

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Special Council Meeting

April 22nd, 2020

4:00 p.m.

There was a Special Meeting of Council held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday April 22nd, 2020. Present were Mayor David Bennett, Deputy Mayor Glen Campbell, Councillor Doug Humphries, Councillor Lane Cleroux and Councillor Tom Webster. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk, Adam Knapp, Public Works Manager and Nichole Dubeau, Admin/Planning Assistant-Recording Secretary.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough did a roll call for council members and reviewed the protocol for the electronic meeting. She added that she will be recording the audio of the meeting and it will be available on the Township website the next day for the public to listen to.

	Present	Absent
Mayor Bennett	X	
Deputy Mayor Campbell	X	
Councillor Cleroux	X	
Councillor Humphries	X	
Councillor Webster	X	

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-86

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council adopt the Agenda for the April 22nd, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

Carried

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

Mayor Bennett thanked residents for their patience and understanding with everything going on. He also thanked staff for their work and council members for their quick decision making and dedication to the Township.

4. MINUTES

4.1 April 1st, 2020 – Special Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-87

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council approve the following Minutes:

- April 1st, 2020 – Special Council Meeting

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Bennett	X	
Deputy Mayor Campbell	X	
Councillor Cleroux	X	
Councillor Humphries	X	
Councillor Webster	X	

Carried

5. STAFF REPORT – COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the report for council members. She stated that there should be further discussion regarding the Canada Day events and whether it should be cancelled or not. Ms. Dillabough stated that she was looking for feedback from Councillors regarding opening or keeping the Landfill Site closed. Councillor Cleroux stated that having the Landfill closed is not life threatening to people and social distancing is very important to maintain. He added that it is a service that the Township provides to residents and if decided to open, it must be safe for everyone, staff and residents included. Councillor Humphries added that with proper procedures and safety measures, it could be possible to open the Landfill. Public Works Manager, Adam Knapp stated that the two workers at the Landfill are at high risk for contracting Covid-19 and that he does not want to put them in jeopardy, so other employees would be working. Deputy Mayor Campbell stated that a plan should be put in place to limit contact with people and how payment can be accepted. Councillor Webster stated that social distancing is key in the situation and everyone should be respectful of it. Mayor Bennett stated that he believes the Landfill should stay closed until the State of Emergency for Ontario has been lifted, at least, to protect everyone and not regress the progress. Staff is to devise a plan for when the Landfill Site will re-open to keep staff and residents safe, and bring back for Council review.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-88

THAT Council receive this report as information; and

THAT, in addition to Resolution No.: 2020-83 passed at a Special Council Meeting April 1st, 2020 Council further consider the following temporary financial measures for individuals and in response to the Covid-19 crisis:

- a) Waiving of penalty and interest for Property Taxes, additionally, for the end of May.

AND THAT Council authorize the cancellation of suspension of Horton Recreation public events and programs until June 30th, 2020.

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to devise a plan in conjunction to the Provincial projections, to re-open the Landfill Site for Horton Residents that is safe for all residents, staff, and provide the plan to Council for information and consideration when complete.

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Bennett	X	
Deputy Mayor Campbell	X	
Councillor Cleroux	X	
Councillor Humphries	X	
Councillor Webster	X	

Carried

6. STAFF REPORT – PW 2020-01 TANDEM TRUCK RESULTS & AWARD

Public Works Manager, Adam Knapp reviewed the report for council. Mayor Bennett requested that the Public Works Manager narrow down a window for delivery before the plowing season so the Tandem Truck can be declared surplus and listed for sale.

Moved by Councillor Webster
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-89

THAT Council, upon recommendation of the Public Works Manager, award Tender PW-2020-01 Supply of a Tandem Axle Truck, Spreader, Plow and Wing to Francis Truck Center with their submission price of \$288,389.30 including taxes;

AND THAT Truck #4 2011 International Tandem Axle Truck be declared surplus upon delivery;

AND FURTHER THAT this be funded from the Roads Equipment Reserve.

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Bennett	X	
Deputy Mayor Campbell	X	
Councillor Cleroux	X	
Councillor Humphries	X	
Councillor Webster	X	

Carried

7. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS' CONCERNS

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough stated that the Budget is ready to be brought back to council via Zoom meeting but is trying to figure out how a public meeting can be held given the current circumstances, and still meet the June 1st deadline for the tax rates to be calculated.

8. BY-LAWS:

- 2020-21 Amend Interim Tax Levy By-Law
- 2020-22 Recycling Contract – Emterra Waste

Moved by Councillor Webster
Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-90

THAT Council enact the following by-laws:

- 2020-21 Amend Interim Tax Levy By-Law
- 2020-22 Recycling Contract – Emterra Waste

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Bennett	X	
Deputy Mayor Campbell	X	
Councillor Cleroux	X	
Councillor Humphries	X	
Councillor Webster	X	

Carried

9. CONFIRMING BYLAW

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-91

THAT Council enact By-law 2020-23 – Confirming By-Law.

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Bennett	X	
Deputy Mayor Campbell	X	
Councillor Cleroux	X	
Councillor Humphries	X	
Councillor Webster	X	

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.