

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Regular Council Meeting

July 16th, 2019

There was a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Township of Horton Council Chambers on Tuesday July 16th, 2019. Present was Mayor David Bennett, Deputy Mayor Glen Campbell, Councillor Lane Cleroux, and Councillor Doug Humphries and Councillor Tom Webster. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk-Recording Secretary and Nathalie Moore, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bennett called the Meeting to Order at 4:02 pm.

2. MAYOR BENNETT ASKED THE MEMBERS, STAFF AND PUBLIC TO TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 4.1 June 18th, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting
July 9th, 2019 – Special Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Cleroux

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-171

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

THAT Council approves the following Meeting Minutes:

- June 18th, 2019 – Regular Council Meeting
- July 9th, 2019 – Special Council Meeting

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - None

6. GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Campbell, Chair of the General Government Committee presented the following items for consideration and recommendation.

Public Advisory Member Susan Humphries was present.

6.1 Business Arising - None

6.2 Finance & Administration

6.2.1 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Nathalie Moore reviewed the report for Council. She stated that there is 55% of the budget remaining. She noted that she is still working on reconciling the Spring Hockey spreadsheet. There was some discussion in terms of changing the process in how events are ran in terms of registrations and money being collected. It's staff and Council's intent to have it filtered through the office from the beginning to better account for revenues and expenditures. Councillor Webster expressed interest in implementing timelines on business proposals for volunteers to report back with information etc.

6.2.2 Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Nathalie Moore reviewed the report for Council.

6.2.3 Corporate Policy Review – Section E

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the report for Council.

6.2.4 Council Code of Conduct Policy

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed her report and the Code of Conduct Policy drafted for Council.

6.3 Health and Safety

6.3.1 Inspection Reports – Municipal Office

The Inspection Report was presented by CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough.

6.3.2 Inspection Reports – Public Works Garage

The Inspection Report was presented by CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough.

6.3.3 Inspection Report – Community Centre

The Inspection Report was presented by CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough.

6.4 Human Resources – None

6.5 New Business – None

6.6 Outstanding Business – None

6.7 Correspondence

6.8 Questions on Reports and Recommendations –Mayor Bennett

There were no additional questions on the reports.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-172

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council receive the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures and the Consolidated Financial Statement dated July 11th,2019.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-173

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council accepts Corporate Policies – Section E as reviewed and updated by Staff;

AND FURTHER THAT this section be brought forward by By-Law to be adopted into the Township of Horton’s Corporate Policies.

Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-174

Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

THAT Council accept the Code of Conduct Policy for Members of Council, Committees and Local Boards;

AND THAT this Policy will be brought forward at the By-Law section to be adopted into the Corporate Policies as Council Policy C-03.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Cleroux

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-175

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council receive the Health and Safety Inspection Checklists completed for the Public Works Garage, Community Centre Buildings and the Municipal Office.

Carried

7. REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY COMMITTEES & COUNTY COUNCIL

7.1 Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support

Mayor Bennett briefly reviewed for members as Councillor Webster was not present at the last meeting.

7.2 Community Policing Advisory Committee

There was no update.

7.3 Health Services Village

Mayor Bennett briefly updated Council members.

7.4 Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Humphries reviewed briefly for council members.

7.5 County Council

There was no update as County Council does not meet in July.

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-176

Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

THAT Council receive the reports from Community Committees and County Council.

Carried

8. CONFERENCE REPORTS – None

9. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINUTES/BUSINESS

9.1 Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee

Councillor Humphries reported that he has been working along with the Community Liaison Officer creating a questionnaire for businesses.

9.2 Recreation Association Ad Hoc Committee

Councillor Humphries updated Council on the various activities occurring this summer.

9.3 Official Plan Review Ad Hoc Committee

There was no update.

9.4 Ad Hoc Budget Committee

There was no update

9.5 Transportation/Env. Services Ad Hoc Committee

There was no update.

9.6 Ad Hoc Fire Committee

There was no update.

9.7 Ad Hoc Human Resources

There was no update.

9.8 Ad Hoc Recycling

9.8.1 Minutes from July 4th, 2019

9.8.2 Minutes from July 11th, 2019

Both sets of Minutes were reviewed.

9.9 Questions on Reports and Recommendations – Mayor Bennett

There were no additional questions on the reports

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-176

Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

THAT Council receive the Reports from Community Committees and County Council.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-177

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council accept the following Ad Hoc Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes:

- July 4th, 2019
- July 11th, 2019

Carried

10. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY

10.1 Information Correspondence

10.1.1 CAO/Clerk Information Memo

Mayor Bennett went around the table asking Council members for comments. Members briefly reviewed and discussed the information.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-178

THAT Council accept the Information Correspondence list as per the CAO/Clerk's Information Memo for July 11th, 2019.

Carried

10.2 Action Correspondence

10.2.1 Township of Bonnechere Valley – Support

Moved by Councillor Humphries
Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-179

THAT Council of the Township of Horton support the Township of Bonnechere Valley's Resolution No.: 19.103 regarding the call on the Parliament of Canada to not impose any further bans on the law-abiding legal firearms owners;

AND THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Township of Bonnechere Valley.

Carried

10.2.2 Renfrew Dairy Queen CHEO Day August 8, 2019

Council reviewed the request.

**11. SUPPER BREAK AT 5:30 P.M.
RECONVENED AT 6:00 P.M.**

12. DELEGATIONS &/or PUBLIC MEETINGS

12.1 Jason Davis – County of Renfrew
– Algonquin Trail and Weed Inspector Presentation

County of Renfrew's Craig Kelly, Director of Development and Property, Jason Davis, Forestry and GIS Manager, Weed Inspector, and Mayor Robert Sweet, Chair of Development and Property were all present to make a presentation to Council. They updated Council and Staff on the role of the Weed Inspector and how the Weed Control Act is enforced within the County. Also defined what a noxious weed is and currently there are 25 on the list. Additionally, they provided a brief history as well as an update on the Algonquin Trail to Council and the economic benefits that have benefitted the County as a whole.

12.2 Amy Scholten – Renfrew County Legal Clinic – Presentation

Amy Scholten, Executive Director of the Renfrew County Legal Clinic was present with Henry Venema, Board of Directors. They briefed Council on the funding cuts they've received from the Province and discussed how important it was to have a local Legal Aid Clinic which provides legal advice to low income residents who can't afford legal services. They requested support in the form of a resolution to send to the Province.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-180

WHEREAS the Renfrew County Legal Clinic has delivered services in Renfrew County for over 30 years. They provide direct front line legal services to low income clients across Renfrew County and service numbers continue to rise annually;

AND WHEREAS The Clinic assists area residents who cannot afford legal assistance due to financial hardship – including those on social assistance, pensioners, the unemployed, or those with low income;

AND WHEREAS The Clinic's services are aimed at ensuring that people with low incomes are able to meet their most basic needs, which in turn gives them the ability to live with health and dignity as active members of their community;

AND WHEREAS The Clinic is committed to upholding the rights of the most vulnerable people of Renfrew County on issues that are most critical to them – including Canada Pension Plan, Ontario Disability Support Program Workplace Safety and Insurance, Ontario Works, Landlord and Tenant, Criminal Injuries Compensation, Powers of Attorney, Wills, Human Rights, Consumer and Debt issues, administrative legal issues and many other areas that impact low-income people;

AND WHEREAS the Clinic carries out this work through approved funding provided by Legal Aid Ontario (LAO);

AND WHEREAS the Provincial government's 2019 budget cut funding to LAO by \$133 million which represents 30% of its budget – retroactive to April 1, 2019;

AND WHEREAS budget cuts will result in a loss of legal services to low-income residents in the community and could result in the closure of the Renfrew County Legal Clinic;

AND WHEREAS the absence of these services will have adverse economic consequences for the Township of Horton and surround communities, resulting in increased reliance on municipal services such as mental health services, hospitals and public housing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Horton calls upon the Premier and the Attorney General to make a commitment to access to justice, to respect the commitment of their government to not decrease frontline services, and to confirm funding for community legal clinics will not be decreased;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township urges the Province to restore funding to these critical services and ensure that all the residents of Renfrew County have access to a fair and equitable justice system, regardless of their incomes; and

AND THAT a copy of this Resolution be issued forthwith to the MPP John Yakabuski, the Attorney General, the LAO Board, Premier of Ontario Doug Ford and all municipalities within the County of Renfrew.

Carried

13. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

13.1 Staff Reports – None

13.2 New Business – None

13.3 Outstanding Business

13.4 Correspondence – None

13.5 Building Permit Report

13.5.1 Building Report – June 2019

Council members reviewed the June Building Report.

13.6 Questions on Reports and Recommendations – Mayor Bennett

There were no additional questions on the reports.

Moved by Councillor Cleroux

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-181

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council receive the June 2019 monthly Building Permit reports.

Carried

14. OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ISSUES – None

15. BY-LAWS

15.1

- 2019-41 Procedural By-Law
- 2019-42 Code of Conduct Policy C-03

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-182

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

THAT Council enact the following By-Laws:

- 2019-41 Procedural By-Law
- 2019-42 Code of Conduct Policy C-03

Carried

16. NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

17. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

18. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION – None

19. IN CAMERA (CLOSED) SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-183

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council went into a Closed Session meeting at 7:37 p.m. to discuss the following items pursuant to Section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act:

- Litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality

Carried

Council came out of Closed Session at 7:56 p.m.

20. NEXT MEETING

20.1 There was consensus to move the September Council Meetings one week past the regularly scheduled date due to the long weekend.

Next Council Meeting will be held Tuesday September 10th, 2019
at 4:00 pm

21. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-184

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council enact By-Law 2019-43 – Confirming By-Law

Carried

22. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bennett declared the Meeting to be adjourned at 8:00 pm.

MAYOR David M. Bennett

CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough