

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

There was a Regular Meeting of Council held via Zoom on Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Present were Mayor David Bennett, Deputy Mayor Glen Campbell, Councillor Doug Humphries, and Councillor Tom Webster. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk, Nathalie Moore, Treasurer, and Nichole Dubeau, Admin/Planning Assistant-Recording Secretary.

Councillor Lane Cleroux sent his regrets.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. He performed roll call for council members.

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

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-244**

**THAT** Council adopt the Agenda for the December 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

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

**Carried**

**4. DELEGATIONS &/OR PUBLIC MEETINGS**

4:00 p.m.     *Zoning By-law Amendment – Schouten – Goshen Road*  
4:15 p.m.     *Zoning By-law Amendment – Schouten – Thomson Road*

**5. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.1     December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Webster  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-245**

**THAT** Council approve the following Minutes:

- December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

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

**Carried**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Deputy Mayor Campbell questioned if there was an update regarding the Canada Post Mailboxes. CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough stated that she spoke to the Public Works Manager and they are waiting for information from Canada Post.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:****7.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Moved by Councillor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-246**

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**THAT** Council appoint Deputy Mayor Campbell as Planning Committee Chair for the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting, due to the absence of Councillor Cleroux,

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

**Carried**

Public Advisory Members Bob Cassidy, Bob Johnston, and Lisa Branje were present.

Derek McGrimmon, Paul Lavoie of Jp2g, and Brian Whitehead of Jp2g were present.

**7.1.1 Brian Whitehead – McGrimmon Subdivision Concept Plan**

Mr. Whitehead presented a concept plan for Council. Council members were in agreeance that this would be a great development to have in the Township but stated some concerns they had. Mr. Whitehead stated that this is the early stages and may be dependant on changes in the Official Plan Amendment 31.

**7.1.2 Official Plan Amendment No. 31 – Comments Requested**

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the report. Council members were in agreement with Staff's recommendations.

**7.1.3 November Building Report.**

Council reviewed the report.

**7.2 GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Public Advisory Member Spencer Hopping was present.

Public Advisory Member Susan Humphries sent her regrets.

**7.2.1 Financial Departmental Report & Statement**

Treasurer Nathalie Moore reviewed the report. She highlighted that the funds for the excavator and the MDRA Claim have been received.

**7.2.2 2021 OPP Billing Summary**

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the report.

**7.2.3 January 2021 Council Meeting Date Change**

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the report. Council members were in agreeance to change the meeting dates.

7.2.4 Christmas Hours

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the report. Council members were in agreeance to have the Municipal Office and Public Works Garage closed Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

7.2.5 Service Awards

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the report. Council members congratulated everyone receiving their service awards.

7.2.6 Food Bank Donation

Admin/Planning Assistant Nichole Dubeau reviewed the report. Council members were in agreeance to make a donation.

**7.3 TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

7.3.1 TES Chair’s Report – December 2, 2020

Chair Webster reviewed the report. Mayor Bennett requested that the TES Committee meeting date be changed so he could attend as he has previously scheduled commitments. Councillor Webster agreed and is to set a new date.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**

**8.1 INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1.1 CAO/Clerk Information Memo

Discussion went around the table with information previously distributed.

**8.2 ACTION CORRESPONDENCE – None**

**9. BYLAWS**

- 9.1 2020-49 Recreation Agreement – Town of Renfrew
- 9.2 2020-50 Appoint Committee of Adjustment
- 9.3 2020-51 Zoning By-law Amendment- Schouten – Goshen Rd
- 9.4 2020-52 Zoning By-law Amendment- Schouten – Thomson Rd

Moved by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-247**

Seconded by Councillor Webster

**THAT** Council enact the following By-laws:

- 2020-49 Recreation Agreement – Town of Renfrew
- 2020-50 Appoint Committee of Adjustment
- 2020-51 Zoning By-law Amendment- Schouten – Goshen Rd
- 2020-52 Zoning By-law Amendment- Schouten – Thomson Rd
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	Yea	Nay
Mayor Bennett	X	
Deputy Mayor Campbell	X	
Councillor Humphries	X	
Councillor Webster	X	

**Carried**

**10. NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL – None**

**11. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS CONCERNS**

Councillor Webster wished residents, staff, and council a Merry Christmas and hoping everyone stays safe over the holidays.

**12. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION – None**

**13. RESOLUTIONS**Moved by Councillor Webster**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-248**Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

**WHEREAS** the County of Renfrew drafted Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 31, upon receiving exemption from Ministerial Approval from Amendments on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**AND WHEREAS** the County provided the purpose for OPA 31 was to make changes to the recently approved County of Renfrew Official Plan to address the unique geography and characteristics of Renfrew County and be consistent with the local context policy framework of the Provincial Policy Statement;

**AND WHEREAS** some of the proposed changes will adversely affect and discourage development and the economy within the Township of Horton;

**AND WHEREAS** development applications already underway will either not materialize or experience extreme delays due to the excessive requirements under these proposed changes;

**AND WHEREAS** local municipalities must provide comments back to the County of Renfrew regarding their concerns and proposed changes;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** That the Township of Horton provide the following comments to the County of Renfrew:

- Remove the majority of the Agricultural Designation, as previously submitted for OPA 25, on subject lands, as per the mapping submission;
- Remove Section 3.3(7) that refers to service settlement urban areas that may discourage development in neighbouring municipalities within a 1km radius.

**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the County of Renfrew Development and Property Department and its respective Committee of County Council.

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

**Carried**Moved by Councillor Humphries**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-249**Seconded by Councillor Webster

**THAT** Council accept the November Building Report as information.

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

**Carried**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-250**

**THAT** Council accept the Financial Departmental Report & Statement as information.

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

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Humphries  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-251**

**THAT** Council receive the 2021 OPP Annual Billing Summary Report as information.

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

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Humphries  
Seconded by Councillor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-252**

**THAT** Council agree to change the January 2021 Regular Council Meeting dates to Tuesday January 12th and 26th starting at 4:00 p.m.

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

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Webster  
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-253**

**THAT** Council agree to close the Municipal Office for the mornings of Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>) and New Years Eve (December 31<sup>st</sup>);

**AND THAT** Staff will make application for leave out of their banked vacation and/or overtime to be off.

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

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Humphries  
Seconded by Councillor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-254**

**THAT** The annual Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 2020 has been cancelled due to Covid-19;

**AND THAT** Council, Staff and Volunteers collect food that evening for the purpose of donation to the Renfrew Food Bank;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council agrees to donate \$500 to the Renfrew Food Bank in lieu of Collection this year;

**AND THAT** this is funded through the Council Expense Account.

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

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Webster  
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-255**

**THAT** Council accept the Transportation and Environmental Service Chair's Report as information.

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

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Webster  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-256**

**THAT** Council accept the CAO/Clerk's Information Memo for December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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

**Carried**

**14. IN CAMERA (Closed) SESSION – None**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-257**

**THAT** Council went into a Closed Session Meeting at 5:41 p.m. to discuss the following items pursuant to Section 239(2) (c) of the Municipal Act;

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board – i.e., recreation

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

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Humphries  
Seconded by Councillor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-258**

**THAT** Council came out of Closed (In-Camera) Session at 6:06 p.m. and discussed items pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board – i.e., recreation.

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

**Carried****15. CONFIRMING BYLAW**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-259**

**THAT** Council enact By-law 2020-53 – Confirming By-Law.

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

**Carried****16. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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 MAYOR David M. Bennett

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 CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough