

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 26, 2005

There was a meeting of the Finance Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 26, 2005. Present were: Reeve Robert A. Johnston, Councillor Don Eady, Councillor David Bennett, Councillor Robert Kingsbury, CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren and Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Linda Novossiltzeff. Deputy-Reeve Robert Hall arrived at 5:30 p.m. Councillor Kingsbury left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Don Eady called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 29, 2005

The Committee accepted the minutes of the March 29, 2005 Finance Committee Meeting.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising. CAO Mackie McLaren advised the Committee that high speed internet has been installed in the office and is operational at this time.

4. 2005 DRAFT MUNICIPAL BUDGET

- Capital Forecast

Acting Chair Don Eady explained the 5-10 year capital forecast planned for the Waste Management Department. CAO Mackie McLaren advised the Committee of all the other departments' capital forecast plan. The Committee discussed the plan and the CAO explained the purpose of the Capital Forecast. It was decided that all department heads and committee members would meet at a future date for further consideration of the plan.

- Reserve Budget

Acting Chair Don Eady explained the Reserve Budget to the Committee. The Committee discussed the reserves and in particular the computer reserves. It was decided that reserves must be allocated on a yearly basis. CAO Mackie McLaren was given direction to order another desk for the Council Chambers. This desk is to be similar to his and placed at the front of the other desks. This desk will be for delegations appearing before Council.

- Revenue and Expenditure Budget

Council Kingsbury explained his revised Park and Recreation Budget. The Committee accepted this. CAO Mackie McLaren explained the draft municipal budget and the resulting tax rates.

- Renfrew Public Library request for additional funding

The Committee discussed this request.

Moved by Robert Kingsbury  
Seconded by Robert Johnston

That Horton Township not donate \$5,000.00 of additional funding to the Renfrew Public Library.

Motion Lost

FOR: Councillor Robert Kingsbury  
Councillor Don Eady  
AGAINST: Reeve Robert A. Johnston  
Councillor David Bennett

- Effect of Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

The CAO explained the calculation of this funding which will be replacing the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF).

The Committee revisited the request for funding from the Renfrew Public Library with Deputy-Reeve Bob Hall present.

Moved by Robert Johnston  
Seconded by David Bennett

That the Finance Committee recommends to Council that they comply with the request of the Renfrew Library Board to match the grant of \$5,000.00 in view of the number of Horton Township residents served by the Library Board.

Motion Lost

FOR: Reeve Robert Johnston  
Councillor David Bennett  
AGAINST: Councillor Robert Kingsbury  
Councillor Don Eady  
Deputy-Reeve Robert Hall

## 5. OTHER BUSINESS

- Letter from Jane Nesbitt

A letter was received from S. Jane Nesbitt requesting Horton Township donate funds to Tasha Eady. She will be representing Canada at the World Wrestling Championships in Lithuania in July of this year.

Moved by David Bennett  
Seconded by Robert Johnston

That the Finance Committee recommends to Council that Horton donate \$100.00 to Tasha's Eady's journey to the World Wrestling Championship in Lithuania.

Carried.

## 6. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet May 17, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. following the Planning Meeting.

7. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Robert Johnston  
Seconded by David Bennett

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

Carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by David Bennett  
Seconded by Robert A. Johnston

That the Finance Committee adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

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Acting Chair

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Treasurer Deputy Clerk