

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Special Council Meeting

May 8th, 2019

2:00 p.m.

There was a Special Council Meeting of Council called by the Mayor and held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday May 8th, 2019 Subject to the procedural by-law 2015-53 passed under section 238, as per Section 240(a) the Head of Council may at any time call a special meeting. Present were Mayor David Bennett, Deputy Mayor Glen Campbell, Councillor Lane Cleroux, Councillor Doug Humphries and Councillor Tom Webster. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk, Treasurer, Jennifer Barr, Public Works Manager, Charles McDonald, CEMC, Steve Osipenko, Acting Fire Chief, Alan Cole, and Receptionist-Clerk Nichole Dubeau – Recording Secretary.

1. Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Members, Staff and the Public requested to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.
3. Councillor Cleroux declared pecuniary interest with respect to any financial decisions.
4. Council Discussion

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough gave a brief update for council members including the number of permanent and seasonal residences affected, the number of sandbags given out, tonnage of sand brought in, and the number of hydro disconnections. She added that both Hydro One and ESA have waived their fees for property owners. The Alternate CEMC, Amber Hultink was organizing a Wellness Centre at the Community Centre for residents to attend to receive information from Hydro One, ESA, The Renfrew County Health Unit, Red Cross, etc. for when the water recedes and how to move forward.

Council members discussed the Landfill Site Fees and Staffing. All council members agreed that someone should be hired as an extra attendant at the landfill site to deal just with the flood debris, fees be waived for flood affected residence with proof of ID and property location, as well as to only have refuse bins located at the landfill site instead of having them at the boat launch as done in 2017.

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough added that any hours incurred after normal operating hours for the flood must be paid out and not banked. All flood hours are tracked and categorized on their own.

Council members were in agreeance to stay status quo from 2017 regarding the sandbag retrieval process; a tender was put out for the retrieval of sandbags and delivery to the Landfill Site. CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough added that a deadline will be set in order to meet the 120-day deadline that the Township must submit for the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program.

Council members discussed the maintenance of private roads after the water recedes. They decided to stay status quo to the 2017 decision which was to bring the roads back to the “pre-flood conditions” with gravel and grading.

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough mentioned to council members about making the May 22nd council meeting a special council meeting to further discuss flood topics. Council member agreed.

Councillor Cleroux declared pecuniary interest and did not vote.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-118

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council approve the waiving of landfill site fees for residents that show identification or identified as a property owner of the affected flood.

Carried

Councillor Cleroux declared pecuniary interest and did not vote.

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-119

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council direct staff to hire a Landfill Site Attendant on a part-time basis to cover any staffing issues within the Landfill due to the flooding event of 2019.

Carried

Mayor Bennett and Councillor Cleroux declared pecuniary interest and did not vote.

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-120

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council direct staff to put out an invitational quote for the retrieval of sandbags from Horton's private roadways that have been affected by the flooding event.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-121

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council schedule a Public Meeting on May 29th, 2019 at 6 p.m. for the 2019 Flood Event

Carried

5. Council Members Concerns

Mayor Bennett stated that there is a Renfrew Health Village meeting scheduled for May 15, 2019 and the requested information has not been received from them. Mayor Bennett added that is council members agreed, they would not move forward with anything until the information was received. Council members agreed. Mayor Bennett questioned about the assessment and tax rebate for flood victims, Treasurer Jennifer Barr stated that each owner will have to come in and submit a Request for Reconsideration, once they have renovated and/or demolished. Mayor Bennett also added about allowing resident affected by the flood to burn any debris outside of the normal brush burning season. Councillors added that it would have to be limited to only flood victims and to discuss with the Acting Fire Chief. CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough stated that Acting Fire Chief Allan Cole will be invited to the May 22nd Special Council Meeting to discuss this further.

6. Public Meeting Date – May 29th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Horton Community Centre

7. Confirming By-Law 2019-31

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-122

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council enact By-Law 2019-31 – Confirming By-Law

Carried

8. Mayor Bennett declared the meeting to be adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

MAYOR David M. Bennett

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough