

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – BUDGET WORKSHOP  
MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

There was a Special Budget Workshop Meeting of Council and Committee held in the Council Chambers on Monday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Present were Mayor David Bennett, Deputy Mayor Tom Webster, Councillor Doug Humphries, and Councillor Daina Proctor. Public Advisory Members Susan Humphries, Spencer Hopping, Sharon Bennett, Bob Kingsbury, Nellie Kingsbury, and Claire Rouble were present. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk – Recording Secretary, Nathalie Moore, Treasurer, Allan Cole, Fire Chief, and Adam Knapp, Public Works Manager.

Councillor Glen Campbell sent his regrets.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Bennett read in its entirety.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-43**

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**THAT** Council adopt the Agenda for the March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Special Budget Workshop Council Meeting.

**Carried**

**4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

**5. 2022 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Treasurer Nathalie Moore presented the 2023 Draft Budget. She reviewed what a Municipal Budget is and the difference between Operating and Capital budgets. She added what the anticipated budget timeline is for this year and the steps in order to complete it. Ms. Moore also highlighted on the OMPF, CCBF, and OCIF contributions and how they contribute to the annual Operating and Capital Budgets.

Ms. Moore presented a 5.44% levy increase showing that a 1% levy increase is \$26,991, and what the impact of the full 5.44% increase to ratepayers, which would be \$74.33 change on the median assessed property of \$241,000.

There were some questions posed to staff regarding a potential recreation position, replacement of the tanker, differential of revenues vs. expenditures and burden shifting onto ratepayers. Discussion took place regarding MPAC reassessments and how that will affect properties in the future.

Staff are to compile answers to all specific questions answered and present the information at the following Budget Workshop meeting scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, from 1-3 p.m. It was also offered that between both Budget Workshop meetings if anyone had any additional questions, they are to contact Nathalie Moore, Treasurer and they will be addressed on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**6. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-44**

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**THAT** Council enact By-Law 2023-13– Confirming By-Law

**Carried**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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MAYOR David M. Bennett

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CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough