

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON**

**FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 15, 2004**

There was a meeting of the Fire Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday, December 15, 2004. Present were: Chair David Bennett, Councillor Robert Kingsbury, Fire Chief Randy Corbin, CAO Mackie McLaren and Treasurer Linda Novossiltzeff.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bennett called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2004**

The Committee accepted the Minutes of November 17, 2004.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

The Committee reviewed Horton's firefighters wage comparison with other municipalities. The hazards of being a firefighter compared to other job occupations were discussed. The Committee agreed to present two wage increase scenarios to Council at their next meeting. One increase is \$15.00 per hour and the other is \$14.50 per hour.

Chair Bennett requested that Linda Novossiltzeff add Horton's Burning By-law 98-23 to the agenda for the next Fire Committee meeting. Items to be discussed regarding this by-law are:

- fire permits
- different hours for burning e.g. summer burning compared to winter burning.
- size of brush piles to be burned

The Committee also discussed requirements of farmers to obtain burning permits.

Chair Bennett informed the Committee of an incident at a fire scene in 2003. Captain Allan Cole's private vehicle was damaged by another vehicle while he was attending to a fire.

Moved by Robert Kingsbury  
Seconded by Randy Corbin

That the Horton Fire Department re-imburse the insurance deductible to Captain Allan Cole for damage to his truck at a fire scene in 2003.

Carried.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for 2005. The Budget of \$84,150. for 2005 will be presented to the Finance Committee for discussion.

Approval was given to purchase the steel for the fire hall.

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CAO Mackie McLaren presented a memo to all departments regarding non-employees of the Township, mostly children, as passengers in our Township trucks and equipment. Input was requested from all departments in order to draft a policy regarding this.

**5. NEXT MEETING**

The Committee decided to meet on Wednesday, January 19, 2005.

**6. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION**

Moved by Randy Corbin  
Seconded by Robert Kingsbury

That the Committee pass this conforming 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.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Robert Kingsbury  
Seconded by Randy Corbin

That the Fire Committee adjourns this meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Carried.

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Chair

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Treasurer Deputy-Clerk