

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Fire Committee Meeting

April 20, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

There was a meeting of the Fire Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday April 20, 2011. Present was Chair Margaret Whyte and Mayor Don Eady. Staff present was, Fire Chief Randy Corbin, Deputy Fire Chief Allan Cole and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Whyte called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2011 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Whyte briefly reviewed the minutes of the March 23, 2011 Meeting which had been approved by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING:
MNR FIRE AGREEMENT

Chief Corbin reported that he is still waiting on confirmation from Robert Butler, his contact with MNR, on the Fire Agreement for an appointment to come to the Committee. There is to be an application package sent in which he and the CAO/Clerk will be required to complete. He added that if our equipment passes inspection that the MNR could pay us to fight fires in other Municipalities, otherwise there is no fee for any agreement that we could enter into.

ICE & WATER RESCUE – CONTACT WITH PETAWAWA & PEMBROKE

Deputy Chief Cole said that he has contacted Petawawa and Pembroke Departments and they will not have an answer until after they meet in May.

5. DELEGATIONS:

There were no delegations.

6. APRIL 2011 EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Committee reviewed the April expenditures.

7. DRAFT 2011 DEPARTMENT BUDGET

The Committee reviewed the draft 2011 Department Budget for the second time. Mayor Eady asked if the \$9000.00 in for bunker gear would be enough money to satisfy the needs. Deputy Chief Allan Cole said yes but over time they will need to replace five or six more helmets at \$200.00 a piece.

Chief Corbin informed the committee that the ladder to replace the 1967 ladder that is sticking and the gas detector to replace the one that is failed have been ordered. Mayor Eady asked what budget line this appears on. The Committee suggested that it didn't appear and that they recommend increasing the Equipment Maintenance line by \$3000.00. After further discussion the following Resolution was put forward.

Moved by Allan Cole, seconded by Randy Corbin

That Fire Committee recommend to the Finance Committee that they adopt the 2011 draft Fire Department Budget.

Carried

Mayor Eady informed the committee that the 2012 budget will start review in October 2011 and for the members to consider later in the year the requirements that will be required for the following year. Chief Corbin noted that there is a need to start concentrating on reserves for new heavy equipment pumper truck and water truck.

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Corbin reported that they have responded to eight calls since the last meeting including one for suppression, one for a truck fire, two for grass fires, two for smoke detector false alarms, one for a tree fire and one for ice & water rescue of stolen materials that were thrown over the Portage bridge and landed on the ice which the OPP called them in to rescue. The tanker has had pump issues repaired and the pumper has had the transmission leak repaired. An explosion proof cabinet has been purchased, they have started training on the forestry pumps.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:
FIREFIGHTERS MANDATORY RETIREMENT LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The committee reviewed a report from AMO on recently announced legislation on mandatory retirement for fire fighters. Chief Corbin said that this is only for full time professionals and not for volunteer departments.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Eady referred to the two generators for back up emergency power. One is at the Fire Hall and one at the Community Centre and asked if they are inspected monthly. Chief Corbin said that the one at the Fire Hall is checked monthly as part of a procedures review. Mayor Eady asked if a log is kept. Chief Corbin said no, Mayor Eady asked that a log be kept.

Deputy Chief Cole expressed concern on the instructions for the generator startup at the Community Centre. Mayor Eady said that he will discuss this with the Infrastructure Committee Members.

Chief Corbin also suggested that the access to the electrical room that's in the Rink change room needs to be resolved. Chief Corbin said that they will test and will make up log sheet and will have a list of people who needs to be trained contacted, so the Fire department can train them.

Deputy Chief Cole asked that once the minutes are produced in draft if they could be E-mailed to him and Chief Corbin for review. The Committee agreed.

11. NEXT MEETING-

The Next Meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday May 18, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

12. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Mayor Don Eady, seconded by Allan Cole

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.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Allan Cole, seconded by Randy Corbin

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Carried.