

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

COUNCIL MEETING

September 1, 2009

There was a meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday September 1, 2009. Present were Mayor Bob Johnston, Deputy Mayor Hall, Councillors Dave Bennett, Don Eady and Bob Kingsbury.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Johnston called the Meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.
3. **MINUTES OF: JULY 07, 2009 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**
AUGUST 18, 2009 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall **Resolution No. 09-212**

That Council approves the following Council Meeting Minutes:

July 7, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

August 18, 2009 Special Council Meeting re: Hydro Smart Meters

Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
There was no business arising from the Minutes.
5. **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVE AGENDA**
The CAO/Clerk added a resolution for the Nesbitt Tile Drain Loan
Councillor Eady added the CN Trail Bridge

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 09-213**

That Council adds the following items to the Agenda and approves the September 01, 2009 Council Meeting Agenda:

Nesbitt Tile Drain Loan Application

CN Trail Bridge

Carried.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

4:09 **PUBLIC WORKS**

Infrastructure Manager's Report

Councillor Bennett, chair of Public Works reviewed the Report. Councillor Bennett reported that garbage had been dumped at the Landfill Site gate twice.

Mayor Johnston, Councillor Bennett and Jeff Schruder had gone to look at the site locations for the two "Welcome to Horton Township" signs to be placed on Highway 17. The posts will have to be put into a granite rock base. Councillor Bennett had offered to use his equipment on a Saturday, at no charge. Councillor Kingsbury disagreed, suggesting that there should be payment. After discussion it was agreed to go ahead this time, but to have a more formal arrangement next time.

When the signs were originally ordered from Rick's Signs, the Company was to erect the signs, however, since then the Company has been sold and they are unable to erect the signs for the Township.

Councillor Kingsbury asked about the Thomson Road culvert project. The whole job needs to be reassessed, there are wheel ruts, and the pavement is starting to

crack. It was suggested that Mayor Johnston contact Dave Darch at the County and ask him to come and look at it.

Public Works Report

Councillor Bennett reported that there had been extensive grading because of the wet summer. There was a saving on liquid calcium, although flake calcium was spread in front of houses.

Councillor Eady reported that he traveled Orin Road recently and the beavers have a tree almost across the road.

4:40 **FIRE**

Councillor Bennett said there was no Report, the Committee needs to schedule a meeting.

4:41 **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Waste Management Committee July 16, 2009

Councillor Eady, chair of Waste Management referred to the Meeting Minutes which had been reviewed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Recommendations

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-214

That Council, on recommendation of the Waste Management Committee, approves the Hydro One cost of \$1,763.30 to bring hydro power to the Horton Landfill Site. Completion service by an electrician to be determined later.

Carried.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-215

That Council approves the Minutes of the July 16, 2009 Waste Management Committee Meeting.

Carried.

4:45 **FINANCE**

There were no Committee Minutes for review. Deputy Mayor Hall spoke about preparation of the 2010 Budget and the need to leave a road map for the new Council who will come in December 2010.

Deputy Mayor Hall suggested the Treasurer put numbers in the Report for the Finance Meeting in October. Councillor Bennett suggested the need to move ahead earlier for the Cover Grant for the Rink. Deputy Mayor Hall suggested an accurate figure on the total cost be ready for the end of September. He also suggested that the Treasurer be prepared to speak to Council.

Councillor Eady stressed that there must be a plan for repayment of the money borrowed. He suggested the Recreation Committee prepare a Business Plan.

Councillor Eady requested permission to look into the Hydro dam taxes in lieu.

Arrears Report

Tax Sale procedures have been started on three properties, which immediately add \$410 to each property. By the end of the year \$1,000 extra will be added to each property, for tax sale costs.

5:05 **RECREATION**

Recreation Committee Meeting July 15, 2009

The Minutes had been reviewed at the Committee of the Whole.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-216

That Council approve the July 15, 2009 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Councillor Kingsbury reported that there are two outstanding User Fee accounts, on which Julie Hawley is working diligently. Renfrew Recreation has been informed that Horton will not be responsible if these people sign up again for a recreation program.

5:10 Steve Neuman from the Mercury arrived.

Mayor Johnston asked about the Film Nights which Scott Humphires has organized. Councillor Bennett suggested that choice of movies is not family orientated

Recommendations

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-217

That the Council of the Township of Horton accepts the recommendation by the Recreation Committee to permit Bonnie and Jim Keefe to put together a Talent Show for the Horton Community Centre.

Carried.

5:12 **PLANNING**

Planning Committee Meeting July 21, 2009

The Minutes had been reviewed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-218

That Council approve the Minutes of the July 21, 2009 Planning Committee Meeting and the July 21, 2009 Committee of Adjustment – Bennett Public Meeting.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No.09-219

That Council accepts the recommendation of the Planning Committee to allow the reduction of the thirty metre setback of the MacMillan Gravel Pit to a fifteen metre setback along Thomson Road.

Carried.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-220

That Council accepts the Planning Committee decision to refuse permission to Mr Harold Deacon for installation of an outdoor wood furnace on his property as it cannot meet the one hundred metre setback requirement in the By-law. Further, that Council accepts the recommend of the Planning Committee that supports alterations being made to this furnace to adapt it to indoor use

Carried.

5:16 **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Deputy Mayor Hall, chair of Human Resources suggested a meeting for September 23, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

5:17 **RENFREW & AREA HOME SUPPORT**

Councillor Kingsbury reminded Council that Home Support will have a booth at the Renfrew Fair to sell raffle tickets, they need support.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-221

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

Carried.

5:19 **CPAC**

Chair Bennett reviewed the July 20, 2009 CPAC Meeting Minutes.

The Speedboard has been reserved for the Renfrew County Plowing Match September 19, 2009 at the Greer Farm, to warn motorists of the new entrance for that day.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-222

That Council accepts the Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) Report for August 2009.

Carried.

5:25 BUILDING REPORT

Council reviewed the July/August Building Permit Report.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-223

That Council receive the July/August 2009 Building Permit Report.

Carried.

5:28 LIME STABILIZATION COMMITTEE

Councillor Bennett reviewed the Minutes of the July 8, 2009

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-224

That Council approve the July 08, 2009 Lime Stabilization Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

5:30 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Nothing to report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence:

- A. FCM Broadband Canada : Connecting Rural Canadians
- FCM Canada Revenue Agency Reaffirms that Extra Duty for Police Officers is employment income and should be reported on a T4
- AMO Encouraging Municipalities to Join the Count Me in Community Challenge
- AMO Welcomes Court Decision on Bank Tower Assessment
- OGRA Harmonized Sales Tax Statement
- B. United Way of the Upper Ottawa Valley Inc – Charity Golf Tournament Sept 19, 2009
- United Way Appointment in Renfrew County – 2009 Honorary Campaign Chair
- C. Olympic Torch Relay Update
- D. Community Schools Alliance – inaugural meeting August 17, 2009
- E. Ontario Medical Association – problem of obesity.
- F. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Municipal Act/City of Toronto Regulation Amendments
- G. Ontario Forest Industries Association – Lightening the Footprint in Algonquin Park
- H. Renfrew County & District Health Unit – Summer 2009 Newsletter
- I. Ottawa Valley Business - July 2009 Newsletter
- J. Tim Hudak, MPP, speech to AMO Conference in Ottawa, 19 August 2009.
- K. Family & Children's Services – invitation to Appreciation Night, October, 2009
- L. EYE-ZON Inc – Rodney Stafford's 3400 km Ride "For Tori"
- M. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Provincial-Municipal Fiscal & Service Delivery Review Update.
- N. Barb Desilets – Information re: RVH Doctor Recruitment & Under Served Area Program (UAP)
- O. Community Living Connection – August newsletter
- P. AMO – Alert – Federal Gas Tax Fund Communications Update
- Q. OGRA – alert – Public review Period – Accessible Built Environment Standard
- R. Ministry of Northern Development Mines and Forestry – re: forest tenure and pricing review

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-225

That Council receives the September 01, 2009 Information Correspondence Summary.

Carried.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence:

- A. The Township of Woolwich – support for their resolution requesting the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to conduct a review of Chapter 27, Section 5 (2) of the Development Charges Act 1997 and make changes that would eliminate the requirement for municipalities to deduct grant funding received from eligible portion of development charges.

Council did not support this resolution.

- B. The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria – support for their resolution which condemns the recent announcement by the Prime Minister and urges the Prime Minister to reverse this decision and to provide adequate funding to ensure that medical isotope production will continue at the Chalk River facility either at a new reactor or by bringing Maple 1 and 2 on line.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-226

That the Council of the Township of Horton support the resolution of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria which condemns the recent announcement by the Federal Government to cease production of medical isotopes at the Chalk River nuclear research reactor as early as 2016; and urges the Prime Minister to reverse this decision and to provide adequate funding to ensure that medical isotope production will continue at the Chalk River facility either at a new reactor or by bringing Maple 1 and 2 on line.

Carried.

- C. The Township of Madawaska Valley – support for their resolution to the Government to ensure an increase in funding for additional Personal Support Workers to be hired to relieve the stresses related to a shortage of staff and that Personal Support Workers be required to provide a minimum of four hours of service per client visit.

Council did not support this resolution.

- D. Haldimand County Disaster Relief Committee – request for a donation of \$250.00 to try to mitigate the financial hardships facing many families, caused by flooding of the Grand River, due to ice accumulation on February 13, 2009

Council referred this resolution to Finance Committee.

- E. Town of Halton Hills and Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters - request for support of resolution aimed directly at the recent Buy American restriction in the United States by adopting a “Fair Trade Resolution”.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-227

That the Council of the Township of Horton support the resolution of the Town of Halton Hills and Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters, aimed directly at the recent Buy American restriction in the United States, by adopting a “Fair Trade Resolution” which will ensure that local infrastructure projects, including environmental projects such as water and wastewater treatment projects, procure goods and materials required for the projects only from companies whose countries of origin do not impose trade restrictions against goods and materials manufactured in Canada.

Carried

- F. The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss – request for support of their resolution to the Province of Ontario to designate Giant Hogweed as one of the plants in the Schedule R.R.O. 1990 Reg.1096 under the Weed Control Act so that immediate action to destroy by an appointed weed inspection can be taken.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-228

That the Council of the Township of Horton supports the resolution of the Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss requesting the Province of Ontario to designate Giant Hogweed as one of the plants in the Schedule R.R.O. 1990 Reg.1096 under the Weed Control Act, so that immediate action to destroy by an appointed weed inspector can be taken.

Carried

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Council reviewed the Accounts Payable for July and August 2009.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-229

That Council approves the Accounts Payable Listing for July 2009 in the amount of \$217,937.63 and the August 2009 Accounts Payable Listing in the amount of \$109,426.64.

Carried.

Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest

Council took a break for supper at 6:05 pm.

9. DELEGATIONS

7:00 Public Meeting – Draft Comprehensive Zoning By-law

The Regular Council Meeting resumed at 8:40 p.m. after the Public Meeting, all Members of Council were present.

7:30 Armand Bakx

Mr Bakx was not present.

7:45 Jeff Miller – Asphalt at Storie Road Intersection

Mr Miller was not present.

10. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

Councillor Eady asked questions about the cost of constructing the Volley Ball Courts. He feels strongly that budgets need to be set and stayed within.

11. BY-LAWS

The CAO/Clerk presented three by-laws to Council. The By-law on Liability Insurance led to discussion, as Council felt the figure of \$5,000,000 was too high for small contractors. This figure came from the County but research shows that neighbouring municipalities are all over the map. It was agreed to table this by-law and discuss it later.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-230

That Council agrees to enact the following by-laws:

- By-law No. 2009-21 – establish rate of interest for overdue Accounts Receivables
- By-law No. 2009-22 – borrow \$300,000 from OSIFA for Horton Township share of Build Canada Grant – Garden of Eden Road

Carried.

12. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY

There was no Report as the Mayor had been away on vacation.

13. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

George Nesbitt Tile Drain Loan

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-231

That Council accepts the W.T. Nesbitt Holdings application for a tile drainage loan for Lot 5 Concession 5.

Carried.

CN Trail Bridge

Councillor Eady asked if the repairs had been carried out on the CN Trail Bridge?

Councillor Bennett reported that the Snowmobile Club has been successful in getting a Government Grant to replace the bridge with an engineered structure. Lumber has to be fabricated and engineering prepared so it will probably be the end of October before the work is completed.

Councillor Eady suggested that an advertisement should be placed in the newspaper to inform the public.

14. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

No concerns were 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 Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-232

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 Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-233

That this Council Meeting be adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk