

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 29, 2005

There was a meeting of the Finance Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 29, 2005. Present were: Chair Robert Hall, Reeve Robert A. Johnston, Councillor Don Eady, CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren and Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Linda Novossiltzeff.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, FEBRUARY 08, 2005

The Committee accepted the minutes of the February 08, 2005 Finance Committee Meeting.

3. REPRESENTATIVES OF RENFREW PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dean Black, Vice-Chair of the Renfrew Public Library Board and Sabash Mentha, Librarian were present to request an increase in funding from Horton Township. They quoted statistics on Horton Township ratepayers useage compared to McNab/Braeside Township. Horton residents have a much higher membership and a smaller portion of Provincial grant money allocated to the library. The Committee discussed the situation and agreed to include this request in budget deliberations. The representatives thanked the Committee and left the Council Chambers.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- Storm Internet

CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren explained the quote from Storm Internet for installing high speed internet to the office, public works and fire department. The Committee discussed this and had concerns with the installation cost for all three buildings. They recommended that Council agree to have the office wired immediately.

5. 2004 FINAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren explained the final figures of the 2004 revenue and expenditure report. The Committee discussed these figures and agreed that policing costs had a serious impact on our 2004 budget.

- 2005 Proposed Budget

The Committee discussed the proposed 2005 budget figures. They felt the increase was too high. The Committee requested the CAO and Treasurer to inform all departments to have a closer look at their budgets. The Committee would like to see a 3 to 8% decrease in their figures. The Committee will review the budget again when all departments have submitted these revised figures.

6. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

7. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Robert Johnston

Seconded by Don Eady

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 Don Eady

Seconded by Robert A. Johnston

That the Finance Committee adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

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Chair

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Treasurer Deputy Clerk