

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 6, 2009

There was a Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday October 6, 2009. Present were Mayor Robert A Johnston, Deputy Mayor Bob Hall, Councillor 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.
3. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 AND
PUBLIC MEETING SEPT 1, 2009 COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 09-235**

That Council approves the following Council Meeting Minutes:

September 1, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

September 1, 2009 – Public Meeting – Comprehensive Zoning By-law

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
There was no business arising from the Minutes.
5. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA AND APPROVE AGENDA
The CAO/Clerk added:
 - Electrical Tender
 - Recreation Program/Manager – probation period
 - Deputy Fire Chief - resignation
 - Report on Ontario East Municipal ConferenceAnd Councillor Bennett added contracting out the Grader

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-236

That Council add the following items to the Agenda and approve the October 6, 2009 Council Meeting Agenda.

- Electrical Tender
- Recreation Program/Manager- Probation Period
- Deputy Fire Chief- resignation
- Report on Ontario East Municipal Conference
- Contract with our Grader

Carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4:05 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Minutes of Meeting August 31, 2009

The Minutes had been reviewed at the Committee Meeting October 5, 2009

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-237

That Council accepts the Minutes of the August 31, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Carried.

4:06 **PUBLIC WORKS**

Minutes of Meeting September 8, 2009

Councillor Bennett, chair of Public Works reviewed the Minutes. Councillor Kingsbury referred to Peter Tippins Agreement on Unopened Road Allowance and asked what had happened?

The CAO/Clerk reported that Peter Tippins will receive a letter from the County of Renfrew indicating that the Official Plan does not permit a right-of-way down the middle of the unopened road allowance. Also there is an issue with the clay slopes and a Soil Study would have to be done.

Councillor Eady referred to the Tender for the Tandem Truck and asked if the side dump box was something new?

Councillor Bennett reported that the side dump is used for sand and the back dump for other materials.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-238

That Council accepts the Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting of September 8, 2009.

Carried.

Recommendations

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-239

That the Council of the Township of Horton on recommendation of the Public Works Committee authorizes that a professional appraisal be carried out on the unopened road allowance between Concession VII and VIII Lots, 24, 25 and 26 for the Tom Orr development proposal.

Carried.

Infrastructure Manager Report

Councillor Bennett reviewed the Report. There were no questions.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-240

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

Carried.

4:15 **FIRE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting September 18, 2009

Councillor Bennett, Chair of Fire Committee reviewed the Minutes.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-241

That Council accepts the minutes of the Fire Committee Meeting of September 18, 2009.

Carried.

4:16 **WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting September 10, 2009

Councillor Eady, chair of Waste Management Committee reviewed the Minutes. Councillor Eady reported that he had found a different brand of biodegradable bag, which he proposed using for the Township Study, as they are stronger and sell at a better price.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-242

That Council approves the Minutes of the September 10, 2009 Waste Management Committee Meeting.

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-243

That the Council of the Township of Horton on recommendation of the Waste Management Committee authorizes staff to advertise for three electrical quotes for hydro service connection at the Horton Landfill Site

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-244

That the Council of the Township of Horton on recommendation of the Waste Management Committee amends the Tariff Fees By-law No. 2007-40 to cancel the fees for tire disposal at the Landfill Site.

Carried.

Mayor Johnston asked if the rim was included with the tire?
This program covers tires only.

4:24 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Monthly Finance Report

Deputy Mayor Hall reviewed the Monthly Finance Report.

Tax Arrears Report

Deputy Mayor Hall reviewed the Tax Arrears Report. Council noted that the tax arrears are slightly below the 2009 level.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-245

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

Carried.

Councillor Bennett referred to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) grant of \$323,000 which the Municipality has received since 1998. The Province is advising that they will reduce the “top-up” we have received for a number of years. If it is removed taxpayers will be paying for the OPP costs, and this needs to be monitored.

4:35 **RECREATION**

Minutes of Meeting September 23, 2009

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation reviewed the Minutes.

Deputy Mayor Hall suggested that Council should have a tour of the Change Room Facility when it is finished.

Councillor Eady suggested that if the annual Christmas Party and Dance for Staff and Volunteers was not going to be held this year, the volunteers should be informed. Deputy Mayor Hall suggested doing something in April during Volunteer Appreciation Week. Councillor Eady suggested sending cards to Volunteers to let them know that the party will be in April 2010 and not in December of this year. Council agreed to this suggestion.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-246

That Council approve the September 23, 2009 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-247

That the Council of the Township of Horton on recommendation of the Recreation Committee not open the bar facilities at the Community Centre for the October 17, 2009 Harvest Supper.

Carried.

4:45 **PLANNING**

Minutes of Meeting September 15, 2009

Councillor Bennett, chair of Planning Committee reviewed the Minutes.

Mayor Johnston referred to item No 9 on page 4, Harold Deacon Site Plan, Councillor Bennett reported it will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

Councillor Eady referred to No 13 on page 5 ANSI designation on the draft Comprehensive Zoning By-law. The CAO/Clerk reported Kent Storie and his brother and also Neil Lavallee have submitted requests for reconsideration, which the CAO/Clerk will send to the Planner at the County. Mr Cheesman, County Planner is meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources to see why they encompass the whole area in this designation.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-248

That Council approves the Minutes of the September 15, 2009 Planning Committee Meeting.

Carried.

Recommendation

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-249

That the Council of the Township of Horton on recommendation of the Planning Committee enter into an agreement with Brenda and Paul Babin for the issuance of a building permit with a security deposit of \$5,000.00 to permit the construction of a garage while a zoning amendment is being processed.

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-250

That the Council of the Township of Horton on recommendation of the Planning Committee amend the Site Plan Agreement for Derek McGrimmon to permit the building in question to be enlarged by ten feet in width. Further, that Mr McGrimmon is required to prepare a new Site Plan over the next several months.

Carried.

4:51 HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meetings September 23 and September 30, 2009

Deputy Mayor Hall, chair of Human Resources reviewed the Meeting Minutes, which had covered both Human Resources and Finance items.

Councillor Bennett referred to the item on Septage Treatment Facility and reported that he has a meeting with the Community Futures Officer in Pembroke in the third week of October.

Deputy Mayor Hall reported that the posts for the Welcome to Horton signs were put in last Saturday and the signs will be put up on Saturday October 17, 2009, just before Goshen Road on Highway 17 west and 1.5 km before Storyland Road on Highway 17 east. These two signs are 8 x 12 feet. Small signs will be created for the County Roads entering the Township.

The CAO/Clerk reported that, as discussed at the September 30, 2009 Meeting, Hand Sanitizers have been purchased for the Municipal Office and the Community Centre.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-251

That Council receives the Minutes of the September 23 and September 30, 2009 Human Resources Committee Meeting.

Carried.

Recommendations

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-252

That the Council of the Township of Horton on recommendation of the Human Resources Committee proceeds with the grid increment increases due for 2009.

Carried on Division.

Opposed by Councillor Kingsbury

5:02 **RENFREW & AREA SENIORS HOME SUPPORT**

Councillor Kingsbury reviewed the Minutes of September 20, 2009 Meeting.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-253

That Council accepts the September 2009 Report for Renfrew & Area Senior Home Support.

Carried.

5:05 **CPAC**

Councillor Bennett, chair of CPAC reviewed the Minutes of the September 21, 2009 meeting. Councillor Bennett reported that the Speedboard had been very effective as a warning for the entrance for the Renfrew County Plowing March on Storyland Road. He also feels that traffic on the River Road has slowed as a result of the Speed Board.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-254

That Council accepts the Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) report for September 21, 2009.

Carried.

5:12 **BUILDING REPORT**

Council reviewed the Building Report for September 2009.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-255

That Council accepts the Building Report for September 2009.

Carried.

5:15 **LIME STABILIZATION COMMITTEE**

Councillor Bennett reported that there are two pumps to hook-up, the project will then be complete and ready to receive. He would like to call a meeting with the Committee to tour the Site at that time.

5:18 **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The CAO/Clerk reported that Jim Ferguson has tentatively set up two dates to do a one hour presentation to staff on what their roles would be in an emergency.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Information Correspondence

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence:

- A. Land Use Council – response from MNR regarding their appeal to delay legislative approval of proposed species habitat regulations pending wider public consultation
- B. LAS Communication – info re: new solar photovoltaic Program
- C. Ministry of Northern Development Mines and Forestry – Ontario's Forest Tenure and Pricing System
- D. The Township of McNab Braeside – By-law No. 2009-37 – by-law to support the agreement for funding under the Rural Connections Broadband Program
- E. Willms & Shier – Green Energy Act information
- F. Renfrew County and District Health Unit – Pandemic Flu
- G. Ottawa Valley Business – September newsletter
- H. Miramichi Lodge – September 2009 Newsletter
- I. Mr. J MacLaren – re: Report on “The Provincial Government's Vision: Placing Small, Rural and Remote Communities at Risk”
- J. AMO:
 - Alert – Funding for Broadband in Rural and Northern Ontario
 - Alert – Green Energy Regulations strongly reflect AMO input
- K. Township of Bonnechere Valley – Geotube Technology Transfer Session

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 09-256**
That Council receive the October 06, 2009 Information Correspondence Summary.
Carried.

Action Correspondence

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence:

- A. Town of Amherstburg – support for resolution calling on the Province, Ministry of Finance, to continue consultations with Municipalities and the Solar Industry to reach a fair and equitable property assessment valuation method; and further, that until such agreement is reached that assessment be derived by totaling the area of all solar panels in a project to determine PV surface area; and that the PV coverage area (approximately 20%) be assessed at a full Industrial Rate and the balance of the area at a Vacant Industrial land rate.

After discussion Council decided to table this resolution.

- B. The Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth – support for their resolution requesting the Province to consider that the GST and PST harmonization not include any items, goods or services that are currently subject to only one of the taxes not be subject to the other, so that no new taxation is created.

After discussion Council decided to table this resolution.

8. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Council reviewed the Accounts Payable Listing for September 2009.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 09-257**
That Council approves the following Accounts payable Listings for September 2009 in the amount of \$697,503.87.

Carried.

Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary

At 6:12 pm Council recessed for a Supper Break and resumed at 6:50 p.m. with all members of Council present.

9. **Delegations**

7:00 Public Meeting – Colbert Zoning By-law.

7:15 Hans Van Den Hurk Towing Company Concerns

Mr Van Den Hurk was present to ask for assistance from Council to find out why the OPP do not use his Tow Truck Service for accidents in this area. Councillor Bennett reported that he had raised the issue at a recent CPAC Meeting and arranged for Sergeant Hewitt to attend the November 2009 meeting to explain the OPP position.

7:30 David Brown

Mr David Brown was present to explain his issue with the loose gravel on the shoulders of the Castleford Road when they have been graded, making walking along the shoulder very difficult. He has spoken with Steve Boland at the County of Renfrew about this problem but got little satisfaction. Mr Brown was asking Council to write to the County of Renfrew asking for something to be done about the soft shoulders so people can walk there.

Mayor Johnston reported that he had spoke to David Darch, Director of Public Works at the County, about the problem and he has agreed to work out a policy. Mr Brown's letter had alerted the County of the issue. Mayor Johnston thanked Mr Brown for coming tonight and bringing this problem to our attention.

10. BY-LAWS

The CAO/Clerk described By-law 2009-23 – Customer Service Standards Policy (AODA), which had been developed by our Summer Student Katie Lunney.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-258

That Council agree to enact the following by-laws:

2009-23 – Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Policy

2009-24 - Colbert Zoning By-law

2009-25 - execute Ray's Auto Site Plan Agreement

2009-26 - execute McGrimmon and Sholea Site Plan Agreement

2009-27 - execute WEEE Agreement

2009-28 - execute Agreement between Babin and Township to build garage on vacant lot

2009-29 - amend procurement by-law

Carried.

11. RESOLUTIONS

Rink Cover

Council discussed the three top quotes received for a cover for the outdoor ice rink. Two were for a coverall style and one was for a steel roof.

The quotes received were:

K. McLaren Building Specialist Inc. Cobden, Ontario

\$259 386.00

For a "canvass" roof type structure, plus taxes, end(s) on roof, cost of engineering, cost of foundation and site preparation.

Patriot Group Mississauga, Ontario

\$309 000.00

For a "canvass" roof type structure, plus taxes, foundation and site preparation.

Glen Timmins Construction Ltd. Pakenham, Ontario

\$309 145.00

For a pre-engineered steel structure plus GST, excavation and backfill of material for footings, piers and cross ice re-bar, site preparation.

A RNiC grant for \$300,000 was received from the Federal and Provincial Governments with the Municipality contributing one third. When reviewing the quotes Council expressed that a pre-engineered building structure would have a longer life cycle than the canvass type structure. After further discussion the following resolution was passed.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-259

That Council, pursuant to Section 5.7 (v) of Procurement By-law 2005-08 as amended, approves the quotation method of tender for the contract to construct the Rink Cover building as it will expediate the erection of the structure this fall resulting in a better price as no winter concrete will be required; and further,

Council accepts the quotation of Glen Timmins Construction for the supply and erection of the rink cover in the amount of \$298,845.00 plus optional insulation \$10,300.00 for a total \$309,145.00 under our approved RInC grant.

Carried.

Councillor Eady reported that he spoke to Tim Kluge, who lives in the Township, and is involved with fund raising, and asked him for help. It was agreed to invite Tim Kluge to the Recreation Committee Meeting. Councillor Eady suggested that the Township share of the money must be fund-raised, we cannot expect taxpayers to pay the cost.

12. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY

Mayor Johnston reported on an Economic Development Day which all the mayors and industry people had attended. Tourism, Agriculture and Manufacturing

were among the top five or six areas identified as most important in Renfrew County.

Dave Darch had visited the Thomson Road to inspect the culvert replacement, also the bump on County Road 20, Castleford Road, and the Lochwinnoch Road. He agreed that the County would relook at the Lime Kiln Road assumption.

13. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

OEMC

Councillor Kingsbury reported on the Ontario East Municipal Conference, which he and Mayor Johnston attended in Kingston in September. As part of a presentation on the Green Energy Act, they had visited Wolfe Island to view Windmills. They felt the tranquility of the island was spoiled by the windmills, however, when they talked to residents of the island they felt that after a while you do not notice the windmills any more, there is very little sound. They bring in a lot of revenue to the township as well as the individual landowners.

Grader Service for Private Roads

Councillor Bennett suggested that we need to reconsider our policy for the Township Grader to grade private roads. Some time ago the Township decided to discontinue allowing the Township Grader to work on private roads as it was using a large amount of time. It was felt that there were private companies in the area who could fill this need. Councillor Bennett reported that the private operators in the area are not interested in small jobs and the float charges are very high. Residents on private roads are asking for help.

Generally, Council felt that if the grader was in the area of the private road, and not making a special trip, this was not an issue.

Tender for Electrical at LFS

Valley Automation submitted a quote for \$1,070.00 plus GST.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-260

That Council accepts the quotation of Valley Automation in the amount of \$1,070. plus GST to install the electrical service at the Horton Landfill Site.

Carried.

Recreation Program/Manager – Probation Completed

The CAO/Clerk reported that he and Councillor Kingsbury had completed an Appraisal Review today with Julie Hawley and recommended an increase in her hourly rate.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-261

Upon successful completion of her probation period, Council agrees to increase Julie Hawley's compensation for recreation Program Manager by 50 cents per hour as per Clause No. 2, of her Employment Contract, effective October 8, 2009.

Carried.

Deputy Fire Chief Resignation

Councillor Bennett announced that Deputy Fire Chief Rick Rougier has resigned effective November 30, 2009, after 21 years of service with the Fire Department. He will be missed especially as he was the person who looked after the book keeping, applying for grants and completing MTO forms. Rick has expressed interest in helping as a volunteer with community events.

14. **COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS**

Councillor Eady suggested that a card be sent to Admaston-Bromely Mayor Raye-Anne Briscoe, who is having surgery .

15. **REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

There was no request for reconsideration by members of Council.

16. CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

17. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-262

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 Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-263

That this Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk