

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 8, 2008

There was a meeting of the Finance Committee Meeting held in the Horton Community Centre on Monday December 8, 2008. All Members of Council were present with the exception of Councillor Eady. Staff present were the CAO/Clerk and Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. 2009 BUDGET REVIEW

Request for Support

The Committee reviewed two requests for financial support.

Algonquin Students Association

Algonquin Students Association requested municipal support towards the construction of their new campus in Pembroke. This request was dated October 16, 2008 addressed to Mayor Johnston, and Council members noted that since the letter was written the Province has committed funding for 2012 for the new campus.

Missing Children Publication

The CAO/Clerk reported that from time to time, he receives requests from national organizations for support by buying advertisements in magazines. This particular request is from Missing Children Society of Canada. After discussion Council agreed not to support any of these national requests in the future. Any local requests will be reviewed by the CAO/Clerk and if deemed important will be brought to the Committee for approval.

Reserve Budget

The Treasurer and CAO/Clerk reviewed the Reserve Budgets for 2009. The Committee Members reviewed each item and Department. The Reserve Budget totaled \$157,000.

Public Works – Department Equipment Reserves

Councillor Bennett, Chair of Public Works noted that the \$75,000 set in reserve annually for Public Works Equipment will not be sufficient to buy a grader in the future. After discussion the Committee requested Public Works Committee input into the dollars to be raised.

Fire Department Equipment Reserve

Councillor Bennett questioned if there would be enough funding to purchase a new first response pumper truck when the current truck reaches its legislative life at the twenty year mark. The Fire Committee was asked to review this at their next meeting.

Capital Budget

The Committee Members reviewed the Capital Budget for the draft 2009 Budget. The Capital Budget totaled \$61,550.

Revenue/Expenditure Budget

The Treasurer and CAO/Clerk presented a draft budget for the various departments. The Committee members reviewed each department and made comments.

There was discussion in the general budget if there was funding for Office Furniture included in the building addition. The CAO/Clerk said he anticipated that the \$200,000 would have room for this. Councillor Bennett questioned this as there will also have to be work out in the Parking Lot. It was suggested that there was a need for \$15,000 to be added to the budget for furniture.

Under Health Services the Committee reviewed a request from the Physician Recruitment Committee of the Renfrew Victoria Hospital. In 2008 they asked for a three year commitment of \$8,000 a year towards the Committee. Council in passing the 2008 Budget only committed for that one year, subject to review in 2009.

Councillor Kingsbury informed the Committee he went to the Renfrew Victoria Hospital recently for a Committee Meeting, representing Councillor Bennett our representative and there was no meeting. Staff in the immediate area of the Board Room did not know if the meeting was cancelled or held elsewhere. The Committee Members discussed the lack of information coming from the Committee to the local municipalities. Mayor Johnston agreed to speak with the Chair Hessel VanderVelde and Councillor Bennett will speak to Kent Tubman who called to arrange the meeting.

Fire Committee

The Infrastructure Manager was requested to review the legislation to see if the first response vehicles are legislated to be replaced at the twenty year mark, if that law has been passed.

Building Permit Fees

The Infrastructure Manager was requested to research neighbouring municipalities' building permit fees and septic permit fees to see if we are keeping up with them. The Committee also asked for a breakdown of the septic dollars for permits received in 2009.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed by the Committee.

5. NEXT MEETING

Chair Hall asked when the Committee Meeting would be held to review comments from this meeting. All Committee Chairs will have to have met by the time we meet again as a Finance Committee, so comments can be discussed and brought back. After discussion the Committee agreed to meet on Monday January 12, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Centre.

6. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That the Committee passes this confirming resolution to cover 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.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Carried.