

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Special Council Meeting

April 1st, 2020

4:00 p.m.

There was a Special Meeting of Council held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday April 1st, 2020. Present were Mayor David Bennett, Councillor Doug Humphries, Councillor Lane Cleroux and Councillor Tom Webster. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk and Nichole Dubeau, Admin/Planning Assistant-Recording Secretary.

Deputy Mayor Glen Campbell was present at 4:01 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-80

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

THAT Council adopt the Agenda for the April 1st, 2020 Special Council Meeting, as amended to include item #7 – Council/Staff Members' Concerns.

Carried

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

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.

4. MINUTES

4.1 March 17th, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-81

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council approve the following Minutes:

- March 17th, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting

Carried

5. STAFF REPORT – ELECTRONIC MEETINGS – PROCEDURAL BY-LAW 2019-41 AMENDMENT

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the report for council members to add electronic participation to the Township's procedural by-law through an amendment due to the circumstances of Covid-19. She added that there will be a clause in the by-law stating that this will only be in effect while there is a Declaration of a State of Emergency by any level of government.

Councillor Webster left the meeting at 4:07 p.m. and returned at 4:08 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-82

Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

THAT the Report for Electronic Participation at Council, Committee and Board Meetings, be received for information; and

AND THAT By-Law No.: 2019-41 be amended accordingly to permit electronic participation at Council and Committee Meetings where an emergency has been declared to exist in all or part of the municipality under Section 4 or 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*.

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

Carried

6. STAFF REPORT – COVID-19 FINANCIAL RELIEF

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the report for council and recommended to members to waive the interest charges for ratepayers for the months of March and April due to the circumstances of Covid-19 to further help Horton ratepayers. Staff recommended to wait to see what unfolds for the May tax due date and potentially make further considerations.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-83

THAT Council consider and agree with the following temporary financial measures for individuals and in response to the Covid-19 crisis;

- a) Waiving of penalty and interest for Property Taxes for the end of March and April.

AND THAT further measures be considered by Council depending on the growing Covid-19 crisis.

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

Carried

7. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS’ CONCERNS

Councillor Cleroux thanked staff for learning and putting together electronic meetings for council. He questioned what Emergency Management actions have transpired to date that CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough could update for Council regarding Covid-19. She stated that the Community Control Group have met a few times to discuss measures the municipality should undertake regarding protecting the health and safety of staff and residents. Currently, staff is working on a rotational basis, in addition to closing all municipal buildings to the public. She added that there as of right now there is not another meeting scheduled, but CEMC, Steve Osipenko and Alternate Amber Hultink are watching the situation and will see what happens in the upcoming weeks.

Deputy Mayor Campbell stated that he is starting to get inquiries from residents regarding the Landfill Site being closed and wondering what they should be doing with their refuse. CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough stated that the garbage curbside pick-up contractor was contacted about picking up extra bags curbside and the cost was going to be double our current rate. She stated that with the new recycling contractor starting in May and the costs associated with that, it would severely affect the budget. Councillor Cleroux stated that he believed the Landfill Site should stay closed, people are encouraged to be staying home and keeping away

from others and limiting interactions. Councillors Webster and Humphries and Mayor Bennett agreed. Mayor Bennett added that they want to keep staff and residents safe at this time.

8. BY-LAWS:

- i. 2020-19 Procedural By-Law Amendment

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-84

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council enact By-Law 2020-19 – By-Law to Amend By-Law 2019-41 –
Proceedings of Council

	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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-85

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council enact By-law 2020-20 – 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 4:24 p.m.

MAYOR David Bennett

CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough