

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

April 28, 2009

There was a Special Meeting of Council held in the Horton Council Chambers on Tuesday April 28, 2009, following the Planning Committee Meeting. All members of Council were present, except Councillor Kingsbury who left to attend another member.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY

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

3. BUILD CANADA FUND – COMMUNITIES COMPONENT APPLICATION

The Council Members along with Rose Curley and Mackie McLaren reviewed the application form for the Communities Component portion of the Build Canada No 2 Grant.

Moved by Don Eady; Seconded by Bennett

Resolution No. 09-119

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Horton within the County of Renfrew wants to participate in the Build Canada Fund - Communities Component; and

WHEREAS the Township is a rural community with a population of 2,500 people; and

WHEREAS the Township recognizes that Sport Infrastructure for Community Public Use is an important necessity in the rural municipalities; and

WHEREAS The Township of Horton constructed the Horton Community Centre in 2003 to replace our former community centre destroyed by fire in 2000; and

WHEREAS when the Community Centre was constructed with hydronic heating tubes installed in the concrete slab floor; and

WHEREAS two storage rooms were included in the design of the Community Centre; and

WHEREAS the storage rooms have proven to be too small to hold the tables, chairs and all the sports equipment; and

WHEREAS at the time of construction a local welder/fabricator company built a stage that can be torn down and stored against a wall of the hall; and

WHEREAS the stage requires a huge effort and staff time to set up and take down and has interfered with sport usage of the Community Centre; and

WHEREAS the installation of a roll up stage will permit a quick conversion from a public event to a sports event so that sport participation is not lost; and

WHEREAS the Horton Community Centre is a multi-use facility that includes a regulation basketball court, regulation volleyball court, two regulation shuffleboards in addition to meeting and community gathering space; and

WHEREAS the Recreation Committee have offered programs which have proven to be very successful. These programs include basketball, volleyball, floor hockey, shuffleboard which require space to store their required equipment; and

WHEREAS the sports equipment is currently stored in several locations in the Community Centre including out on the floor of the Community Centre, all which interfere with other activities at the Community Centre; and

WHEREAS without this storage space the use of the Community Centre as a sports facility is limited.

WHEREAS spending constraints at the time of construction of the Community Centre resulted cancellation of the hot water boiler to connect to the hydronic heating tubes; and

WHEREAS the Recreation Committee has identified the need to construct an addition to the Community Centre to provide for proper storage space for this equipment, roll up stage and the installation of a hot water boiler along with an energy saving solar system to preheat the water in the boiler system; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Horton confirm that their top priority for the application for the Build Canada Fund - Communities Component Program is the construction of a 16 foot by 30 foot sports equipment storage addition to the Horton Community Centre which will include a roll up stage built into the shared wall and the installation of a energy efficient hot water boiler system with a solar hot water preheating system under the Sport Infrastructure for Community Public Use component; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal CAO/Clerk be authorized to submit the application before May 1, 2009.

Carried.

4. INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUND PROGRAM

The CAO/Clerk presented a draft resolution for three priorities for the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Program, a second grant application that has three way cost sharing with the Federal and Provincial governments. Councillor Bennett informed the Committee that the priority suggested by the Public Works Committee that we replace the Backhoe will not qualify. In its place he proposed that we rebuild and expand the Municipal Office and Council Chamber Complex parking lot, which is a requirement as there is not going to be sufficient funds to do, following the completion of the Office and Council Chamber addition. Council agreed.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-120

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Horton within the County of Renfrew wants to participate in the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Program; and
WHEREAS the Township is a rural community with a population of 2,500; and
WHEREAS the Township recognizes the need to stimulate the economy through the construction of needed infrastructure; and
WHEREAS the Waste Management Committee and the Public Works Committee have recommended three priority projects under the Solid Waste Management Infrastructure, Local Road Infrastructure and Municipal Buildings categories; and
WHEREAS each project will have a minimum of 50% of the project completed by March 31, 2010 and the balance of the work completed by March 31, 2011;
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Horton confirm that their three priorities for the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Program are:

Category	Project
Solid Waste Management Infrastructure Project	Landfill Site Sand Reclamation
Local Road Infrastructure	Street and storm sewer reconstruction In the village of Thompsonville (aka Thompsonhill)
Municipal Buildings Office	Rebuild and expand Municipal and Council Chamber parking lot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal CAO/Clerk be authorized to submit the three applications before May 1, 2009.

Carried.

5. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-121

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.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 09-122

That Council adjourn this special Council Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk

