

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – BUDGET WORKSHOP
MARCH 21ST, 2023**

There was a Special Budget Workshop Meeting of Council and Committee held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday March 21st, 2023. Present were Mayor David Bennett, Deputy Mayor Tom Webster, and Councillor Doug Humphries. Public Advisory Members Susan Humphries, Spencer Hopping, 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 Daina Proctor was present at 1:21 p.m.

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. 2023-56

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council adopt the Agenda for the March 21st, 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 reviewed the revenues and expenditures for each department.

There was some discussion regarding a position for recreation. CAO/Clerk Dillabough discussed that by adding a full-time position it would add an additional 1.5% to the levy increase and that there are still discussions with potentially implementing the Horton Recreation Association which if created would change staffing structure. She suggested that a Recreation Master Plan be something the Township could work towards and include in Strategic Planning discussions.

Deputy Mayor Webster reviewed the environmental budget that could be reduced a bit, as well as the year-end surplus that could be utilized to offset the presented levy by 3%.

It was questioned to Council and Committee members what percentage they'd like to see Staff work towards to present as the levy increase. Both Susan Humphries, Spencer Hopping and Nelly Kingsbury agreed that a 2.5% levy increase was reasonable considering the current economic climate. Members of Council agreed as well. Deputy Mayor Tom Webster put a motion on the table to consider a 2.5% levy increase.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-57

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council recommend and direct Staff to present a 2.5% levy increase; and to confirm a date for the Public Meeting.

Carried

6. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Deputy Mayor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-58

Seconded by Councillor Proctor

THAT Council enact By-Law 2023-15– Confirming By-Law

Carried

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

MAYOR David M. Bennett

CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough