

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Public Budget Meeting

April 20th, 2021

4:00 p.m.

There was a Public Budget Meeting held virtually via Zoom on April 20th, 2021. Present was Mayor David Bennett, Deputy Mayor Glen Campbell, Councillor Lane Cleroux, Councillor Tom Webster, and Councillor Doug Humphries. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk, Nathalie Moore, Treasurer, Adam Knapp, Public Works Manager and Nichole Dubeau, Admin/Planning Assistant-Recording Secretary.

Genera Government Public Advisory Members Susan Humphries and Spencer Hopping were present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Bennett called the Public Budget Meeting to Order at 4:01 p.m. and performed roll call.

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-95

Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

THAT Council adopt the Agenda for the April 20th, 2021 Public Budget Meeting.

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

Carried

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

4. PURPOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the purpose of the meeting was to present the 2021 Draft Budget to the public as per the Township's Notice By-Law.

5. CAO/CLERK'S REPORT ON NOTICE

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough stated the Notice of this meeting was advertised in the Renfrew Mercury and Eganville Leader for two weeks, as per the Township's Notice By-Law. Additionally, Notice was posted on the Township's website. Budget packages were available at the Township Office. No packages were picked-up to date. There were no submissions made for presentation purposes.

6. DELEGATIONS – NONE

7. STAFF REPORT – 2021 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Treasurer Nathalie Moore reviewed the report for council. She highlighted on that the budget was based off a 2% levy increase. She added that due to COVID-19 the Town of Renfrew has reduced the 2021 Recreation User Agreement Fee from \$29,200 to \$15,800. She also added that the Township was not successful in

receiving the funds for the Inclusive Community Grants Program, but the Township will still be moving forward with the new dock at the boat launch using Modernization Funds.

8. STAFF REPORT – 2021 CAPITAL FINANCING

Treasurer Nathalie Moore reviewed the report for council.

9. STAFF REPORT – PSAB BUDGET REPORT

Treasurer Nathalie Moore reviewed the report for council.

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Council members and Public Advisory Members each thanked staff, committee members, and committee chairs for their hard work and dedication to maintain the 2% levy increase. Mayor Bennett stated that the Township will have to be prepared to get the Recreation Department back up and running the way it was prior to COVID-19 to get events and revenue flowing again. He added that he would like to see the 2022 Budget passed in January of next year, therefore staff is to start preparing their worksheets in September to start the Budget process.

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

No members of the Public reached by the prescribed deadline to take part in the Public Meeting.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved by Councillor Humphries
Seconded by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-96

THAT the Recommendations be forwarded to the Regular Council Meeting immediately after the April 20th Public Meeting for adoption of the 2021 Budget.

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

Carried

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

MAYOR David M. Bennett

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough