

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

June 9, 2009

There was a Special Meeting of Council held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday June 9, 2009. All members of Council were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by members of Council.
3. RINK CHANGE ROOM COST OVERRUN
Staff Report on Estimated Overrun with recommended budget changes to cover the overrun amount
The CAO/Clerk and the Treasurer presented a Costing of the Rink Change Room. Expenses as of June 8 \$141,592.24, estimate remaining \$28,800.00 for a total construction of \$170,392.24. The Report also set out the financing arranged previously, \$89,095.00 with suggestions to make up the difference.

Council Discussion and Decision

Deputy Mayor Hall asked if the Township could carry on and carry a deficit? The CAO/Clerk suggested that that is not possible, next year would be difficult on its own. Deputy Mayor Hall commented that we might need this as we always come close to our bottom line and would need this money in the end.

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation, said he is reluctant to cut the volley ball as we have had interested people and have promised this for several years.

Councillor Bennett asked how much it would cost to increase the OSIFA loan? Deputy Mayor Hall said he would support either using the budget this year or next but no borrowing increase.

Councillor Kingsbury said we need to resolve this because we are spending money that has not been approved.

Councillor Eady asked about the other construction projects which are the Municipal Office expansion and Septage. The CAO/Clerk reported that the Municipal Office Expansion is right at the \$200,000 budget. Councillor Bennett reported on Septage and he is predicting that we are right on budget as well, we are just starting the work for this year.

Councillor Eady suggested that we draw down reserves to cover the shortfall which is estimated to be \$70, 631. and repay the reserve as fast as possible. Tighten our belts, no conventions etc. If the reserve is not totally paid back this year, it will be paid back next year. He cannot support borrowing more money. He suggested that we get the building finished and done. He requested a report on the Pay Back on a monthly basis.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 09-179**

That Council authorizes use of reserve funds to cover the Rink change Room construction overrun. The reserves to be built back up as soon as possible with months reports.

Carried.

4. PRIME AND DOUBLE SURFACE TREATMENT TENDERS

Report from Infrastructure Manger

Council reviewed a report prepared by Jeff Schruder, Municipal Infrastructure Manager, which after contacting neighbouring municipalities, the Report recommended acceptance of the lowest tender.

Councillor Eady said he supported the research carried out. Councillor Kingsbury asked if this work will be carried out before September.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-180

That Council accepts the lowest tender for supply and application of surface treatment (Tender #PW – 2009-01) from Smiths Construction Company at a total tender price of \$37,716.00.

Carried.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Bennett suggested that we arrange a meeting with Cheryl Gallant MP, as we did not receive any stimulus money in the last round. We need the money for the parking lot at the municipal office. He noted that the Rink Cover and the Expansion of the Community Centre is still under an application that has not been approved.

Council agreed that a meeting be arranged as soon as possible.

Councillor Bennett said he has addressed the issue of work speed at the Rink Change Room. Mayor Johnston noted that the building should be completed in three weeks and not four as suggested earlier by one of the Councillors.

Councillor Eady asked if there was a possibility of adding Bill Yantha to the crew?

Councillor Bennett suggested that the three men there should be fine.

The CAO/Clerk reviewed the Septage costs.

To complete the project that has been prepared earlier in the day Councillor Bennett suggested that the two workers, on the Rink Change Room construction should be paid for Monday June 8, 2009 as they were told not to return to work at the end of the day last Friday until Council had met to deal with the cost overruns.

After discussion, the other Council Members said no.

Councillor Eady suggested the two gentlemen should be advised as why the project was stopped, why they did not work on Monday, so that they are informed.

The CAO/Clerk reported that Angela Burgess of KOA has invited Council and Staff to their Fireworks on July 4, 2009 at about 9:00 p.m. She also requested Council's assistance in having traffic moved through the one lane bridge construction on Fridays and Sundays of the summer weekends. Traffic is tied up for over one hour to get through from Gillan Road to O'Brien Road and she is hearing this from her tenants. Councillor Bennett said CPAC has asked the OPP to investigate ways to eliminate the backup. It is noted that the bridges will be open on the weekends of the summer months beginning mid-June. The CAO/Clerk was requested to get confirmation from MTO on the opening of the bridges for the weekends and to advise Ms Burgess.

6. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-181

That Council pass this confirming resolution to validate any actions or directions given during the open portion of this Special Council Meeting which are minor in nature and which were not set out in By-law or Resolution.

Carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 09-182

That Council adjourns this Special Council Meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk