott Humphries was present to describe his proposed project for the Community Centre, to have bi-weekly movies, and perhaps seminars of local interest such as gardening and canning, maybe to have a monthly potluck with movies, Scott reported that he had run similar programs in Scotland and Northern Ireland which had been enjoyed by the community.

Scott's proposal is to have access to the Community Centre free for bi-weekly movies and also that the Township would purchase a Screen License, which would cost about \$1,000. This is suggested as a Pilot Project to run until December 2009 and if successful to continue until summer 2010. In return Scott would provide services to improve and maintain the Recreation webpage.

Deputy Mayor Hall suggested that this was a win/win situation.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 09-158**

That Council, on recommendation of the Recreation Committee, accepts Scott Humphries proposal for bi-weekly use of the Community Centre for movies and special events in exchange Scott will provide services to improve and maintain the Recreation webpage.

The Township agrees to purchase an annual \$1,000 movie license. This project will be assessed at the end of December 2009.

**Carried.**

Tender – Beach Volleyball Court

Councillor Kingsbury raised the question of whether the Township's tender requirements are too strict, making it difficult for small contractors to bid and asked if Council was interested in changing some of the requirements of the Tender and reissuing?

Deputy Mayor Hall felt that the requirements are there for a reason. It was suggested that the Infrastructure Manager should research this issue. After discussion, it was agreed that this tender call must continue and changes could be made in the future.

Councillor Kingsbury suggested that the tender be opened at the Recreation Committee meeting.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 09-159**

That Council, on recommendation of the Recreation Committee, authorizes the call of tenders for construction of the Beach Volleyball Courts at the Community Centre. Tender to close June 10, 2009

Tender to require minimum \$1 million liability insurance  
Tender to require proof of WSIB  
Work to be completed within 15 working days

**Carried on division**

**Councillor Kingsbury opposed.**

**Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest.**

6:12 Council recessed for supper and continued at 6:42 with the same members present.

6:42 **PLANNING**

Planning Committee Meeting May 19, 2009

Councillor Bennett, chair of Planning Committee reviewed the Minutes. The Committee are planning a site visit, before their next meeting, to the area Mr Tom Orr is proposing to develop on the Ottawa River.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 09-160**

That Council approve the May 19, 2009 Planning Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Carried.**

6:45 **HUMAN RESOURCES**

There was no report from Human Resources.

6:46 **RENFREW & AREA SENIORS HOME SUPPORT**

Councillor Kingsbury reported that there was no meeting due to lack of a quorum. The CAO/Clerk handed out the Newsletter.

6:47 **COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Committee Meeting May 25, 2009

Councillor Bennett reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 090-161**

That Council accepts the Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) Meeting minutes for May 25, 2009.

**Carried.**

6:48 **BUILDING REPORT**

Council reviewed the Building Report for May 2009.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 09-162**

That Council receive the May 2009 Building Permit Report.

**Carried.**

6:55 **LIME STABILIZATION**

Councillor Bennett reported that the pumps have arrived and the pipes will be installed tomorrow.

6:56 **EMERGENCY PLANNING**

There was no report.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**

**INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE**

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence:

- A. 2009 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend
- B. Cambium Environmental – Grant Programs available to conserve energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- C. Help Rotary support our troops
- D. Specified Change Proposals to OMERS Plans
- E. Nestle Waters Canada – re: environmental stewardship and health benefits associated with bottled water
- F. Cheryl Gallant – EODP grant program
- G. Dana Jennings – EODP grant program
- H. OEMC Conference – Kingston – Sept. 15 – 18, 2009

- I. John Baird, Minister of Transport & George Smitherman, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure re Stimulus Fund and Building Canada Fund
- J. LAS – update re: closed meeting investigator Program
- K. Energy Efficiency Solutions for Municipalities
- L. AECL – NRU Status Report #4
- M. Ottawa Valley Business – May 2009 newsletter
- N. AMO:
  - Alert – AMO signs memorandum of co-operation with Union of Municipalities of Quebec
  - Count Me in Campaign
  - Alert – Green Energy Act Regulation posted on EBR for Comment
  - Alert - Labour Mobility changes affect Ontario Municipalities
  - Alert – Province passes Green Energy Act
  - FYI – Invitation – proposed enhancements to the Ontario Dam Safety Program
  - Alert – AMO establishes task force to foster local economic development opportunities

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 09-163**

That Council receive the June 2, 2009 Information Correspondence Summary.

**Carried.**

### **ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

Council received the following Action Correspondence.

- A. Homegrown Ontario – requests Council to pass a motion identifying the purchase of locally produced meat and poultry as a *local sustainable procurement practice*.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded Don Eady

**Resolution No. 09-164**

**WHEREAS** the Township of Horton supports practices that contribute to the creation of a sustainable environment;

**AND** whereas Homegrown Ontario is a brand that allows Ontario consumers to support Ontario farmers by purchasing Ontario produced meat and poultry;

**AND** whereas Ontario farmers adhere to the highest quality standards set forth by the Canadian Provincial and Federal Government regulatory boards:

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the procurement practice of purchasing meat and poultry products produced by Ontario farmers be identified as the preferred local sustainable procurement practice.

**BE** it further resolved that the purchase of all Ontario produced meat and poultry sourced locally requires the burning of less fossil fuel than food trucked or even flown in from hundreds, or even thousands of miles away.

**Carried.**

- B. Township of McNab/Braeside – support resolution that recommends to the Province of Ontario that the Ontario Energy Board be requested to reconsider the increase that was approved for April 1, 2009 and further that programs be implemented that will assist people that will suffer undue hardship with these rate increases.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 09-165**

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Township of McNab-Braeside which recommends that the Ontario Energy Board reconsider the increase that they approved commencing April 1, 2009.

**Carried.**

- C. City of Cornwall – support resolution calling on the Province to exempt the fees paid for the rental of recreation facilities and registration fees for minor sports organizations from the recently announced Harmonized Sales Tax.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 090-166**

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the City of Cornwall which appeals to the Provincial Government to exempt items related to the rental of recreational facilities and registration fees for minor sports from the proposed Harmonized sales tax.

**Carried.**

**Councillor Bennett opposed.**

- D. City of Ottawa – support resolution requesting the involvement of and funding by the Association of Municipalities in its application for leave to appeal the decision of the Ontario Municipal Board respecting the application by Minto Communities Inc. to amend the Secondary Official Plan for the village of Manotick.

Council tabled this request.

- E. Township of South Stormont – requests support for their resolution lobbying the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to provide a simultaneous EMS and Fire Dispatch

Council referred this request to Fire Committee.

- F. Town of Petawawa – requests support for their resolution calling on the Provincial and Federal Governments to take all necessary measures to ensure the continuance of local television providers

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 09-167**

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Town of Petawawa which conveys its support of local television programming.

**Carried.**

- G. Town of Smiths Falls – support resolution calling on the Province to increase its annual library grants to 15% of library revenue

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 09-168**

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Town of Smith Falls which requests the Province to increase its annual grant to libraries to 15% of Library revenue.

**Carried.**

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Council reviewed the Accounts Payable Listing for May 2009.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 09-169**

That Council approves the following Accounts Payable Listings for May 2009 in the amount of \$99,596.24.

**Carried.**

**Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest.**

9. DELEGATIONS

7:30 Tarah Cotie – Condition of Severance – Lot Development charge to be paid up front. Ms Cotie was not present.

7: 45 James Collins re: Dog Tag Collection Issues – Mr Collins was not present.

10. RESOLUTIONS



Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 09-170**

That the Council of the Township of Horton hereby designates the Valley Bluegrass Festival to be held July 10, 11, & 12 2009 as a Community Festival.

**Carried.**

11. BY-LAWS

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 09-171**

That Council agrees to enact the following by-law:

2009-17 Tax Rate By-law

**Carried.**

**Councillor Eady opposed.**

12. REPORT FROM COUNTY

Mayor Johnston reported that contacted Ultimate Image to frame the photos of past Councils for the Council Chamber.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 09-172**

That Council approves the quotation of \$1,385.64 for Ultimate Image to professionally frame and supply pictures of post Councils for the Municipal Council Chamber.

**Carried**

13. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Budget 2009

Deputy Mayor Hall asked if there were any questions on the Budget

Councillor Kingsbury thanked Council for working together to keep the tax rate down, so the tax increase would be small. Mayor Johnston also thanked Council

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 09-173**

That Council approves the 2009 Municipal Budget with a taxation increase of \$10,379 over the 2008 Municipal Budget. Total taxation is \$1,246.380.

**Carried.**

**Councillor Eady opposed.**

14. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

Councillor Bennett thanked Steve Newman, Reporter for the Mercury and the Weekend for covering Council meetings and presenting the Township's views to the public for many years. However, Councillor Bennett wondered why Horton Township never got any coverage on either of the two local radio stations. Representatives from the radio stations attend McNab/Braeside and Renfrew Council meeting. Councillor Bennett suggested writing to Valley Radio and My FM informing them of the date and time of our Council Meetings.

15. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
There was no request for consideration.

16. CLOSED MEETING  
There was no closed meeting.

17. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 09-174**

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 Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

**Resolution No. 09-175**

That this Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

**Carried.**

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Mayor

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CAO/Clerk

