

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 19, 2010

There was a meeting of the Fire Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday May 19, 2010. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Mayor Robert A. Johnston, absent was Councillor Kingsbury. Staff present were Fire Chief Randy Corbin, Deputy Fire Chief Allan Cole, and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2010 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Bennett reviewed the March 17, 2010 Committee Meeting Minutes, which had already been approved by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

5. DELEGATIONS

7:05 Keith Arbuthnot – Amend Sale & Use of Fireworks By-law 84-23

Mr Arbuthnot was present and requested Council permit him to retail fireworks at his store on Gillan Road throughout the year. He said there was a demand for fireworks and he has been looking at this possibility for three and a half years. People are using fireworks more and more all the time. His plan is to retail Family Packages but eventually would want to be certified himself, so that he can run events and he will be attending a Course in Dryden, Ontario this summer. He is aware of safety issues and will do whatever it takes to ensure that the product he has for sale is safely stored.

Fire Chief Corbin asked if he is going to get into the big fireworks.

Mr Arbuthnot said no, he will only be retailing what he can sell without certification. His personal certification is to organize and fire Fireworks for days like Canada Day for municipalities.

He presented a copy of a three page guideline he would give out to customers, and left a copy with Staff, that sets out safe handling and firing of Fireworks. He plans to store the fireworks in a designated trailer, nothing will be in his building. There will be a fire extinguisher in the trailer, with a hose adjacent to the trailer. At this point he would retail typical fireworks found at any store.

After discussion the following resolution was put forward.

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, seconded by Randy Corbin

That Fire Committee recommends to Council that pursuant to Section 4 of By-law 84-23 they grant Keith Arbuthnot of Stereo Automotive permission to display and sell fireworks throughout the year, subject to an annual inspection by the Horton Fire Department.

Carried.

Chief Corbin presented information from the Brandford Fire Department on Fireworks. They have a clause that states “Fireworks be stored, handled and set

off in a safe manner that does not create a nuisance taking into account noise, risk of fire and explosions, risk of injury and risk of property damage”.

Moved by Allan Cole, seconded by Randy Corbin

That Fire Committee recommend to Council that they amend By-law 84-23 by adding a new section 2 (f) “Fireworks be stored, handled, and set off in a safe manner that does not create a nuisance, taking into account noise, risk of fire and explosion, risk of injury and risk of property damage.”

Carried.

6. BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH AND CONTINUE A FIRE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Chief’s Report on Updating By-law 96-07

Deputy Chief Cole reported that the by-law that establishes and regulates our Fire Department, By-law 96-07, sets out a goal, a mission statement and an agreement, documents as appendix A, B, and C, that have never been attached to the By-law. He proposes that our Mission Statement be the Statement that has been approved by the Department and he presented a copy of that. He presented a proposal entitled “Core Services” which he proposed would become Appendix A. The Core Services lists all the services that the Fire Department carries out. If the service is not listed the Fire Department does not provide it. Deputy Chief Cole is to research what equipment is required to be on the Fire Truck to carry out confined space rescue.

The Committee discussed interaction of the Fire Department with the Building Official. Chair Bennett noted that for any building larger than 6900 square feet it is a requirement that the Fire Department comment. The Committee requested that the Fire Chief receive copies of all Building Permits for their review.

Deputy Chief Cole recommended that these core services, as amended, would become Appendix A of By-law 96-07. He informed the Committee that he and Chief Corbin have come across an equipment list that he will review and update and he proposes that this become appendix B to the By-law. However, he asked that he be given the opportunity and time to review this document to make sure it is up to date.

Allan Cole then presented a copy of By-law 96-07 and suggested that there be several amendments to this By-law, clause 1.i sets out the program and it has a note that does not include land based water and ice rescue. He advised the Committee that the Department is now trained on Land Based Water and Ice Rescue and this should be removed.

Section 7.c.iii sets out that the Fire Chief shall adhere to the provisions of the Fire Marshalls Act and he requested that we add the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, which was not in effect when this By-law was passed in 1996.

The Fire Committee recommended that Deputy Chief Cole make the changes as amended to these documents.

Chair Bennett thanked Deputy Chief Cole for his work in the endeavour.

7. FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

Fire Chief Corbin presented the following Report for Department activities from March 4 to May 19, 2010

3 car fires	1 fire alarm	1 burning brush
1 ambulance assist	2 motor vehicle collisions	1 structure fire

We used a total of 112 bags of sorbal at the tanker spill (\$1,700)
We have received 10 applications for the fire fighters position
Trained on our new foam injector, we now get more foam per pail
Our new Captains are Ray and Gus with Scott moving to the Training Officer's position

He also noted that Ontario Power Generation has donated four breathing apparatus and bottles, which can be used outside buildings.

Chief Corbin noted in a recent newspaper article that a large subdivision is planned for the area of the Ottawa River by the Chenaux Bridge. The news article spoke about a public Boat Launch, as part of the development, and he requested the Developer be approached to install a dry hydrant for our Fire Department.

The Committee agreed to recommend to Planning Committee that they include this request as part of the sub-division discussion. Chair Bennett suggested that a representative of the Fire Department sit in with Staff at the regular Planning Committee Meeting. The Committee agreed.

8. BUDGET versus ACTUAL AS OF APRIL 30, 2010

The Members of the Committee reviewed the April 30, 2010 budget to actual report. The expense line for building maintenance was discussed as it appeared to be over budget. The CAO/Clerk is to check to see if there has been an error.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Bennett asked if the radios have been received?

Chief Corbin said no, they are still trying to get frequencies, which should be here next week.

Chair Bennett asked what radios are available, once the new radios are installed?

Chief Corbin said there would be three mobile radios for vehicles, one base radio which is to go to the Municipal Office and eight portables. It was agreed that the used radios would be used within the Municipal structure and would not be offered for sale.

10. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be July 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

11. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Randy Corbin, seconded by Robert A Johnston

That the Committee pass this confirming resolution to cover 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Allan Cole, seconded by Randy Corbin

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 8.46 p.m

Carried.