

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Special Council Meeting

February 28th, 2020

9:00 a.m.

There was a Special Council Meeting of Council for Budget Review called by the Mayor and held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday February 28th, 2020. Subject to the Procedural By-law 2019-41 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 Tom Webster, Councillor Lane Cleroux and Councillor Doug Humphries. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk, Nathalie Moore, Treasurer, and Nichole Dubeau, Admin/Planning Assistant – Recording Secretary.

General Government Committee Members Susan Humphries and Spencer Hopping were also present.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-58

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council adopt the Agenda for the February 28th, 2020 Special Council Meeting-Budget Review.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

Mayor Bennett thanked everyone for their hard work towards the budget in each department. He also thanked staff for their commitment and efficiency while working on the budget and for keeping council involved and up to date on everything as it progressed.

4. TES Committee

Public Advisory Member Rick Lester was present.

Murray Humphries and Tyler Anderson sent their regrets.

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the budget for the TES Committee. She highlighted on the 2% COLA for staff and the additional 5% levy increase due to the figure inputted for the curbside recycling. She stated that until the tender results are received, the increase for the department is unknown so they must budget for an increase in cost to be safe. There was brief discussion on where additional money could be pulled from in order to keep the levy percentage increase lower. There was discussion regarding road reconstruction and rehabilitation for 2020. This topic is brought back to the committee for decision on which road(s) will be completed in 2020.

5. Recreation Committee

Public Advisory Member Barb Dickson was present.

Ralph Miller and Sharon Bennett sent their regrets.

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the budget for the 5-year Recreation Committee. She added that the biggest part of the budget is the new Recreation Agreement with the Town of Renfrew, but it is up to council and committee if they want to move forward with it. She touched on the salaries line that was left in in case council wishes to hire a part-time person, or it can go towards a summer student position. Ms. Dillabough added that a Recreational Master Plan should be done this year as it would be beneficial for the Township and the Recreation Department.

6. General Government Committee

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the budget for the General Government Committee. She highlighted the Library Fund with changes to the fees. Council members agreed that it be discussed

7. LUNCH BREAK – 12:00 – 1:10 p.m.

8. Protective Services Committee

Fire Chief Allan Cole was present.

Public Advisory Member John Purdon sent his regrets.

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough and Fire Chief Allan Cole reviewed the budget for the Protective Services Committee.

9. Confirming By-Law 2020-15

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-59

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council enact By-Law 2020-15– Confirming By-Law

Carried

Mayor Bennett requested that councillors stated their feedback on having a “budget day” instead of multiple meetings. All councillors had positive reviews and found it effective and efficient. Councillor Webster added that it felt more like a team effort and everyone was on the same page and not left out.

8. Adjournment

Mayor Bennett declared the meeting to be adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

MAYOR David M. Bennett

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough