

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 06, 2009

There was a Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Horton Community Centre on Tuesday January 06, 2009. Present were Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Deputy Mayor Bob Hall from 4:35 p.m., Councillor David Bennett, Don Eady and Robert Kingsbury

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by Members of Council.

3. MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 2, 2008

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 09-01**

That Council approves the following Council Meeting Minutes:

December 02, 2008 Regular Council Meeting

Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

5. ITEMS TO ADD TO AGENDA AND APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 09-02**

That Council add the following items to the Agenda and approves the January 6, 2009 Council Meeting Agenda.

Carried.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4:00 **FIRE COMMITTEE**

Don Egan, Fire Protection Adviser with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, attended to present a Certificate of Compliance to Fire Chief Randy Corbin and Deputy Chief Rick Rougier, on behalf of the Township.

Fire Committee Meeting

There was no Fire Committee meeting held in December.

Chief Corbin's Fire Report for December

There was no report.

4:16 **PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Committee Meetings

Councillor Bennett, chair of Public Works, reviewed the Minutes of the Public Works Committee meetings on December 1 and December 17, 2008. Councillor Bennett said the December 1, 2008 meeting had been held with representatives from the County of Renfrew, which was a good meeting giving both sides a better understanding of their problems.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 09-03**

That Council approves the December 1, 2008 and December 17, 2008 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Municipal Infrastructure Manager's Report

Jeff Schruder reviewed the Report. He commented that for the Asset Management, it is difficult to get original costs for tenders that were carried out years ago. There are receipts for equipment that was purchased in the past which has been helpful.

On the Public Works Report, Jeff Schruder commented that after every snowfall it seemed to rain, which washed away much of the sand spread on the snow. However, no complaints were received from the public which would indicate the roads were in good shape.

Jeff asked Council Members if they would like his report in a different format, as he continues to follow the format he inherited. Council had no suggestions.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 09-04**
That Council receives the December 2008 Infrastructure Manager's Reports.
Carried.

Federal Gas Tax Fund Commitment to 2014

Councillor Bennett reviewed a letter received from AMO confirming that the amount of the Federal Gas Tax Fund for the next four years until 2013 will be \$86,220.28.

4:26 **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Waste Management Committee Meeting December 11, 2008

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

Mayor Johnston referred to item # 6 in the Minutes "Bio-degradable Bags", and suggested from the sample bags that he had received the kitchen catcher size is too small and the garbage size does not fit plastic garbage pails. Councillor Eady said that this was the sort of feed back needed.

Councillor Eady had spoken to someone from WDO hoping to get money to run the trial with the bio-degradable bags. He also spoke to someone from the Glad Co who will come and speak to Council and has found a Wholesale Company in Renfrew who will distribute the bags.

Councillor Kingsbury commented that he was reported absent from the Waste Management Committee Meeting on December 11, 2008 – as he is not a member of the Committee, he attends only by invitation. Mayor Johnston suggested that Councillor Kingsbury should be a member as he looked after the Committee while Councillor Eady was on sick leave. This was agreed to by Council.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 09-05**
That Council approves the Minutes of the December 11, 2008 Waste Management Committee Meeting.

Carried.

4:36 **FINANCE**

Finance Committee Meeting December 8, 2008

Deputy Mayor Hall, Chair of Finance, reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. It was the first meeting to look at budget figures, there were some questions which the Committee will

review and they are meeting again January 12, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. to look at figures in more depth and have a solid idea of where we are going by the end of January. A number of Council members are away in February and March.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No.09-06**
That Council approves the December 8, 2008 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

December Tax Arrears Report

Reminder Notices were sent in December and all property three years in arrears were stamped that they were liable for tax sale. A number of properties have paid or at least enough to get out of the three year mark.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall **Resolution No. 09-07**
That Council receive the December 31, 2008 Tax Arrears Report and the December 2008 Financial Report.

Carried.

December Budget to Actual Financial Report

The CAO/Clerk pointed out that in both General and Recreation because of the ongoing buildings the figures for both these Departments are skewed.

2009 Insurance Program

The CAO/Clerk presented a package received from Jardine for insurance for the Township for 2009.

Councillor Eady asked if "Councillors' Recovery Assistance Plan (Critical Illness) would cover his illness last year? The CAO/Clerk promised to look into this.

Deputy Mayor Hall asked Council for their views on Option 1 of the Options Available ? It was agreed to put this item on the agenda for the Finance Meeting on Monday.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 09-08**
That council accepts the 2009 Insurance Quotation in the amount of \$39,396 plus taxes from Jardine Lloyd Thompson Ltd.

Carried.

Resolution to move Unused Revenue and Expenditure Funds into Reserves

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 09-09**
That Council agrees to the following transfer of funds from the 2008 Revenue and Expenditure budget to the 2008 Reserve Budget:

G/L Account No.

1 110 00 745041	\$25,000 unspent from the septic treatment budget
1 130 30 440467	\$41,700 Gas Tax Fund not used on Goshen & Mullins Rds.
1 130 30 731024	\$145,100 unspent Roads and Bridges Fund
1 150 51 700250	\$6,600 unspent Recreation Equipment & Housing funds
1 180 00 440440	\$6,250 from sale of used Fire Tanker Truck
1 130 30 440440	\$2,150 from sale of used Michigan Loader
1 130 30 731025	\$25,333 not spent on Mullins Road

Carried.

Legal Comment on OMEX Reciprocal Retro Assessment

The CAO/Clerk reported that responses had been received from two of the Lawyers the Township had contacted. The firm of Kelly & Kelly replied that they were not in a position to comment until the end of February and Low Murchison had not replied.

Mr Keith MacLaren of Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall had replied that they were interested in representing the Township. Mayor Johnston suggested that Council appoint Perley-Robertson to represent the Township – Council was in agreement.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Hall

Resolution No. 09-10

That Council appoints Keith MacLaren of Perley-Robinson to represent the Township in a claim by OMEX Reciprocal.

Carried.

5:03 **RECREATION**

Recreation Committee Meeting December 15, 2008

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation reviewed the Meeting Minutes.

He reported that Rod Eady, Public Works Superintendent has received calls asking him to come and turn on the lights at the rink when people want to play hockey at night. The Committee is looking into prices for a timer to turn the lights on and off at the Rink so it would be available for use.

Councillor Kingsbury reported that positive feedback has been received on the Rink and a Donation Box was requested.

Deputy Mayor Hall commented on the number of bookings for evening events at the Community Centre which makes the scheduling of a Public Meeting difficult. Council felt that if they need the Hall for a meeting other events should be rescheduled. As Euchre is held every second Thursday it was agreed that the alternate Thursday night not be booked so there is at least one night every second week available, if needed.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-11

That Council approves the December 15, 2008 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

5:10 **PLANNING**

There was no Committee Meeting held in December 2008.

5:11 **HUMAN RESOURCES**

There was no Committee Meeting held in December 2008.

Applications for the Recreation Co-ordinator position have been received, and will be reviewed by Mayor Johnston, Deputy Mayor Hall, Councillor Eady and the CAO/Clerk. It was agreed to do this review after the Finance Committee meeting on January 12, when the budget has been reviewed.

5:15 **RENFREW & AREA SENIORS HOME SUPPORT**

There was no December meeting.

5:16 **CPAC**

The Minutes of the November 24, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Councillor Bennett commented that a bill had been received from Davtech for the battery repairs to the Speedboard, which it was understood were covered by warranty. This will be followed up.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Bob Hall **Resolution No. 09-12**
That Council accepts the Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) Report
for December 2008.

Carried.

5:18 **BUILDING REPORT**

Council reviewed the December Building Report.
Council is optimistic that building will continue at the same level if
not increase in the Township in 2009.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 09-13**
That Council receive the December 2008 Building Permit Report.

Carried.

5:20 **LIME STABILIZATION**

There was no Committee meeting held in December.

5:21 **EMERGENCY PLAN**

The CAO/Clerk reviewed the Minutes of an Emergency
Committee – Preparedness Meeting held December 30, 2008
because of power outages in areas of the Township.
Councillor Kingsbury felt the office phone system should have call
forwarding available for times of emergency when the office is
closed. The CAO/Clerk will look into this.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 09-14**
That Council approve the December 20, 2008 Emergency Committee Meeting
Minutes.

Carried.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following Information Correspondence summary.

- A. OGRA/ROMA 2009 Combined Conference - February 22-25, 2009
- B. Renfrew County & District Health Unit - Winter 2008 Newsletter
- C. AMO - Reducing Poverty
 - Build Canada Fund
 - Municipal Leadership in Federal Budget Consultations
 - Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Notices for 2009
- D. OGRA Board Brief November 2009
- E. MacKillican & Associates – December 2008 - Business Matters
- F. Renfrew Physician Recruitment – December 4, 2008 Meeting Minutes
- G. Ministry of Finance – Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund – details
- H. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – reply from Minister Jim
 Watson
- I. MPAC Update on 2008 Property Assessment Notice
- J. MPAC Current Value Interpretation
- K. Ottawa Valley Forest 2011-2021 Forest Management Plan
- L. Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support – Winter News Letter
- M. Foster Parenting in Renfrew County - Newsletter December 2008
- N. Wind Concerns Ontario – Wind Turbine Issue
- O. Ottawa Valley Business – December 2008
- P. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – improved energy efficiency
 standards for new homes

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 09-15**
That Council receive the January 6, 2009 Information Correspondence Summary.

Carried.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence Summary.

- A. Township of South Stormont - support resolution requesting the Provincial Government review, and amend as required, the powers granted to Inspectors through Bill 50, the Provincial Animal Welfare Act 2008.

After discussion Council felt they could not support this resolution.

- B. The Corporation of the City of Oshawa – support resolution to support the recommendations of “Investing in Health and Active Ontarians through Recreation and Parks Infrastructure” report from Parks and Recreation Ontario.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-16

That the Council of the Township of Horton support a resolution of the City of Oshawa which supports the recommendation of “Investing in Health and Active Ontarians through Recreation and Parks Infrastructure” report from Parks and Recreation Ontario which includes a sustainable, province wide, dedicated sport and recreation infrastructure funding program supported by all three levels of government be developed.

Carried.

- C. Egg Farmers Ontario – support resolution that the purchase of all Ontario eggs contributes to the creation of a sustainable environment in which consumers and farmers benefit.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-17

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

AND WHEREAS Ontario egg farmers currently provide our community with fresh, locally produced Grade A eggs which travel from farm to table in 4 to 7 days;

AND WHEREAS Ontario egg farmers take pride in caring for their hens while offering consumers a variety of egg choice;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current procurement practice of eggs by the Council of the Township of Horton, produced by Ontario egg farmers, be identified as the preferred local sustainable procurement practice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the purchase of all Ontario eggs contributes to the creation of a sustainable environment in which consumers and farmers benefit.

Carried.

- D. AMO – support call to write Federal and Provincial Members of Parliament and Ministers of Finance and Infrastructure to provide new additional monies to the federal gas tax funding, create a new streamlined affordable housing funding program and to accelerate the Build Canada Fund investments.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-18

That the Council of the Township of Horton advise our Members of Parliament, Cheryl Gallant MP and John Yakabuski MPP to promote within their Party Caucus the need to provide new additional monies to the Federal Gas Tax Program, create a new streamlined affordable housing funding program and accelerate the Build Canada Fund investments.

Carried.

- E. Township of Bonfield and Township of East Ferris – contribute a donation to their Disaster Relief Committee whose residents lost essential property during a severe rainstorm which caused localized flooding August 5 2008.

Council referred this request to the Finance Committee.

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

There was no Accounts Payable Listing available.

9. DELEGATIONS

Mayor Johnston welcomed Mr David Studham, Executive Director, and Mr Mike Wright, Past Board Chair of United Way of Upper Ottawa Valley who were present. They gave a power-point presentation explaining how the United Way was formed and structured and the work they have been doing in the Upper Ottawa Valley since 1997. They also answered questions from Council.

Mayor Johnston thanked Mr Studham and Mr Wright for their presentation.

10. RESOLUTIONS

As Mayor Johnston will not be available on February 3, 2009, Regular Council Meeting date Council agreed to change the meeting to February 2, 2009.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 09-19

That Council change the date of the February Council Meeting to Monday February 2, 2009.

Carried.

11. BY-LAWS

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-20

That Council agrees to enact the following by-laws:

- 2009-01 appoint Valuers of Livestock and Poultry
- 2009-02 appoint Fenceviewers
- 2009-03 appoint Members of the Committee of Adjustment
- 2009-04 appoint an Auditor
- 2009-05 provide for an Interim Tax Levy
- 2009-06 establish a \$250,000 Line of Credit with TD Bank
- 2009-07 Nesbitt Holdings Tile Drainage Rating By-law

Carried.

12. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY

Mayor Johnston reported that County had their Inaugural Session on December 16, 2008 with the new Warden Mayor Don Rathwell of Whitewater Region Township. County Councillors will now sit on two Committees instead of three as they had previously. Mayor Johnston is on Development & Property Committee and Operations Committee.

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-21

That Council receives the Report from the County of Renfrew.

Carried.

13. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Councillor Eady suggested that a letter of condolence should be sent to Morris Burton's family recognizing his contributions to the Township as Reeve, Councillor and member of the community. There was no wake or funeral but possibly there will be a Memorial Service in the Spring.

Deputy Mayor Hall spoke about the Broadband Program. The Coordinator has been hired by the County and is asking each municipality to work on an outreach awareness program. Horton sent a note out with the LFS cards and is receiving a tremendous response from residents in favour of high speed internet for a variety of reasons. It is generally agreed that today's life style requires high speed internet access, and it becoming an essential service that will be demanded.

It was suggested inviting Ian Fraser from Go-Zoom to come to a Council Meeting to explain what he is doing.

At 6:03 p.m. Council took a break for supper and resumed at 6:35 p.m. with all members of Council present.

14. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

There were no concerns expressed 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 Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-22

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. 09-23

That this Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk

