

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**FIRE COMMITTEE**

September 18, 2009

There was a meeting of the Fire Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Friday September 18, 2009. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Fire Chief Randy Corbin and Deputy Fire Chief Rick Rougier.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2009 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Bennett reviewed the Minutes of May 20, 2009 Committee Meeting, which had been received by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Chief Corbin commented that he will contact CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren to negotiate an agreement with Chief Guy Longtin of the Renfrew Fire Department for use of hydrants for water.

Draft 2010 Budget

The Committee reviewed the 2009 current Budget. Chair Bennett advised Chief Corbin to purchase the breathing apparatus, 2008 Capital Expenditure, before the end of October. The Committee also recommended putting an additional \$10,000 (total \$30,000) into 2010 reserves for the purchase of a new truck. The current amount of \$20,000 per year is not enough to build reserves to the cost of a new truck in the year 2015. The Committee recommended that the 2010 Draft Budget be presented to the Finance Committee.

Chair Bennett inquired if all was operating in a satisfactory manner at the Fire Department. Chief Corbin commented that everything was in order. Chief Corbin also stated that fire communications equipment i.e. pagers are not functioning properly. They are all quite old and are being repaired frequently. The Committee recommended that Chief Corbin should inquire about costs to update.

The Committee discussed the Fire Department's method of handling non-firefighters at a fire scene. Inquiries should be asked from other Fire Departments. The Committee decided a written protocol be established on managing non-volunteers at a fire scene.

Concerns were brought forward by Chair Bennett from complaints received of smoke bothering neighbours. Chief Corbin will put together information for a possible insert for a property tax mail-out. This insert would have information on the size of campfires or burning brush, smoke bothering neighbours etc.

6. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet on Friday October 23, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

7. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Rick Rougier 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.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Randy Corbin, seconded by Rick Rougier

That this Fire Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:15. p.m.

**Carried.**

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Chair

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Treasurer/Deputy Clerk