

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Fire Committee Meeting

February 16, 2011

There was a meeting of the Fire Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday February 16, 2011. Present was Chair Margaret Whyte and Mayor Don Eady. Staff present was Fire Chief Randy Corbin, Deputy Chief Allan Cole and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Whyte called the meeting to order at 6:25 P.M.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2011 MEETING

Chair Whyte reviewed the January 19, 2011 Meeting Minutes which have been approved by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

-THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA - WROTE OUR INSURANCE CO. FOR DONATION

The CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren informed the committee that he wrote MIS Insurance in North Bay who is the agent for our Municipal Insurance asking for a donation towards the purchase of this camera. Mayor Eady asked if we were getting further prices. Deputy Chief Cole said he only has the original three quotations but he can get new ones. He added that MSA is a fourth company that he can contact for a quote. Mayor Eady asked what company other Departments have used. Deputy Chief Cole said that Tricounty uses MSA, White Water and McNab Braeside used Bullard. Deputy Chief Cole asked if we have to totally fund raise the cost of this piece of equipment before we get it. It was agreed that the committee would discuss this further during budget review.

5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations that appeared before the committee.

6. 2011 DRAFT FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Jennifer Barr Acting Treasurer was present and presented the 2011 Draft Budget for the Fire Department. Mayor Eady led the discussion as Chair of the Finance Committee and reviewed the draft budget line by line. After the review the draft budget was sitting at \$22,560.00 higher than the 2010 net budget which includes \$9,000.00 for a Thermal Imaging Camera without any revenues against it. Mayor Eady asked that the committee finalize this draft budget at the next committee meeting. Mrs. Barr will print out the general ledger for the Fire Department for 2010 so that Chief Corbin can review the items to determine if the accounts have been posted to the correct GL numbers. Mayor Eady asked for a copy of the General Ledger for Chair Whyte and himself.

7. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Randy Corbin reported that they had one call this month. He had several conversations with a representative of the Ministry of Natural Resources about a

Fire Agreement with the Municipality. His investigation indicates that the Ministry has changed the way they look at agreements since we left an agreement a number of years back. We have no Crown Land, if we did we would be considered a first responder and they would pay us to fight in those areas, but they do have several options, one of which is a no cost agreement to the Township which will allow us to call in the Ministry for assistance and their Water Bombers at a rate of \$4,000.00 per hour which is half of the regular rate of \$8,000.00 per hour. Chief Corbin estimated that it would take 2 hours of time to get the water bomber here if called so just to get them to the area will cost \$8,000.00 under a no cost agreement. Mayor Eady suggested that we consider signing the agreement and would then have insurance if we had a real real Emergency. Chair Whyte agreed. Chief Corbin will call back to his Ministry contact to make sure there is a zero charge to sign for this type of agreement. Chair Whyte suggested a representative from the MNR should come to a Committee meeting to discuss options. Mayor Eady asked if there is any Fire Insurance available to fight Forest Fires. The CAO/Clerk said that our policy does not have one but he will check to see if there is something available for purchase.

Chief Corbin said there is a need for the Department to train the new recruits in forest fire fighting techniques.

8. FIRE ALARM INSPECTION AND FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTION FORMS

Chief Corbin presented forms the Department has prepared to use where there has been a false alarm or they have inspected for fire alarms or after a flu fire. Deputy Chief Allan Cole said the department has just completed their annual fire report and during that they updated a few of their policies, including a new smoke alarm policy, which included this inspection form. Chair Whyte referred to the Fire Prevention Budget which has been increased in this draft review. Mayor Eady asked if our rate payers know what smoke detectors are require in their house and where they are to be placed. Chief Corbin said that the information is on the packaging as well as on the computer. Chair Whyte suggested a statement about locations for smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors could be put in the next tax mail out. Mayor Eady added that we could send out a flyer. The committee was satisfied with the forms.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

10. NEXT MEETING – MARCH 23, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Eady reviewed a new meeting policy that is being considered whereby a majority of the meetings are held in one day. This may be in place by April. The next meeting for this committee will be March 23, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

11. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Randy Corbin, seconded by Mayor Don Eady

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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Randy Corbin, seconded by Allan Cole
That this Committee Meeting be adjourned 8:10 at P.M.

Carried.

Chair

CAO/Clerk