

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

FIRE COMMITTEE

May 20, 2009

There was a Meeting of the Fire Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday May 20, 2009. Present were chair Dave Bennett, Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Councillor Bob Kingsbury and Fire Chief Randy Corbin. Absent was Deputy Chief Rick Rougier, who was at work.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by members of the Committee.

3. MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2009 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Bennett reviewed the April 6, 2009 Fire Committee Meeting Minutes, which had been approved by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Chair Bennett asked if Chief Corbin had an opportunity to speak with MTO Officials about emergency vehicles passing through the open lane on Highway 17 Phillip Shrive Bridge while construction is going on? Chief Corbin said he has not, he understood that Jeff Schruder, Infrastructure Manager, has made contact.

Mayor Johnston asked how many of his firefighters are willing to take the Smart Serve Course? Chief Corbin said he would get the number for Mayor Johnston.

Chair Bennett noted that the Firefighters have been asked to assist at the County Plowing Match this September, which takes place in Horton and he suggested inviting Dave Campbell and Norman Eady to the next Committee Meeting, to discuss what the Firefighters would be required to do.

5. BUDGET TO ACTUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Committee reviewed Budget to Actual Financial Report as of May 20, 2009. Chief Corbin noted that he needed to replace some equipment following the house fire at Mrs Worm's. He noted that the Firefighters are getting along better with shifting the gears on the newer Tanker Truck.

Councillor Kingsbury asked if we can still get water from the hydrants in Renfrew as there have been reports that the pressure is down due to repairs on the water tower? Chair Bennett said yes, the pressure is good at the Fire Hall and they are filling up commercial vehicles from that point.

6. RENFREW COUNTY MUTUAL AID

Presentation Regarding NFPA 1851 Standard Personal Protective Equipment for Fire Services June 9, 2009

Chief Corbin said the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the length of time bunker gear can be in service. They are reopening this discussion as the rural departments have different use times on the equipment compared to city departments. Chief Corbin and or Captain Allan Cole will attend.

7. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Corbin presented the April Fire Chief Report as follows:

April 13, 2009	Car accident Storyland/River Road	7 Firefighters
April 20, 2009	Grass Fire Castleford Road	7 Firefighters
April 25, 2009	Car accident Hwy 17 CNR Overpass - Called off	7 Firefighters

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Corbin asked if he could have authority to contact Chief Guy Longtin of the Renfrew Fire Department to negotiate an agreement with the Town for use of hydrants for water for Horton s. Chief Longtin has authorized use of hydrants before, but every time we need to go and get water they direct us downtown to the Fire Hall, which delays returning with water, if we could fill up at a hydrant at the edge of town it would speed our return. Chair Bennett said there was no problem investigating and finding what the cost is and what the approval process is. Chief Corbin said that the firefighters in Horton have been trained by Renfrew Firefighters for use of their hydrants.

Chair Bennett suggested the CAO/Clerk send a letter from the Fire Committee to Chief Longtin to discuss the possibilities of an agreement. Chief Corbin will help draft the letter. The Fire Committee Members agreed.

9. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet again on their bi-monthly schedule, July 15, 2009 at 4:30 pm in the Municipal Council Chambers.

10. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That the Committee pass this confirming resolution to cover any actions or directions given during the 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 Bob Kingsbury

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Carried.

Chair

CAO/Clerk