

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**Fire Committee Meeting**

May 18, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.

There was a Fire Committee Meeting held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday, May 18, 2011. Present were: Chair Margaret Whyte, Mayor Don Eady, Fire Chief Randy Corbin, Deputy-Fire Chief Allan Cole, Community Emergency Manager Co-ordinator Steve Osipenko and CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Whyte called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2011 FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Whyte reviewed the minutes of the April 20, 2011 Fire Committee Meeting. Deputy-Chief Cole asked if the Fire Department budget was approved. Chair Whyte said it is still considered a draft.

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

- MNR Fire Agreement

Chief Corbin presented a large package of requirements from MNR for a forestry fire agreement. A detailed survey of bush types is required along with the equipment we have. We are to develop plans for various sections of the Township for the no-cost agreement. Steve Osipenko noted that Jason Davis at the County of Renfrew could possibly help with the mapping requirements. Chief Corbin said that the MNR were quite surprised that we had such updated forest fire equipment. Chair Whyte asked for a recommendation. Mayor Eady suggested that a cost be put together to prepare the documentation. Chief Corbin said it will take time to go through and complete the package for the risk assessments. Mayor Eady asked that once the agreement is completed how often do we renew it. Chief Corbin said every five years.

Deputy Chief Cole suggested that we receive the information package and table the discussion until the next meeting. Steve Osipenko will make copies of the County Mapping for the Department. Chief Corbin said that it is a worthwhile exercise to complete and noted that it fits within the Emergency Management requirement.

- Ice and Water Rescue

Deputy-Chief Cole said that he has nothing to report as he has not heard back from Pembroke and Petawawa Departments.

5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations

6. GENERATORS – STEVE OSIPENKO, CEMC PRESENT

Steve Osipenko, CEMC was present for this discussion. Chief Corbin presented an inspection report for the generator system at the Community Centre and Fire Hall that was prepared by Deputy-Chief Cole. Mayor Eady noted that Councillor Campbell and Councillor Larone have been appointed to an Infrastructure Committee so this information will have to be reviewed with them. Deputy-Chief Cole said that he has asked Steve Osipenko, CEMC to attend this meeting. He

noted that the instructions are not legible and they can't be followed. There are several code issues. He suggested that this report could be used for a tender package. Also, when they are fixing the drainage at the rink and rink change room another electric wire should be run between the community centre building and the generator room of the rink change room. Chief Corbin suggested that a Big O pipe with a rope in it to pull the line through would be sufficient at this time. Chair Whyte said that this is the report we needed. Deputy-Chief Cole suggested that Councillor Campbell be requested to provide an estimate of what the required materials will cost as being a Council Member he could not bid on the project but could provide information. Chair Whyte agreed that this information should be forwarded to the Infrastructure Committee. Mayor Eady proposed that the Infrastructure Committee communicate with the Fire Department.

Steve Osipenko informed the Committee that on October 25, 2011 there is a County-wide mock disaster plan which will involve all the local Fire Departments and Emergency Control Groups.

#### 7. MAY 2011 EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT

The Committee reviewed the report. Mayor Eady reported that all the Committee's requests are included in the Fire Department Budget that is being considered now by Council. He noted that in order to assist the budget Reserve Funds will be used to assist in the cost of purchasing the camera. Chief Corbin requested that in the future MTO payout for fire calls on Highway 17 that are over and above the projected budget amount, be automatically put into Fire Reserves.

#### 8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Corbin reported that the fire ladder is now in. The gas detector is in. Mayor Eady asked if we had purchased a "hotstick" to determine if downed hydro wires are live if called to a down hydro wire scene. Deputy-Chief Cole said that he is still looking.

- Chief Corbin reported that Firefighter Adam Burgess has resigned as he moved away.

- They have been using the computer projector for their training sessions and the office is using it more and more. There may be a need for a second projector.

- The Fire Chief along with the Chief Building Officer did an inspection of a property standard complaint on Nadobny Lane. The property is being used as a construction business with the tenant occupying the house. Chief Corbin says there have been evidence of burning items other than paper and no fire permit has been issued. The owner has also been given to June 12, 2011 to clean up his property and resolve his fire issues.

Chief Corbin reported that there was an incident this past weekend when they were called to a fire on Knight Street which was emitting black smoke into the community. When they arrived they found that no permit had been issued, the fire was in a proper fire pit, however, they seemed to be burning rubber. One firefighter was intentionally sprayed with water by someone at the property when they were asked to put out the fire. This is considered an assault and the police were notified the next day. A review of our Human Resources policy A-09 should be undertaken.

#### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- Thermal Imaging Camera

Chief Corbin noted that a standard operating procedure has been issued to use the camera when entering new construction as a lot of new construction has the lightweight wooden "I" beam trusses which fail quickly in a fire situation. The camera would be used to detect if these were burning.

11. NEXT MEETING

The Fire Committee agreed that the June 15, 2011 committee meeting was not required. The next meeting will be held July 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

12. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by 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 7:57 p.m.

Carried.

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Chair

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CAO/Clerk