

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON  
FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2005

There was a meeting of the Fire Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday April 20, 2005. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Robert A. Johnston, Bob Kingsbury, Randy Corbin Fire Chief, Rick Rougier Deputy Fire Chief and Alan Cole Captain. Also present was Don Eady.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2005 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Bennett reviewed the March 16, 2005 Committee Meeting Minutes. Mr Rougier reported that he has been in contact with the Ministry on their request for more information on a claim.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Quotations for Electrical Connection of Generator to Municipal Buildings

Chair Bennett informed the Committee that he has met with two electrical contractors about the quotations and there have been questions raised by two contractors. The specifications were prepared by Alan Cole. Chair Bennett and Alan reviewed the specifications in detail. After discussion it was agreed that the contractors should be asked to quote specifically on the specifications that went out in the original tender and they could also add a second quote listing the work that they feel should be done. The Committee agreed that the quotes be opened at the Council Meeting May 3, 2005.

County of Renfrew Fire Services Dispatch Contract

Chief Corbin said he has tried unsuccessfully to locate this on the County Web Page to determine what the increased cost is estimated to be for 2005.

5. CHIEF CORBIN'S REPORT

Chief Corbin reported that in March the Department attended one fire, however in April they have attended three grass fires to date. The Department has banned the issuance of fire permits until there is substantial rain and new growth.

Chief Corbin reported that the heater core in the half-ton truck needs to be repaired, it is by-passed right now. After discussion it was agreed that the truck be taken to Dave's Automotive for repair.

6. 2005 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEW

Chair Bennett informed the Committee members that at the last Committee Meeting the Committee approved an additional \$5,400.00 to be set up in reserves to be used in 2005. This was part of the budget that was unspent and it was also anticipated at that time there would be a surplus in the overall Municipal books. Since that time the Audit has been completed and there is a deficit of approximately \$11,000.00. Chair Bennett suggested that the equivalent amount of \$5,400.00 be reduced from the budget to compensate. An exercise was carried out reviewing each account in the budget, net change was \$5,500.00. At this time the Provincial

Grant of \$50,000.00 will be shown as received and also the entire amount set up in reserves. The Fire Department was authorised to submit a list of requirements that this grant could be used for to be reviewed by the Committee at the next meeting.

The CAO/Clerk questioned whether \$18,000.00 was a sufficient amount to be in the Equipment and Housing Capital Account? This is what was established several years ago in the ten year forecast, however he was aware that the Department was purchasing additional bunker gear. Chief Corbin agreed to review the order for the material and advise the CAO/Clerk of the amount tomorrow.

7. CAPITAL BUDGET FORECAST AND NEW FIRE TANKER TRUCK

Chair Bennett asked if there has been any word on the new Fire Tanker Truck that was discussed at the last meeting? Chief Corbin said not at this time.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Eady informed the Committee that he has asked the Public Works Superintendent to examine the cost of digging a pond at the Landfill Site to have a supply of water on hand to fight a fire if one should start at the Landfill Site. He would like to see this coordinated with the Fire Department. The Fire Department members agreed.

Councillor Kingsbury informed the Fire Department that the Recreation Department, of which he is Chair, are organising a Canada Day Breakfast for July 1, 2005 and presented a sheet for volunteers to sign.

Councillor Eady thanked the Committee for letting him sit in on the last couple of Committee Meetings, he now understand the issues of the Department better.

9. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet on Wednesday May 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

10. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Robert A. Johnston  
Seconded by Randy Corbin

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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Randy Corbin  
Seconded by Rick Rougier

That the Fire Committee Meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Carried.