

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Special Council Meeting

May 23rd, 2019

4:00 p.m.

There was a Special Council Meeting of Council called by the Mayor and held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday May 23rd, 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, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Nathalie Moore, 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 4:00 p.m.
2. Members, Staff and the Public requested to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.
3. There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.
4. Council Discussion

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough gave a brief update for council. The State of Emergency remains in effect, until discussion takes place within the Control Group, which is comprised of the Mayor, CEMC's, and staff to set a threshold of when the state of emergency should be officially lifted. This will likely occur when all affected roads become dry and accessible, however this will be a discussion of the Control Group. A Resolution of Council is required to make application through the Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance Program. Staff have been working at ensuring we are fully compliant with the guidelines of the Program and feel that we are ahead of the game, so-to-speak. There is a Resolution prepared for this evening. The Invitational Quote for the Sandbag pick up has been issued and advertised. To date we have given out half a dozen packages. Nothing has been submitted as of today. Closing Date is Friday, May 31st at 4 p.m.

Mayor Bennett updated Council and Staff on the Task Force Meeting held in Pembroke earlier in the day. It was a direct request from MPP John Yakabuski for municipalities not to hold individual Public Information Meetings, but to have four meetings throughout the County in a consolidated format. Ministry representatives, along with other stakeholders are to be invited to attend.

CEMC Steve Osipenko gave a flood update for council members. He highlighted on the decrease of the level of the water, and that the Military and MNRF will be moving out of our township by early next week. He added that because an ambulance can only enter a road if there is 20 cm of water or less if there is an emergency, the State of Emergency should stay in effect until all roads are dry and accessible by any emergency vehicle.

Acting Fire Chief Allan Cole presented his briefing notes to council regarding the proposed amendment to the open-air burning for flood affected victims. His main concerns were because the properties that are affected are all in Limited Service Residential Zoning; open-air burning is not allowed due to how close the houses/cottages are to one another, as well as neighbours being affected by the smoke and debris from the fires. The second concern was that the Fire Department and Council members would be unaware of what exactly residents were burning and anything that has been in the water is classified as contaminated, which means residents would be burning contaminated, prohibited waste. The third concern was that because the set fines in the Open-Air Burning By-Law were approved by the Ministry, it would make it null and void. The final concern was that if there was a fire emergency while burning, the fire trucks will not be able to access the residences that are on the Private roads that are still affected by the water. There was consensus not to amend By-Law 2016-23 Open-Air Burning.

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-123

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

WHEREAS the Township of Horton, in the County of Renfrew, has recently experienced a flooding event which began on April 19th, 2019;

AND WHEREAS on Friday, April 26th, 2019 the Township of Horton declared a State of Emergency and has experienced incremental operating and capital costs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Horton hereby officially requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to activate the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Treasurer, Jennifer Barr, is given delegated authority to verify and attest to the accuracy of the claim.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-124

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

THAT Council agree to cancel the Public Meeting originally scheduled for May 29th, 2019.

AND THAT Staff be directed to organize an additional public meeting, in collaboration with MPP John Yakabuski and other stakeholder agencies.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-125

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

THAT Council approve the CAO/Clerk's recommendation to retain TOPPS Environmental Services for the provision, placement, disposal and removal of waste bins at the Township's Landfill Site, specifically for Flood debris.

Carried

5. Renfrew Golf Course – Donation Request – 90th Anniversary Celebration

Mayor Bennett briefly overviewed that he was recently approached regarding a donation for the 90th Anniversary of The Renfrew Golf Course, which was not brought to the council table for discussion. Deputy Mayor Campbell added that he had a discussion with Treasurer Barr to see if there were enough funds left in the donation fund for this, and she stated there was. All council members agreed to the \$250 donation for the anniversary.

Moved by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-126

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

THAT Council of the Township of Horton accept the donation request made by the Renfrew Golf Course of \$250.00 for their 90th Anniversary Celebration.

Carried

6. 2019-32 – 2019 Tax Levy By-Law

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Nathalie Moore briefly reviewed the tax impact for Horton residents.

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-127

Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

THAT Council enact By-Law 2019-32 Tax Levy By-Law.

Carried

7. Council Members Concerns

Deputy Mayor Campbell acknowledged Councillor Webster for donating his and his son's time to help the Thompsonhill Cemetery with fixing ruts and marks on the grass in time for an event. Councillor Webster added that because he did that for the

Thompsonhill Cemetery, other council members or all member should be fair with the rest of the cemeteries in the Township and offer a volunteer “clean-up day” to them as well. All council members agreed. Councillor Webster asked about a Horton Hoedown Update; Mayor Bennett stated that Chair Tina Hunt should be brining an update report to council at the next meeting.

8. Confirming By-Law 2019-33

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-128

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council enact By-Law 2019-33 – Confirming By-Law

Carried

9. Mayor Bennett declared the meeting to be adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

MAYOR David M. Bennett

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough