

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 15, 2006

There was a meeting of the Fire Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday March 15, 2006. Present were Chair Dave Bennett and Councillor Bob Kingsbury, also present was Fire Chief Randy Corbin and Deputy Fire Chief Rick Rougier. Reeve Johnston was absent on vacation.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2006

Chair Bennett asked if there was anything started on the energy audit, requested by Councillor Eady. Fire Chief Corbin did not know if Councillor Eady had started this.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Chief Corbin - Prices for Heavy Extraction Equipment

Chief Randy Corbin reported that he was able to find a used set of Extraction Equipment from the Hurst Company for \$15,000 US (approximately \$17,500.Cdn). He presented photographs of this and explained that he was speaking with the company and they say it is in excellent shape. This includes the Hurst jaws, the spreader and hydraulic piston. We would need to purchase airbags, two low pressure and one high pressure for about \$5,800. Cdn. This would total about \$23,300 Cdn.

Chair Bennett asked what truck would they be using to store this equipment in? Chief Corbin said the Tanker. No refit would be required but they would have to move equipment around.

Chair Bennett asked about training? Chief Corbin said that Bill Bowles will train six men for a 40 hour course. This would be \$3,600 in labour. Chair Bennett asked if there was any cost to be part of the County Program? Chief Corbin will check this out. With approximately \$500 required for shipping the estimated cost of acquiring this used extraction equipment would be \$27,400. Chair Bennett suggested that we set an upset limit of \$30,000 and request Council's approval. \$34,000 has been budgeted. Chief Corbin suggested that they review this purchase with the Fire Fighters and they will advise Council at their next Council meeting, if the Fire Fighters want to proceed with the purchase of the extraction equipment.

Recommendation to Council

That Council approve an upset limit of \$30,000 to purchase used extraction equipment for our Fire Department subject approval of the Fire Fighters to enter into this program.

Councillor Bennett asked how the retrofit to the three-quarter ton truck was coming? Chief Corbin said the decals are ready to be put on and the lighting equipment needs to be ordered.

Deputy Chief Rougier discussed the Fire Budget. Chair Bennett said the budget has been submitted to the Finance Committee, as was approved by the Fire Committee. Chair Bennett discussed the reserve funding.

5. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet Wednesday April 12, 2006 and the action item would be Report on the Three-Quarter Ton Truck readiness.

6. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Rick Rougier

Seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That the Committee pass this Confirming Resolution to validate any action 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 Bob Kingsbury

Seconded by Randy Corbin

That this Fire Committee Meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Fire Chief

CAO/Clerk