

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 2, 2009

There was a Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Horton Community Centre on Monday February 2, 2009. Present were Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Deputy Mayor Bob Hall from 5:05 p.m., Councillors Dave Bennett, Bob Kingsbury and Don Eady.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary interest in Accounts Payable and the Public Meeting on Zoning Amendment.

3. MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 6, 2009

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No 09-24

That Council approves the following Council Meeting Minutes:

January 06, 2009 Regular Council Meeting

Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Referring to page 5, Councillor Kingsbury asked the CEO/Clerk if he had any information about call forwarding for the phone system. The CAO/Clerk did not.

5. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVE AGENDA

Council wished to pass a resolution to appoint lawyer to mediate Reciprocal Insurance Claim. The CAO/Clerk added a letter received from the Renfrew Golf Club to cancel interest on taxes.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-25

That Council add the following items to the Agenda and approves the February 2, 2009 Council Meeting Agenda.

- Renfrew Golf Club – cancel interest
- Lawyer – authorize mediation on Reciprocal Insurance Claim

Carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4:08 **PUBLIC WORKS**

January 5, 2009 Committee Meeting

Councillor Bennett, chair of Public Works, reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. Councillor Bennett had heard from Jim Watson's Office in Ottawa, they suggest meeting at the Good Roads Convention. The CAO/Clerk will arrange meetings Jim Watson and Mr Smitherman.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 08-26

That Council approve the January 5, 2009 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

OGRA Preliminary Conference Program

Councillor Eady asked that someone attend the Workshop on Waste Diversion, Blue Box Program and Review of the Act. The Councillors attending the Conference agreed to do this.

Municipal Infrastructure Reports - January 2009

Jeff Schruder Infrastructure Manager reviewed his report and the Public Works Report. He commented that repairs to Truck # 3 took a lot of time, and the Township is fortunate that Dave Radke is very good at welding and fabrication, which is a saving to the Township, as the work does not have to be outsourced.

OGRA Heads Up Announcement

Councillor Bennett reported that the Garden of Eden Road project is "shovel ready". When contacted MP Cheryl Gallant said she would meet with Councillors when she attends the Winter Carnival at the end of February. She hopes to have details about the Program at that time.

Councillor Eady suggested that there are different avenues for different types of money that are available, perhaps Bruce McIntyre at the County would have this information. Perhaps the Township should officially request this information.

4:17 **FIRE COMMITTEE**

January 7, 2009 Fire Committee Meeting

Councillor Bennett, Chair of Fire Department, reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. The new Tanker is now in service, four drivers are trained and training continues. The Committee is recommending Horton sign an Ice/Water Rescue Agreement with the Town of Arnprior for an annual fee of \$200 and \$350/hour call out charge.

Councillor Eady questioned if this charge would be covered by our insurance? The CAO/Clerk said no.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-27

That Council approve the January 7, 2009 Fire Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Recommendations

Councillor Eady suggested that the Pumper Relay Status was not as great a benefit to taxpayers as was first thought. Only 35% of the Township is covered by the 8 kilometer radius. Councillor Eady suggested that Morris Eady be invited to Council to explain the program.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-28

That Council, on recommendation of the Fire Committee, agrees to enter into an Agreement with the Town of Arnprior to provide Horton with their Ice and Water Rescue Service Program.

Carried.

4:25 **WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

January Committee Meeting

Councillor Eady, Chair of Waste Management, reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. Councillor Bennett apologized for not attending.

The CAO/Clerk referred to the change in Recycling Pick up days. The calendar for 2009 used the opposite symbol to last year's calendar, which changed the week for pickup. When the CAO/Clerk contacted Beauman's they were willing to switch week for recycling, which follows the calendar that we had issued.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-29

That Council approve the minutes of the January 15, 2009 Waste Management Committee Meeting.

Carried.

Third Quarter Payment – 2009 Blue Box Program

The Blue Box Grant for the third quarter was received last week.

2009 Environmental Report – George Thompson

George Thompson was present to review his report. Responsibility for small drinking water systems was transferred on December 1, 2008 back to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care from the Ministry of the Environment. George feels that operators will be happier, as they will now be dealing with Local Health Inspectors who understand the needs of the community.

George attended the 2008 Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services Conference & Rural Waste Water Expo in Orillia in October and he felt there were more municipal people attending than in previous years. George had an opportunity to speak with Shelly Bonte-Gelok from MOE and Michael Payne from OMAFRA. George feels it is very important that Horton complete the two year Lime Stabilization Program so the results are accurate.

The CAO/Clerk reported that Ron Harnett from the Ministry of Health has booked the Community Centre in April for a presentation on the new regulations.

Councillor Bennett shared George Thompson's concern that the Ministry want to shorten the Lime Stabilization Trial Study - we want to do it properly. The Municipality was not at fault for the delays in getting the program started and needs the original time frame to complete the Study.

Mayor Johnston thanked George Thompson for coming to present his Report.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-30

That the Council receives the 2008 Year End Environmental Issues Report submitted by George Thompson.

Carried.

4:55 **RECREATION**

January 15, 2009 Recreation Committee Meeting

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation Committee reviewed the Minutes. He reported that the Change Room would be finished this month. Val Miller is looking after the Winter Carnival and has things organized.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-31

That Council support the January 15, 2009 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Recommendations

The Recreation Committee recommended that an advertisement be placed in the Renfrew Bridal Supplement advertising the Community Centre, Councillor Kingsbury was not in support, he felt it was not getting value for money. Councillor Bennett suggested that the true value of the advertisement could not be measured.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-32

That Council, on recommendation of the Recreation Committee, authorizes the placement of an advertisement for the Horton Community Centre in the February 2009 Bridal Supplement in the Renfrew Weekend Newspaper.

Carried.

Carried on Division

Opposed by Councillor Kingsbury

5:07 **PLANNING**

January 20, 2009 Committee Meeting

Councillor Bennett, chair of Planning reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. The TSSA representative will attend the next meeting. The Shea OMB Hearing has not been rescheduled.

The CAO/Clerk referred to the continued discussions on the Zoning By-law Review and confirmed that the meeting will be Thursday March 26, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No: 09-33

That Council approves the Minutes of the January 25, 2009 Planning Committee Meeting.

Carried.

Recommendations

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution: 09-34

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee, agrees to enter in an Agreement with Bob Deslauriers to permit a temporary Mobile Cabin on property he is purchasing on Storyland Road adjacent to Sunshine Café. A \$5,000 security deposit is required and held until the Mobile Cabin is removed. A building permit for a permanent residence to be issued before the agreement is executed and the cabin is not to be used as a residence after occupation of the permanent residence.

Carried.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-35

That Council, on recommendation of the Planning Committee agrees to support the following consent applications:

B75, 76 & 77/08	629995 Ontario Inc subject to a consent agreement
B140/08	Rouble – no conditions as a lot addition severance
B186/08	Cotie - subject to a consent agreement and payment of the \$3,122.00 Lot Development Charge
B209/08	Bradley – no conditions – Bell easement

Carried.

5:12 FINANCE

Finance Committee Meetings January 12 and January 26, 2009

Deputy Mayor Hall, chair of Finance reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-36

That Council approves the January 12 and January 25, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Dog Tag Fee Comparisons

The CAO/Clerk reported that the Dog Tag fees have not changed since the early 1990s. He proposed increasing the fee for the first dog to \$15 and the second dog to \$20, and extending the date when tags must be purchase from March 31 to May 31. Tags purchased after this date to cost \$20 for the first dog and \$25 for each additional dog. After discussion Council passed the following resolution.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-37

That Council hold a Public Meeting at 7:00 p.m. during the March 3, 2009 Regular Council Meeting to consider raising the dog tag fees from \$12.00 for the first dog and \$15.00 for each additional dog to \$15.00 for first dog and \$20.00 for each additional dog. Further, Council will consider extending the date from March 31 to May 31 each year when tags are to be purchased. Tags purchased after this date to cost \$20.00 for first dog and \$25.00 for each additional dog.

Carried.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – 2009 Annual Repayment Limit

The CAO/Clerk referred to the 2009 Annual Repayment Limit.

Resolution to Support Broadband Application

Deputy Mayor Hall explained the process to date. After discussion Council passed the following resolution.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-38

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Horton, after successfully completing a Request for Proposal exercise with three municipal partners, is joining in a partnership with the Township of Admaston/Bromley, the Township of McNab/Braeside and the Township of Greater Madawaska to submit an application for funding under the Province of Ontario's Rural Connections Broadband Program:

AND WHEREAS the Township of Horton agree that this application is a priority for the Township with the understanding that they and their partner municipalities each commit to securing the remaining project funding.

Carried.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-39

That Council, on recommendation of the Finance Committee agrees to make a donation of \$200.00 to the East Ferris and Bonefield for their Disaster Relief Committee.

Tax Arrears Report

Council reviewed the Tax Arrears Report and the Financial Report for January 31, 2009.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-40

That Council receive the January 31, 2009 Tax Arrears Report and the January 2009 Financial Report.

Carried.

5:29 **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Human Resources Committee Meeting January 12, 2009

Deputy Mayor Hall, chair of Human Resources Committee reviewed the Minutes of the January 12, 2009 meeting.

Summer Student Position

Council agreed to apply for a grant for a summer student to work with Public Works and the Landfill Site.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-41

That the Township apply for a Summer Student position to assist in the Municipal Office and maintaining Municipal Properties.

Carried.

5:31 **RENFREW & AREA SENIORS HOME SUPPORT**

Councillor Kingsbury reviewed the Report and apologies that it was not included in the package. He reported that they are trying to meet with John Yakabuski to discuss the LHIN cutbacks. Bill Guyea has replaced Kate Windle on the Board.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-42

That Council accepts the January 2009 Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support Report.

Carried.

5:34 **COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

January 19, 2009 Report

Councillor Bennett reviewed the Report.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-42

That Council accepts the Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) report for January 2009.

Carried.

5:36 **BUILDING REPORT**

There was no Building Report.

5:37 **LIME STABILIZATION**

There was no report.

5:38 **EMERGENCY PLAN**

There was no report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence Summary:

- A. Town of Renfrew – Mayor Heins – Thank you for Mutual Aid assistance during recent Hall Avenue Fire
- B. EDCO Pre-conference Workshop

Councillor Bennett expressed concern, that the County decision not to attend conferences is a form of downloading. Municipal representatives attending bring back information and share it with the County. Councillor Bennett suggested talking to other municipalities, passing a resolution to send to municipalities and perhaps sending a delegation to County Council to express our concern.

Councillor Eady suggested that at the conferences there are Resource People who discuss where and how to access funds that are available for programs.

- C. Ottawa Valley Business – January 2009 newsletter
- D. United Way news release
- E. AMO:
 - Alert - Pre-Budget Submission calls for Increased Infrastructure Investment
 - Alert – Federal Government Announces New Infrastructure Funding
 - Alert – Ontario Municipalities to benefit from Federal Budget Measures for Infrastructure, Housing and Employment Insurance
 - AMO Conference Registration Form
- F. FCM:
 - Members Advisory - list of construction-ready municipal infrastructure projects and makes strong case for increased funding for cities and communities
 - Members Advisory – letter issued to Minister Baird; updated FCM projects list
 - Members Advisory – Preparing for Federal Budget 2009
 - Members Advisory – Federal Budget delivers new Infrastructure Funding
- G. McIntosh Perry – Consulting Engineers Ltd. – re: available consulting services
- H. WDO, Stewardship Ontario, AMO – re: blue box material commodity markets
- I. IESO - plans Routine Voltage Reduction Test
- J. Ontario Provincial Police – Cost Recovery Formula
- K. Mae Craig – Power Outage – would like Hydro One and Bell to hold meeting to outline our options

Councillor Bennett felt that Hydro did a good job. Councillor Kingsbury suggested that communications were bad and the public deserve an explanation. Deputy Mayor Hall noted that the Mayor of Admaston/Bromley had written to Hydro expressing her concerns. Councillor Eady suggested having a meeting with Hydro to know what happened, and suggested inviting other townships. The CAO/Clerk will arrange a meeting for April.

- L. International Women’s Day Awards
- M. OGRA – Board Brief
- N. County of Renfrew – Planning Report on Consent Applications
- O. MacKillican & Associates – Federal Budget Overview

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-43

That Council received the February 2, 2009 Information Correspondence Summary.

Carried.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence Summary.

- A. Renfrew County Veterinary Services Committee – info and fee schedule

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-44

That Council authorize payment of \$250.00 as Horton's payment to the Renfrew County Veterinary Services Committee.

Carried.

B. Deslaurier Employee Relief Fund

Council referred this request to the Finance Committee.

C. Tay Valley Township – requests support for their resolution calling on AMO to seek confirmation from the Province of Ontario, WDO and Stewardship Ontario that the 50% cost-sharing of recycling costs as outlined in Ontario's Waste Diversion Act 2002, particularly the 50% cost-sharing of recycling costs will not be jeopardized by the current state of affairs in the recycling industry. Further municipalities are encouraged to participate fully in the review of Ontario's Waste Diversion Act, particularly regarding the concepts of zero waste, and extended manufacturer responsibility to ensure products and packages are properly managed until and at the end of their life-cycle.

Council tabled this resolution.

D. Township of Killaloe-Hagarty-Richards – requests support for their resolution calling on the Province to impose a 10-year moratorium on all industrial wind turbine projects currently being considered until such time as all pertinent Government Ministries have adequate time to review new medical, economic and environmental studies relating to industrial wind turbine development and undertake any additional studies or reviews necessary to create realistic guidelines to assure the health and economic well-being of those living in proximity to industrial wind turbine developments.

Moved by Don Eady

As there was no seconder the motion was defeated.

E. Township of South Algonquin – requests support for their resolution that authorizes their Council to investigate and promote the possibility of pursuing the use of this waste to create electric power as an alternative to wind-generated power.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-45

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Township of South Algonquin which calls on the investigation and promotion of using our local abundance of low grade wood waste to create electric power as an alternative to wind-generated power.

Carried on division

Opposed by Mayor Johnston and Councillor Kingsbury

F. Town of Arnprior – requests support for their resolution requesting the County of Renfrew to contribute financially towards the expenses incurred by the Renfrew County CFDC and SAD

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-46

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Town of Arnprior which requests the County of Renfrew contribute financially towards expenses incurred by the Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation for their Commuter Rail Day held October 5, 2008.

Carried.

G. Town of Arnprior – requests support for their resolution requesting the Provincial 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 Bob Hall

Resolution No.09-47

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the Town of Arnprior which requests the Province of Ontario to take immediate action in providing war veteran organisations within Renfrew County an exemption from the education portion of property taxes.

Carried

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

December 2008 Report

Council reviewed the Report. Councillor Bennett had declared pecuniary interest.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-48

That Council approves the following Accounts Payable Listings for December 2008 in the amount of \$821,641.50.

Carried.

January 2009 Report

Council reviewed the Report. Councillor Bennett had declared pecuniary interest.

Moved by Bob hall, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-49

That Council approves the Accounts Payable Listing for January 2009 in the amount of \$37,207.98.

Carried.

9. DELEGATIONS

7:00 Public Meeting – 1455750 Ontario Inc – Zoning By-law Amendment.

7:15 Go-Zoom – Ian Fraser

Mr Fraser was present and gave a power point presentation on his company Go-Zoom which provides High Speed Internet service. He explained his plans to expand his service into Horton Township to areas along the Ottawa River that are not presently serviced with high speed internet.

8:25 Renfrew County Plowmen's Association

Norman Eady and David Campbell from the Renfrew County Plowman's Association were present. This year the Plowing Match will be held on September 19, 2009 at the Greer Farm and the Association would like to request some assistance from the Township. Following are some of the items they would like the Township to assist with.

- gravel for the entrance way onto the site
- sand for the Kids Zone
- Firefighters to man the gates and parking
- Dump truck for the day to put garbage in
- Recycling containers
- Picnic tables
- Big square bales, hay or straw, for Kids Zone
- Water from the Fire Trucks for the horses

They suggested that one person from the Township be appointed to liaise between the Township and the Plowmen's Association.

10. RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

11. BY-LAWS

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-50

That Council enact the following by-laws:

2009-08 Zoning By-law – 1466750 On Inc

2009-09 Ice & Water Rescue – Town of Arnprior

Carried.

Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary.

12. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY

There was no report from the County.

13. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Lawyer – Authorize Mediation on Reciprocal Insurance Claim

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-51

That Council authorize our Solicitor Keith McLaren to proceed with a “Notice of Arbitration” to OMEX Reciprocal Insurance on their Retro Insurance Claim from 2004 sent to this Municipality, 1st step is mediation process.

Carried.

Renfrew Golf Club – Cancel Insurance

An email was received from Rob Stewart from the Golf Club requesting that penalties totaling \$1,046.59 be cancelled. Councillor Eady requested more information. The decision was tabled until the CAO/Clerk could provide more information.

14. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

Mayor Johnston will be away for the March 3, 2009 Council Meeting. Deputy Mayor Hall, who will chair in the Mayor’s absence, is unable to attend on March 3, so Council agreed to change the meeting to Monday March 2, 2009.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-52

That Council changes the March Council Meeting to March 2, 2009 at 4:00p.m.

Carried.

15. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

There was no request for reconsideration.

16. CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

17. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-53

That Council pass this conforming 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. 09-54

That this Council Meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk

