THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 28TH, 2026

There was a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday July 28th, 2026. Mayor Daina Proctor, Councillor Glen Campbell, Councillor Lane Cleroux, and Councillor Doug Humphries were present. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk, Nathalie Moore, Treasurer, and Nichole Dubeau, Executive Assistant – Recording Secretary.

Deputy Mayor Tom Webster sent his regrets.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Proctor called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Mayor Proctor 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 Councillor Humphries **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-127**
Seconded by Councillor Cleroux
THAT Council adopt the Agenda for the July 28th, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.
Carried

5. MINUTES

5.1 July 14th, 2026 – Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Campbell **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-128**
Seconded by Councillor Humphries
THAT Council approve the following Minutes:

- July 14th, 2026 – Regular Council

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. DELEGATIONS AND/OR PUBLIC MEETINGS

7.1 Delegation – MacKillican & Associates – Year End Review
Rory Richards, CPA, from MacKillican & Associates was present. Mr. Richards presented the draft 2025 Financial Statements and Significant Accounting Policies. He stated that the Township did have a shortfall compared to 2024 of $240,000. Mayor Proctor questioned if there were certain areas the shortfall came from. Mr. Richards stated that in the General Government department, it was mostly computers, and in Public Works it was road maintenance which is weather dependent. Council thanked Mr. Richards for presenting to Council.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE

8.1.1 Building Report
Council reviewed the report.

8.1.2 Planning Files Update
Council reviewed the report.

8.1.3 Staff Report – Planning Data Background and Review
Executive Assistant Nichole Dubeau reviewed the report. There was Council discussion regarding the minimal cost the Township incurs contracting the County of Renfrew as the planning authority and that cost-sharing with other municipalities would not be as cost effective.

8.2 RECREATION COMMITTEE

8.2.1 Staff Report – Aquatics Agreement
CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the report. There was Council discussion regarding the actual cost to the Township. The report was tabled until September when more detailed financial data can be brought back.

8.3 COMMUNITY COMMITTEES / COUNTY COUNCIL

8.2.1 Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support
Councillor Humphries gave a brief update.

8.2.2 Chamber of Commerce
Councillor Humphries gave a brief update. Mayor Proctor requested a list of Horton businesses that are members of the Chamber of Commerce.

8.2.3 South Ottawa Valley Police Detachment Board
Councillor Campbell gave a brief update. CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough requested the 2025 budget reconciliation numbers.

8.2.4 County Council
There was no update.

9. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY

9.1 INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

9.1.1 Information Memo
Council members reviewed.

9.2 ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

9.2.1 HFD Request for Golf Tournament Sponsorship
CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the request. Council members were in agreeance to be a Gold Sponsor and donate $500, as done in previous years.

9.2.2 Highway 17 Expansion – Letter to MPP Denault
Mayor Proctor reviewed the letter. Council members voiced their support to the continued advocacy of the safety initiatives and the twinning of Highway 17.

10. NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL – NONE

11. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS CONCERNS
There were no Council or Staff members concerns.

12. BY-LAWS

12.1 2026-36 Employment By-law

13. RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Cleroux **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-129**
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council approve the 2025 Financial Statements presented by Rory Richards, CPA, MacKillican's & Associates, as presented.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Campbell **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-130**
Seconded by Councillor Cleroux
THAT Council receive the following reports as information:

- Building Report
- Planning Files Update
- Planning Data Background and Review

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-131**
Seconded by Councillor Cleroux
THAT Council receive the Community Committees updates as information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Campbell **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-132**
Seconded by Councillor Cleroux
THAT Council receive the Information Memo for July 28th, 2026.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Campbell **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-133**
Seconded by Councillor Humphries
THAT Council agree to be a Gold Sponsor and donate $500 for the 2026 HFA Classic Golf Tournament held on September 26th, 2026.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-134**
Seconded by Councillor Cleroux
WHEREAS the Township of Horton has consistently advocated for improved safety and the twinning of Highway 17, particularly at the Storyland Road/Pinnacle Road intersection, due to the continued occurrence of serious collisions and fatalities;

AND WHEREAS Council remains deeply concerned following the most recent fatal collision that occurred on July 17th, 2026, and recognizes the urgent need for accelerated action by the Province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Mayor's correspondence requesting immediate action to prioritize safety improvements and the twinning of Highway 17;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the Mayor's letter be forwarded to MPP Billy Denault, OPP Inspector-Detachment Commander Mary Ann MacNeil, Renfrew County Warden Jennifer Murphy, and MP Cheryl Gallant.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Campbell **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-135**
Seconded by Councillor Humphries
THAT Council enact the following by-law:

- 2026-36 Employment By-law

Carried

14. IN CAMERA (Closed) SESSION – NONE

15. CONFIRMING BYLAW

Moved by Councillor Campbell **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-136**
Seconded by Councillor Cleroux
THAT Council enact By-law 2026-37 – Confirming By-Law.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Proctor declared the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

MAYOR Daina Proctor

CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough