

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Fire Committee Meeting

March 23, 2011

There was a meeting of the Fire Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday March 23, 2011. Present was Chair Margaret Whyte and Mayor Don Eady. Staff present was, Deputy Fire Chief Allan Cole and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk. Fire Chief Randy Corbin sent his regrets.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Whyte called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2011 MEETING

Chair Whyte reviewed the minutes of the February 16 Meeting Minutes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

• DRAFT BUDGET

Mayor Eady referred to item # 6 in the Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes and asked if the department had a chance to review the draft budget with its \$22,560.00 increase. Were there any areas where cutting was possible. Deputy Chief Cole said that he now has a fourth quote for a Thermal Imaging Camera, he and Chief Corbin have been looking at trends for the last 3 years, now that the Acting Treasurer has submitted the General Ledger. They have noted several small areas where there might be savings and at least once per year there was a onetime only capital item, that wasn't foreseen that had to be purchased. He added that they are working towards their ten year capital forecast but they are not there now, Mayor Eady said that this will be completed before the year end.

• THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA

Deputy Chief Allan Cole said that another quote has been received from A.J. Stone Company on an MSA Evolution 5200 Thermal Imaging Camera \$8950.00. The other quotes received previously for the camera were:

**Canadian Safety Equipment Quotation # 10S-1228**

ISI nVision XT Thermal Imagining Camera	\$7575.00
Accessories	\$ 300.00
Total	\$7875.00

**A.J.Stone Company Ltd. Quotation # SQ0196**

MSA Evolution 5200 Thermal Imagining Camera	\$8950.00
Accessories	\$ 575.00
Total	\$9525.00

**Class A Fire Quotation # 19405U**

Bullard T3MAX Thermal Imagining Camera	\$11500.00
Accessories	\$ 110.92
Total	\$11610.92

**M&L Supply Quotation Dec15-2010**

Bullard T3MAX Thermal Imagining Camera	\$13125.00
Accessories	\$ 75.00
Total	\$13200.00

The CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren reported that our Insurance Company M.I.S. Insurance of North Bay has donated \$200.00 towards the purchase of the thermal imaging camera. Deputy Chief Cole said that the department is not having much luck getting other donations. He asked if we should put a hold on ordering until the budget is approved. The committee agreed that any decision would have to wait until the Council approved the budget.

- INSPECTION FORMS

Deputy Chief Cole referred to item # 8 in the Meeting Minutes, the forms have been revised slightly by putting in phone number and an address and they have now been sent to the printers to be printed.

5. DELEGATIONS

There are no delegations that appeared before the committee.

6. MNR FIRE AGREEMENT

Deputy Chief Cole reported that Chief Corbin has been in conversation with Robert Butler of the MNR. Mr. Butler will come and inspect our Forrest Fighting Equipment and a date for the visit will be arranged. He reported that the Fire Fighters require S103 Training which is Wild Land Fire Training for Municipal Fire Fighters and it's underway. Five hours of the twenty hour course has been completed. When completed fifteen of the eighteen personnel will be trained. The others are partly trained and their training will continue. He informed the committee that the department is light on Forrest Fire Hose, 2 more chainsaws will be required and additional water back packs and the numbers will depend upon the MNR review of our inventory. He reported that Chief Corbin confirmed that there is a no cost agreement with the MNR but he noted that there will be some cost for equipment and training.

Chair Margaret Whyte asked if council would want to speak with Mr. Butler when he comes. The Committee said yes. Chair Whyte asked Deputy Chief Cole to relay to Chief Corbin that the Committee would like Mr. Butler to speak to Council when he comes for the equipment inspection, so that Council can make a decision on entering into an agreement.

7. MARCH 2011 EXPENDITURES

The Committee reviewed the expenditures for March. Deputy Chief Cole reported that the bunker gear has been ordered but is not invoiced and not received.

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Cole reported that there were two fire calls, one being an Ambulance Assist and one was a chimney fire on a property on Castleford Road since the last meeting. He also reported that both captains attended two, one day training sessions on Manager Practices and How To Run Crews.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

TOWN OF ARNPRIOR – CANCEL WATER/ICE RESCUE AGREEMENT

Deputy Chief Cole referred to the letter from the Town of Arnprior canceling the agreement they had with Horton Township and others to come if there was a call for water or ice rescue.

Deputy Chief Cole said there are two options; we could contact the Pembroke Fire Department or the CFB Petawawa Fire Department to cover off any water based rescues we require. He noted that even with Arnprior Fire Department attending by the time any of these departments are able to come to get to a water rescue scene it would actually be for a recovery as it would be too late. Other Municipalities are trained on Shore Based Rescue. Deputy Chief Cole is the only person in our Department trained. He suggested that we refer the idea of training for Land Based for a future meeting. He will contact Pembroke and CFB Petawawa to see if there is an arrangement where we could purchase service and he will report on training requirements.

#### AMO- BREAKING NEWS – FIREFIGHTER MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE AND MANDATE TO USE OF FIRE SERVICES FOR ALL LIFE AND LIMB THREATENING MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

The Committee reviewed this information from AMO.

#### 2011 FEDERAL BUDGET

Mayor Eady noted that in the 2011 Federal Budget there is plans for a non-refundable Volunteer Fire Fighter Credit of up to \$3000.00.

### 10. OTHER BUSINESS

#### GAS DETECTORS

Deputy Chief Allan Cole reported that we do have a carbon monoxide detector which is one of our core services. We need to determine what the root cause of a gas leak is when we attend a fire scene if there is a gas problem. We have a piece of equipment that costs us between six and seven hundred dollars that also requires a \$350.00 annual calibration and now it can't be calibrated any further. We have two options:

1. A replacement could be purchased for between \$350.00 and \$650.00. That requires the same annual calibration. OR
2. We could purchase one that includes the calibration system. Deputy Chief Cole has two quotes 1. From A.J.STONE for \$1740.00 and 2. From TORBRAM ELECTRIC for \$1649.00. He noted that Renfrew Public Works have the Torbram one and it works well. He requested Council consider this purchase. Mayor Eady briefly reviewed the draft budget noting that there were some changes now with the quotes on Thermal Imaging Camera so there may be room for this purchase which is a requirement.

Deputy Chief Cole reported on our Three Fly - 35 foot ladder that was purchased in 1967. It jams in its track, it happened at a recent chimney fire. The price to replace this is eleven hundred to twelve hundred dollars and he is looking for two more quotes. Mayor Eady asked if the current ladder could be fixed and used as back up. Deputy Chief Cole said yes but that it still requires an annual test to make sure that it is safe to work with. Deputy Chief Cole summarized the purchases;

A Ladder under	\$1500.00,
Gas Detector	\$1649.00
Thermal Imaging Camera	<u>\$7900.00</u>
	\$ 11049.00

Mayor Eady suggested that the department put these items on a wish list for finalization during the budget review in April.

Deputy Chief Cole asked to receive drafts of new By-laws particularly Procurement By-laws so that they have knowledge of Councils consideration.

11. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at which time the draft budget will be on the agenda for consideration.

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 Mayor Don Eady

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Carried.

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Chair

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CAO/Clerk