

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

March 2, 2009

There was a meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Horton Community Centre on Monday March 2, 2009. Present were Deputy Mayor Bob Hall, Councillors Dave Bennett, Don Eady and Bob Kingsbury. Mayor Johnston was on vacation.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Deputy Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**  
Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest in the Public Meeting – Zoning.
3. **MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 09-55**  
That Council approves the following Council Meeting Minutes:  
February 02, 2009 Regular Council Meeting  
Public Meeting – February 02, 2009 – Zoning By-law Amendment  
**Carried.**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**  
Councillor Bennett reported that he had thanked Minister Jim Watson at the Good Roads Convention and mentioned how difficult it was to contact him. Apparently, Mr Watson does not speak to anyone outside his area at his Ottawa Riding Office, all contacts are through Toronto and we should have been redirected there.

Councillor Eady asked if anyone had attended the Blue Box Workshop?  
Mayor Johnston and Jeff Schruder attended and Jeff gave a brief report on the WEEE Program. The CAO/Clerk had viewed a Webinar, in the office. They will officially be in business on April 1, 2009. We will be paid \$165/tonne for handling and they will pick up and ship free of charge. More information will follow.

5. **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA AND APPROVE AGENDA**  
The CAO/Clerk added two items – authorize Deputy Mayor Hall to represent the Township at a meeting with Cheryl Gallant this Friday March 6, 2009 and Remuneration for Council.  
Councillor Bennett added the Castleford Road under Public Works.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 09-56**  
That Council add the following items to the Agenda and approves the March 2, 2009 Council Meeting Agenda.

- Authorize Deputy Mayor Hall to represent the Township at a meeting with Cheryl Gallant on Friday March 6, 2009
- Remuneration for Council.
- Castleford Road

**Carried.**

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

4:10 **PUBLIC WORKS**

February 2, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes

Councillor Bennett, Chair of Public Works reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. The Thomson Road culvert was discussed.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 09-57**  
That Council approves the February 02, 2009 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes.  
**Carried.**

Report on OGRA Convention – February 2009

Councillor Bennett reported that it was a very good Convention. He spoke to several Ministries and with Jim Bradley's Parliamentary Assistant. The Workshops were very crowded. The Trade Displays were very good and people were interested in talking.

Municipal Infrastructure Reports

Jess reported that he attended a Building Inspector Course and the Ontario Good Roads Convention.

The Public Works Superintendent's Report was reviewed.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 09-58**  
That Council receive the February 2009 Infrastructure Manager's Reports.  
**Carried.**

Councillor Bennett asked if a letter could be written to the County of Renfrew about the condition of Castleford Road, it is 30% worse than it has every been, signage should be increased.

Jeff Schruder suggested that he would talk to the local County Garage Foreman before we send a letter to the County.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 09-59**  
That the County of Renfrew be advised that additional bump signs and advance bump signs are required on the large frost heave bumps on Castleford Road.  
**Carried.**

4:30 **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Waste Management Committee Meeting February 12, 2009 Minutes

Councillor Eady, Chair of Waste Management, reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes.

Councillor Eady reported that the Committee met with Bill Yantha and Nelson St Michael, which they do annually to discuss concerns and suggestions. Bill suggested that a supply of tickets for extra garbage bags be kept at the Landfill Site

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 09-60**  
That Council approves the Minutes of the February 12, 2009 Waste Management Committee Meeting.  
**Carried.**

4:28 **FINANCE**

Finance Committee Meeting February 2, 2009

Deputy Mayor Hall, Chair of Finance, reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes, which was mostly budget discussions.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 09-61**  
That Council approves the Minutes of the February 02, 2009 Finance Committee Meeting.  
**Carried.**

Monthly Finance Report

Councillor Kingsbury questioned some of the figures in the Recreation Budget.

Tax Arrears Report

The CAO/Clerk reported that letters have been sent to owners of delinquent accounts requesting they make arrangements to pay.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 09-62**

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

**Carried.**

Remuneration

The CAO/Clerk handed out information which Council reviewed.

4:45 **RECREATION**

Recreation Committee Meeting February 26, 2009

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation, reviewed the Minutes.

The Winter Carnival held on Saturday February 28, 2009 was very successful, over 200 breakfasts were served. Councillor Kingsbury thanked Valerie Miller and her volunteers for a job well done.

Councillor Kingsbury reported he had been in touch with CFB Petawawa to see if military personnel would attend the Canada Day celebrations – they will not be sending personnel because they are recommending that members spend the day with their own families.

A fan has been installed in the Bar, vented into the Furnace Room and it seems to have eliminated the excess heat problem in the bar.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 09-63**

That Council approves the February 26, 2009 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Carried.**

Program Manager Position

Councillor Kingsbury suggested, as the Recreation Committee had not been present at the interview for this position, two members of the Recreation Committee would like to meet with the prospective candidate before she is hired.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No.09-64**

That Council, on recommendation of the Recreation Committee, authorizes Bob Kingsbury, Chair of Recreation committee and Recreation committee Members Arnold Dickson and Valerie Miller to meet with Julie Hawley prior to Council accepting the Human Resources Committee recommendation that she fill the Recreation Manager/Programmer contract position.

**Defeated.**

**Councillors Bennett and Kingsbury in favour  
Deputy Mayor Hall and Councillor Eady opposed`**

5:18 **PLANNING**

There was no Planning Committee meeting in February 2009.

5:19 **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Human Resources Committee Meeting February 14, 2009

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

The CAO/Clerk gave a report on the hiring process for the Program Manager. The CAO/Clerk reported that the reference checks were all very good.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 09-65**

That Council, on recommendation of the Human Resources Committee, and upon successful completion of reference checks, agrees to contract with Julie Hawley to fill the 12-month Recreation Manager/Programmer position subject to a successful current police check.

**Defeated.**

**Deputy Mayor Hall and Councillor Eady in favor  
Councillors Bennett and Kingsbury against**

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 09-66**

That Council approve the February 14, 2009 Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Defeated.**

**Deputy Mayor Hall and Councillor Eady in favour  
Councillors Bennett and Kingsbury opposed**

Councillor Bennett suggested waiting until Mayor Johnston returns from vacation to vote on this issue.

Deputy Mayor Hall expressed disappointment in the process and said we have two applicants waiting for a phone call.

After lengthy discussion the following resolution was put forward.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 09-67**

That Council receives the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee to fill the new Recreation Manager/Programmer position and agrees that representatives of the HR Committee and Recreation Committee meet the top candidate to discuss the Recreation Committee's prospective prior to the signing of the contract.

**Carried.**

6:10 Council recessed for supper and resumed at 6:30 p.m. with the same members present.

6:30 **RENFREW & AREA SENIORS HOME SUPPORT**

Councillor Kingsbury reported that their services are used to the maximum which puts pressure on their finances. Budgeting is very challenging.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 09-68**

That Council accepts the February 2009 Report for Senior Home Support.

**Carried.**

6:33 **CPAC**

There was no report.

6:34 **BUILDING REPORT**

Council reviewed the Building Report.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 09-69**

That Council receive the January and February 2009 Building Permit Report.

**Carried.**

6:35 **LIME STABILIZATION**

There was no report.

6:36 **EMERGENCY PLAN**

There was no report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY

**INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE**

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence summary.

- A. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Government Expenditure Restraints
- B. James Pastway – letter to Mayor Briscoe re power blackouts
- C. Ottawa River Institute – Dec 2008 meeting
- D. Renfrew County Seniors Games
- E. Canada Day Youth Award – nomination forms
- F. Township Of Woolwich - Hockeyville Campaign
- G. Ottawa Valley Business – Feb 2009 newsletter
- H. Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services – congratulations on completing all of the mandatory emergency management activities
- I. Town of Arnprior – Green Technology information
- J. Accessibility Directorate of Ontario – public review for the initial proposed Employment Accessibility Standard
- K. Ontario Provincial Police – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year – 2009
- L. Ministry of Natural Resources – Minor Amendment Inspection
- M. County of Renfrew – Training Programs
- N. AECL – contained leaks at NRU Reactor, AECL Chalk River Laboratories
- O. Ministry of the Environment – Waste Comprehensive Certificate of Approval
- P. Building Canada Fund – confirmation of Federal and Provincial funding for reconstruction of Garden of Eden Road
- Q. John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke – Congratulations on successful funding application
- R. AMO:
  - AMO Board Meeting Report - January 2009
  - Government Releases Draft Employment Standard under AODA for Public Review
  - Alert - Municipal Action on Bottled Water
  - Alert -expresses concern, provides recommendations to Minister on Proposed AODA Information and Communications Standard
  - Alert – Municipal support of earth hour and energy conservation week needed
  - Alert – AMO and OMSSA release joint paper on poverty reduction
- S. County of Renfrew – Public Works and Engineering Department – construction update on Thomson Road
- T. M. L. Anderson – re: Green Energy Act
- U. MNR – Endangered Species Act – upcoming workshops
- V. Township of Bonnechere Valley – support for Algonquin College Expansion Project
- W. AMO – Alert – Minister Smitherman on Infrastructure and Green Energy Act
- X. OGRA – Alert – 2009 – 2010 OGRA Board of Directors
- Y. MacKillican & Associates – Business Matters – February 2009 edition
- Z. Thank You Card – Queen Elizabeth Public School

Moved Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 09-70**

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

**Carried.**

**ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

Council reviewed the following action correspondence:

- A. Township of Madawaska Valley – support resolution requesting that the County of Renfrew lobby the Provincial Government on behalf of all rural municipalities to ensure an increase in Homecare Access Programs including increased funding, support and assistance.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 09-71**

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Township of Madawaska Valley which requests the County of Renfrew lobby the Provincial Government on behalf of all rural municipalities to ensure an increase in Home Care Access Programs including increased funding, support and assistance.

**Carried.**

- B. Township of Madawaska Valley – support resolution calling on the Province of Ontario to change the legislation of assessment to add a freeze at the year 2008 rate for the next four years, a more realistic value for property owners based on the current market and a more realistic value for a tax rate to be based on and also, back to a one-year annual assessment better to react to a current real estate market

Council tabled this resolution.

- C. County of Prince Edward – support resolution requesting that the Federal and Provincial Government agencies responsible for public health, energy creation and energy management complete the following:
- 1) Dedicate resources to the necessary scientific research to consider the impact of (a) low frequency noise, and (b) electrical and electromagnetic disturbances in areas of industrial wind turbines with the intent to confirm/deny public health implications; and
  - 2) Create and provide authoritative regulations and guidelines for the locating of wind turbines to municipalities and wind energy developers

Council tabled this resolution.

- D. City of Hamilton – requests support for their resolution acknowledging support of Private Member's Bill 138 – Protection of Public Participation Act, 2008, brought forward by Andrea Howath, Ontario's NDP Critic for Municipal Affairs to counter Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP) used by proponents to silence those who object to their developments

Council tabled this resolution.

- E. Town of Ajax – support for resolution calling on the Provincial Government to amend the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 to provide a corporation that carries on business in Ontario or a trade union that holds bargaining rights for employees in Ontario from making a contribution to or for any candidate for an office on the respective municipal council.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 09-72**

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Town of Ajax which calls on the Provincial Government to amend the Municipal Elections Act 1996 to provide municipalities with the authority to pass a by-law that would prohibit a Corporation that carries on business in Ontario or a trade union that holds bargaining rights for employers in Ontario from making a contribution to or for any candidate for an office on the respective municipal Council.

**Carried.**

- F. City of Cambridge – support resolution which petitions the Hon. M. Aileen Carrol, Minister of Culture, the Hon. Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario and, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to be require all public schools and libraries in Ontario to be required to install internet filtering software on computers to avoid viewing of sites with inappropriate, explicit sexual content.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 09-73**

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the City of Cambridge which petitions the Provincial Government to require all schools and libraries in Ontario to install internet filtering software on computers to avoid viewing of sites with inappropriate explicit sexual content.

**Carried.**

- G. Township of Bonnechere Valley – support resolution requesting the Ontario Government to take immediate action in providing war veteran organizations within the County of Renfrew an exemption from the education portion of property taxes.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 09-74**

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Township of Bonnechere Valley which requests the Province of Ontario to pass legislation to provide veteran organizations within the County of Renfrew with an exemption from the education of property taxes.

**Carried.**

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Monthly Report

Council reviewed the Accounts Payable Report for February.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 09-75**

That Council approve the following Accounts Payable Listing for February 2009 in the amount of \$192,487.56.

**Carried.**

9. DELEGATIONS

7:00 Public Meeting Re: Change in Dog Licence Fees  
(see separate Minutes)

7:15 Mike Welsh, and Rod Ballantyne re: Township Beach

Mike Welsh who owns the property at 5198 River Road was present to talk about a proposed Public Beach which he has heard that Mayor Johnston is proposing near his property. He expressed concerns that he has about a public beach in this area.

Councillor Bennett assured Mr Welsh that any work Mayor Johnston would do is always for the betterment of the Township. He assured Mr Welch that there are no plans or direction to move forward on a proposed public beach.

Mr Ballantyne, who owns property in this area spoke of his concerns with liability, and the need for fencing and signs.

Councillor Bennett thanked him for his concerns, which he understood. Suggesting that this was more a Recreation issue than Council issue suggesting inviting the gentlemen to the April Recreation Committee Meeting, when Mayor Johnston would be home, and present at the meeting.

10. RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 09-76**

That Council authorizes Stephanie Jacob to sell dog tags door-to-door in the Township of Horton. Fee will be \$10.00 for every tag sold. Township will be canvassed by May 31, 2009.

**Carried.**

11. BY-LAWS

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 09-77**

That Council agree to enact the following by-laws:

2009-10 Dog Tag Fees

2009-11 Drainage Easement – Humphries Road

**Carried.**

12. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY

Council Communique

Council discussed the fact the County had reduced their mileage rate as the price of fuel has dropped and agreed that Council should follow.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 09-78**

That effective March 3, 2009, the Council of the Township of Horton agrees to follow the mileage rates passed by the County of Renfrew.

**Carried.**

13. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Hall will attend a possible meeting with Cheryl Gallant on Friday March 6, 2009, and asked for suggestions of subject Council felt he should raise at this meeting.

Councillor Bennett suggested the Highway 17 corridor is most important and also fines to employers for accidents to employees and caused by employees.

Councillor Eady suggested the rehabilitation of the bridges being done in a timely manner.

14. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

There were no concerns raised by Council Members.

15. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

There was no request for reconsideration.

16. CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

17. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 09-79**

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.**

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 09-80**

That this Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

**Carried.**

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Deputy Mayor

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CAO/Clerk