

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 6TH, 2024

There was a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday February 6th, 2024. Present were Mayor David Bennett, Deputy Mayor Daina Proctor, Councillor Glen Campbell, and Councillor Tom Webster. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk, Allan Cole, Fire Chief, and Nichole Dubeau, Executive Assistant – Recording Secretary.

Councillor Doug Humphries sent his regrets.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Bennett read the Land Acknowledgement in its entirety.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA

Moved by Deputy Mayor Proctor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council adopt the Agenda for the February 6th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS &/or PUBLIC MEETINGS – NONE

6. MINUTES

6.1 January 16th, 2024 – Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT Council approve the following Minutes:

- January 16th, 2024 – Regular Council

Carried

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8.1 TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

8.1.1 Chair's Report – January 15th, 2024

Councillor Webster reviewed the report.

8.2 PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

8.2.1 Chair's Report – January 18th, 2024

Executive Assistant Nichole Dubeau reviewed the report.

8.2.2 Staff Report – Annual Reporting

Fire Chief Allan Cole reviewed the report. He highlighted some important statistics which included: the average response time to the scene is 14 minutes, the average distance to the scene is 8 km, and the average number of firefighters per call is 8. He added that these numbers meet the NFPA1720 Acceptable Standards. Councillor Webster requested that the statistics and report be added to the Township's website, along

with other updates from the department. Deputy Mayor Proctor requested that for the next protective services committee meeting, Fire Chief Cole and Deputy Fire Chief Fortier bring forward ways to modernize the Fire Department's page on the website in addition to posting more on social media about the Fire Department's activities, education, information, and pictures etc.

9. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY

9.1 INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

9.1.1 CAO/Clerk Information Memo

Discussion went around the table with information previously distributed.

9.2 ACTION CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

10. BYLAWS – NONE

11. NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL – NONE

12. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS CONCERNS

Deputy Mayor Proctor stated her reasoning for voting against the request for a discounted rate at the last Council meeting. She also questioned if there were any updates on the status of the Strategic Plan and Tomlinson Pit. CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough stated that the final draft of the Strategic Plan should be received by the end of the month, and that after discussion with the County of Renfrew the second public meeting for the Tomlinson Pit will not likely be until the end of March. Deputy Mayor Proctor requested that the changerooms and washrooms at the outdoor rink be opened full time. There was Council discussion regarding why they were closed from past experiences. CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough is to discuss with Public Works Manager Adam Knapp to see if a schedule can be compromised between the rink attendant and public works. Mayor Bennett stated that since no volunteers stepped up to run the winter carnival, he has personally reached out to someone to hire for the day to run the kitchen. Councillor Campbell stated that funds should be pulled from reserves to cover the cost. Mayor Bennett stated that since it is so close to the date, there is not enough time to pass a resolution by Council. Councillor Campbell stated that he would like to see an invoice after the carnival to help Mayor Bennett with the personal expense.

13. RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Proctor

THAT Council receive the following reports as information:

- TES Chair's Report – January 15th, 2024
- Protective Services Chair's Report – January 18th, 2024
- Staff Report – Fire Department Annual Reporting

Carried

Moved by Councillor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council accept the CAO/Clerk's Information Memo for February 6th, 2024.

Carried

14. IN CAMERA (Closed) SESSION – NONE

15. CONFIRMING BYLAW

Moved by Deputy Mayor Proctor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT Council enact By-law 2024-07– Confirming By-Law.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

MAYOR David M. Bennett

CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough