

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 9, 2010

There was a meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday February 10, 2010. Present were Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Councillors Dave Bennett, Don Eady and Bob Kingsbury. Deputy Mayor Bob Hall was away.

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.
3. **MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 12, 2010
PUBLIC MEETING – JANUARY 12, 2010 – TOM ORR ZONEING
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING JANUARY 11, 2010**

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 10-32**

That Council approves the following Council Meeting Minutes:

January 12, 2010 Regular Council Meeting
January 12, 2010 Public Meeting – Tom Orr Zone Amendment
January 11, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Carried.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
There was no business arising from the Minutes.
5. **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVE THE AGENDA**
The CAO/Clerk added two recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting February 8, 2010:
Donation to Haiti
Change date of March Council Meeting

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 10-33

That Council add the following items to the Agenda and approves the February 09, 2010 Council Meeting Agenda.

Donation to Haiti
Change date of March Council Meeting

Carried.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

4:08 **PUBLIC WORKS**

Minutes of Public Works Committee February 02, 2010

Councillor Bennett, chair of Public Work, reported that the Minutes had been reviewed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting last night.

Councillor Kingsbury had asked for a breakdown of the hours that the Public Works Department had spent on the rink and the cover for the rink. These figures are needed for budget purposes.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 10-34

That Council approve the Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting February 1, 2010.

Carried.

Municipal Infrastructure Manager Reports – January 2010

Council had reviewed the reports at the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Jeff Schruder reported that he has been working with the Health & Safety Committee to get it up to date. The Committee of Lyle Armstrong from the Fire Department, Jim Bovair Public Works and Jeff representing the Office has met.

Jeff reported that he had contacted Ed Vickers about the Tender for the Garden of Eden Road. Mr Vickers will call when he has something ready. The CAO/Clerk wondered if there would be any advantage in giving Mr Vickers approval to go ahead with the tender package.

Councillor Bennett commented that we would need to award the Tender at the April Council Meeting, so the contractor can start by mid-May. The work must be completed and the dollars spent by March 2011.

There is a question about the culverts whether to use concrete which are three times the price of steel culverts, or to use steel culverts. The culverts for the cold water creek must be replaced between July 15 and September.

Councillor Bennett requested that the County be requested to come and look at the Thomson Road culvert as the ground is moving around.

Public Works Report – January 2011

Council had reviewed the report. Councillor Bennett suggested that the wing plow not be used on narrow roads.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 10-35

That Council receive the January 2010 Infrastructure Manager's Reports.

Carried.

Recommendations

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 10-36

That Council on recommendation of the Public Works Committee approves the set up of the reserves from the Public Works 2009 Budget. The Committee further recommends that all 2009 overall surplus (if any) be set up in a reserve for Pinnacle Road construction.

Carried.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 10-37

That Council accepts the recommendation of the Publics Work Committee that the Township of Horton approach CPR and the National Transportation Agency to reduce the signal maintenance cost of the CPR Chalk River subdivision, while CPR considers what the future of the rail line is. This resolution to be circulated to the municipalities along the rail line for support.

Carried

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 10-38

That Council accepts the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that Section 4.3 of By-law 2008-08 Procurement By-law be amended by adding to the section that \$5 million liability insurance be required for contracts issued for road construction

Carried.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 10-39

That Council accepts the recommendation of the Public Works Committee that "Children at Play" signs be installed on Eady Road between Castleford Road and Tinswood Road and Mrs. Purdie be encouraged to speak with her neighbours about traffic concerns that they cause.

Carried.

4:25 **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Waste Management Committee Meeting January 21, 2010

Councillor Eady, Chair of Waste Management referred to the Minutes which had been reviewed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting. The Contractor who picks up the tires is charging for tires with rims so we will also have to charge. A by-law will be prepared to the next Council Meeting.

Jeff Schruder had visited Bonnechere Valley who had installed an electric fence around their Landfill Site last year, and found it very effective in keeping both bears and humans out. With funding from the Ministry of Natural Resources, under the Bear Wise Program, this would be an option for our Landfill Site.

Jeff Schruder reported that it has been quiet since the break-in at the Landfill Site.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 10-40

That Council approves the Minutes of the Waste Management Committee Meeting of January 21, 2010.

Carried.

4:30 **FIRE**

Fire Committee Meeting February 03, 2010

Councillor Bennett chair of Fire Committee reported the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief had reviewed the job descriptions and gave their input. Allan Cole has been promoted to Deputy Fire Chief and will retain the Training Duties. A Communications Agreement has been reached with the County.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 10-41

That Council approve the February 03, 2010 Fire Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

Recommendations

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 10-42

That Council on recommendation of the Fire Committee accepts the job descriptions for the positions of Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Chief.

Carried.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 10-43

That Fire Committee recommends to Council that they promote Allan Cole from Volunteer Fire Captain to Deputy-Fire Chief.

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 10-44

That Council accepts the recommendation of the Fire Committee to enter into a communications agreement with the County of Renfrew.

Carried.

4:35 **FINANCE**

Finance Committee Meeting January 19, 2010

In Deputy Mayor Hall's absence, Councillor Eady reported that the Department Budgets are looking good, Horton is showing a 2% increase in taxes. A tender was awarded last Fall for the purchase of a new International Truck, which should be delivered in about a month.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 10-45

That Council approves the Minutes of the January 19, 2010 Finance Committee Meeting.

Carried.

Tax Arrears Report January 2010

Council reviewed the Tax Arrears Report for January 2010 and the Financial Report.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 10-46

That Council receive the January 2010 Tax Arrears Report and the January 2010 Financial Report.

Carried.

4:50 **RECREATION**

Recreation Committee Meeting January 11, 2010

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation referred to the Minutes which had been reviewed at Committee of the Whole Meeting. There are a couple of upcoming events Sunday February 14 – Spaghetti Supper in aid of Haiti, Saturday February 27 Winter Carnival starting with Breakfast at 8:00 am and Dance at 8:00 p.m.

The Fundraising event on Sunday January 26, raised approximately \$2,879.00. Mayor Johnston said that he hoped to make this an annual event to be held the last Sunday of January. He is planning an evening event on Friday May 14, to have a band from 6-11 p.m. and serve food.

Councillor Kingsbury reported that the Ice Rink is being well used, the Zamboni is working well and people are impressed. Training of volunteers to run the Zamboni is going well. The Renfrew Rink has offered to loan the Township an edger to try out.

Moved by Don Eady Seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 10-47

That Council approves the January 11, 2010 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

4:50 **PLANNING**

Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2010

Councillor Bennett chair of Planning Committee referred to the Minutes reviewed last night. There were no questions.

Planning Committee Meeting November 24, 2009 – Draft Comprehensive Zoning By-law – Review comments Public and Ministry

There were no comments.

Mayor Johnston asked about filling vacant positions on the Planning Committee. The CAO/Clerk will advertise to fill one position.

Mayor Johnston commented on the Public Meeting for Box Grain Elevators and the number of people who came out in support of Mr Box. The biggest problem seems to be noise from the fans which Mr Box will address with soundproofing.

Councillor Kingsbury suggested that Council go and visit the facility before the fan starts next year to check the sound level.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No.10-48

That Council approves the Minutes of the January 20, 2010 Planning Committee Meeting.

Carried.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 10-49

That Council accepts the Minutes of the November 24, 2009 Planning Committee Meeting – review of Public and Ministry Comments – Draft Comprehensive Zoning by-law.

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 10-50

That the Council on recommendation of the Planning Committee supports the approval of consent applications B180/09, B181/09, B182/0, B183/09 & B184/09 subject to the following conditions:

1. Plan of Survey
2. Payment of lot development charge in the amount of \$3,122 per lot
3. Enter into a private road agreement for construction and maintenance of the private access road, and
4. Clearance letter received from the Ministry of Culture on archaeological Review.

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No.10-51

That Council on recommendation of the Planning Committee withdraw their request to have six-foot high trees, minimum height, planted in the first row of trees to berm the MacMillan Gravel Pit.

For Mayor Johnston

For Councillor Bennett

Opposed Councillor Eady

Opposed Councillor Kingsbury

Motion Lost

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 10-52

That Council recommends that the County Land Division not accept consent Application B112/09 – Tom McEvoy, as it does not meet the OMAFRA Minimum Distance Separations (MDS) requirements.

Carried.

5:00 **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Human Resources Committee Meeting January 19, 2010

In Deputy Mayor Hall's absence Mayor Johnston reported that the Receptionist/Clerk position had been discussed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 10-53

That Council approves the Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2010.

Carried.

Opposed Councillor Kingsbury

Recommendation

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 10-54

That Council on recommendation of the Human Resources Committee hire Jane Turcotte, County Human Resources Co-ordinator to lead the hiring process to replace the upcoming vacant Receptionist/Clerk position. Advertising to take place in the Renfrew and Arnprior newspapers, resumes to be received by March 01, 2010 with selection by March 31, 2010.

Carried.

Opposed Councillor Kingsbury

5:05 **RENFREW & AREA SENIORS HOME SUPPORT**

Councillor Kingsbury reported that he was away for the meeting and was unable to print the Minutes from his email, so no report was available.

5:06 **CPAC**

CPAC Committee Meeting January 18, 2010

Councillor Bennett reviewed the Meeting Minutes. He referred to the FLIR – Forward Looking Infra Red Sensor Device which the police use in detecting houses that are being used for Grow-Ops. The local Detachment has applied for a grant to purchase a FLIR and if they are not successful in receiving the grant, Councillor Bennett said that the CPAC Committee may consider buying one for the Renfrew Detachment.

Speed Board Report

The Police have been setting up traffic enforcement after the Speedboard which has been successful.

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 10-55

That Council accepts the Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) Report for January 2010.

Carried.

5:10 BUILDING REPORT

There was no Building Report.

5:11 LIME STABILIZATION COMMITTEE

Councillor Bennett reported Jenna Leavoy is away on maternity leave. Mr Paul Kehoe from the MOE came and met with him, Jeff Schruder, the CAO/Clerk. He reviewed the project and will follow up with paperwork. He accepted the Engineer's Report and the Site should be ready to accept septage in 30 – 45 days.

5:15 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

Communication Tenders

Council opened the following tenders.

HORTON TOWNSHIP - TENDER RESULTS - 2010-COMMUNICATIONS-01				
<i>EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE:</i>				
		COMPANY NAME	COMPANY NAME	COMPANY NAME
	TOTAL PRICE	SPECTRUM North Bay	GENTEL Perth	TAS COMMUNICATIONS
Base Radio		1692.55	-	7773.11
10 Portable Radios		4226.30	4500.00	4130.00
Repeater System		12,782.95	-	9005.22
<i>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</i>				
		COMPANY NAME	COMPANY NAME	COMPANY NAME
	TOTAL PRICE	SPECTRUM North Bay	GENTEL Perth	TAS COMMUNICATIONS
Pagers		5220.00	5244.00	5054.40
5 Mobile Radios		3883.25	3745.00	2632.23
10 Portable Radios		4226.30	5250.00	4131.00
Base Radio		1692.10	495.00	485.95

The CAO/Clerk is meeting on February 10, 2010 with Jim Ferguson, Andy Tait and Randy Corbin to discuss the above tender.

Council recessed at 5:30 p.m. for a supper break and resumed at 6:08 p.m. with the same Council Members present.

7. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY INFORMATION

Council reviewed the following Information Summary:

- A. FCM - Members' Advisory – FCM calls on Members to prepare for unprecedented reconstruction efforts in Haiti
- B. AECL – Information Bulletin – NRU status Report #38, 39

- C. Hydro One Networks – Working Together to Connect New Generation Projects
- D. Ontario Parks – Amendment to Algonquin Provincial Park Management Plan (1998)
- E. OGRA: - OGRA welcomes newly appointed Ministers
- F. McNab/Braeside Disaster Relief Committee – thank you letter for donation
- G. Ottawa Valley Business - newsletters
- H. Renfrew County Senior Games – request financial support
- I. County of Renfrew – Renfrew Area Administrators Group – Banking Program
- J. Summary of recent research on adverse health effects of wind turbines
- K. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Revised Planning Act regulations to comply with recommendations of the Propane Safety Review Panel
- L. Township of Madawaska Valley – Municipal Challenge – disaster in Haiti
- M. Wallowa Resources Community Solutions Inc. – stakeholder consultation for certification of Ottawa Valley Forest, Inc. – June 2010
- N. AMO:
 - Letter – Peter Hume, AMO President
 - AMO makes its 2010 Pre-budget Submission
 - Helping Haiti – challenge to all Ontario Municipal Governments

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 10-56**
 That Council accepts the Information Correspondence for February 09, 2010.
Carried.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed the following Action Correspondence.

- A. Tay Valley Township – request support for their resolution calling on the Province to continue its review of the assessment process with a view to greatly simplifying it; and further calling on the Province of Ontario to work with the Government of Canada to develop a process through the annual filing of income tax returns that would negate the impact of harmful property tax increases for retired pensioners.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett **Resolution No. 10-57**
 That Council supports the resolution of Tay Valley Township that calls on the Province to continue its review of the assessment process with a view to greatly simplifying it; and further calls on the Province of Ontario to work with the Government of Canada to develop a process through the annual filing of income tax returns that would negate the impact of harmful property tax increases for retired pensioners
Carried.

- 8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
 Council reviewed the Accounts Payable Listing for December 31, 2009 and January 31, 2010.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 10-58**
 That Council approves the following Accounts Payable Listings for December 31, 2009 in the amount of \$1,099.33 and for January 2010 in the amount of \$139,009.09.
Carried.

Councillor Bennett declared pecuniary

- 9. OTHER BUSINESS
Bonnechere River Speed Limit
 A request was received from a nearby resident for “No Wake” Signs between the Boat Launch and the mouth of the river. Council discussed this request and passed the following resolution.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 10-59**
 That Council authorizes the installation of “No Wake” signs between the Township Boat Launch and the mouth of the Bonnechere River.
Carried.

2010 Dog Tag Sales

Our Animal Control Officer is not willing to go door to door to sell tags this year. It was suggested putting an advertisement in the newspaper for someone to do the job or to invoice all the dog owners who bought tags last year.

10. DELEGATIONS

6:30 Donna Symington (John Cooke's Office) – Connor/Purdon Road Conveyance

Mr & Mrs Pat Connors, their daughter and son in law, John Purdon, Cory Smart and Lisa Murphy were to present to discuss this issue.

Pat Connors spoke giving an overview and history of the issue, which has been ongoing for about ten years and his suggested solution. Cory Smart presented his views and solution. John Purdon spoke and said he supports Pat Connors but does not support Cory Smart. A number of solutions were suggested.

Councillor Bennett suggested taking it back to Planning Committee. Councillor Bennett also suggested that the Township retain the land in the first parcel making it common to all allowing Smart access to his property and Connors access to his property.

After lengthy discussion it was suggested that points 1 -7 in Borden Ladner Gervais letter of November 20, 2009 be followed with part 5 retained by the Township. The three parties to work out a solution that is agreeable to them and then come back to the Township.

Pat Connors thanked Council for allowing him to speak.

Councillor Eady said it is Council's concern that everyone has access to their property.

11. RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 10-60

That the Council of the Township of Horton on recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, agree to donate \$500. to the Canadian Rotary Club for their Haiti Shelter Box.

Carried.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 10-61

That the Council of the Township of Horton, on recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, agrees to further change the dates of the March 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting to Tuesday March 09, 2010 and the March 2010 Council Meeting to Wednesday March 10, 2010, following adjournment of the OMB Hearing for the day.

Carried.

12. BY-LAWS

There were no By-laws.

13. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY

There was no report from the County.

14. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The additions had been done during the meeting.

15. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

Deputy Mayor Position

The CAO/Clerk presented a Report to Council with information he received from Townships who do not have a deputy mayor position and how they work. He had also spoken to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in Kingston and to Janet Bradley our legal adviser.

Councillor Kingsbury suggested that the subject has been brought up a number of times and needs to be dealt with. Councillor Bennett shared this opinion.

Councillor Bennett said it was a fairer way for public representation, the Deputy Mayor was a title only – as everyone does equal work, however the public perception puts more onus on the Deputy Mayor position.

Councillor Kingsbury said that he liked the idea of each councillor having the experience of taking the role for a year.

Mayor Johnston commented that this would be democracy at work – the best four people would be chosen for Council.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury **Resolution No. 10-62**

That the Council of the Township of Horton removes the position of Deputy Mayor at the next election. Four Councillors and a Mayor to be elected.

Carried.

Opposed Councillor Eady

16. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Extension of Completion Date for Harold Deacon Site Plan Agreement

Councillor Bennett requested reconsideration of Resolution No. 10-11, to allow the extension date of July 01, 2010 to stand.

Councillor Kingsbury said he was not in favour, there have been enough extensions already. Councillor Eady agreed to second the motion but this would be the last opportunity.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 10-63**

That Council, upon reconsideration of Resolution No. 10-11 which was defeated at the January 12, 2010 Council Meeting, agrees to impose a final extension date of July 01, 2010 for Harold Deacon to have completed 100 percent of the work required on his draft site plan. Failure to meet this deadline will require Mr. Deacon to cease his Commercial Business until such time as his Site Plan Agreement and Commercial Zone are in place.

Carried.

Opposed Councillor Kingsbury

17. CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

18. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 10-64**

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.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Don Eady **Resolution No. 10-65**

That this Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Carried.