

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**February 8, 2005**

There was a meeting of the Finance Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday February 8, 2005. Present were Chair Robert Hall, Reeve Robert A. Johnston, Councillor Don Eady, CAO Mackie McLaren and Treasurer Linda Novossiltzeff.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

The Committee discussed the request for a donation to MADD Canada. It was decided not to donate. The Committee decided to put \$100.00 for Renfrew County Senior Games into the draft budget. A request from the Renfrew Public Library for a donation of additional funds was denied.

3. TAX ARREARS POLICY AND SUMMARY FORMAT

Treasurer Linda Novossiltzeff explained the tax arrears reporting format and Horton's policy. The Committee discussed the tax arrears situation and decided all possible efforts were being implemented to reduce arrears.

4. HIGH SPEED INTERNET

Chair Hall questioned the Committee on progress with acquiring high speed internet. Chair Hall explained the importance of the Municipal Office having this access. Office staff were directed to receive quotes from three high speed internet providers.

5. BUDGET 2005

The Committee discussed the proposed budget for 2005. All departments will be advised to limit their budget increases to 3%. The Community Centre and the possibility of a summer day camp was discussed. The Committee directed staff to inquire if any grants were available and the procedures for beginning this program.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to be discussed.

7. NEXT MEETING

The Committee decided to arrange the next Finance Meeting after the Road Committee has met and the Township Auditors have given their opinion.

8. 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Robert Johnston

Seconded by Don Eady

That the Finance Committee adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

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Chair

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Treasurer Deputy Clerk

