

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

## Budget Workshop Meeting

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

4:00 p.m.

There was a Budget Workshop Meeting held virtually via Zoom on Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. 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, Nathalie Moore, Treasurer, Adam Knapp, Public Works Manager, Allan Cole, Fire Chief and Nichole Dubeau, Admin/Planning Assistant-Recording Secretary.

Public Advisory members Susan Humphries, Spencer Hopping, and Sharon Bennett were present.

Public Advisory members Tyler Anderson and John Purdon were present at 4:03 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and performed roll call.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-71**

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

**THAT** Council adopt the Agenda for the March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Special Council 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. 2021 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Treasurer Nathalie Moore reviewed the presentation. She highlighted that the 2% levy increase is \$49,986.00 which works out to an average of \$25.40 per property with the average assessment of \$233,000. She also touched on the Curbside Recycling Collection and how to keep the cost down for ratepayers again in 2021, which is to use the Working Funds Reserve to offset the increase and then replenish the account at year-end if there is a departmental surplus. There was brief discussion on whether the funds should be paid upfront or to use reserves again to keep the low cost for ratepayers. Mayor Bennett stated that ratepayers and businesses are taking on financial burdens with COVID-19 and that the Township should assist in anyway and using reserves could do that. After Council discussion, it was determined that the budget would stay at staff's proposed 2% increase.

Moved by Councillor Humphries  
Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-72**

**THAT** Council receive the 2021 Budget Presentation as information.

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

**Carried**

**5. 2021 CAPITAL FINANCING**

Treasurer Nathalie Moore reviewed the report.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-73**

**THAT** Council receive the 2021 Capital Financing Report as information.

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

**Carried**

**6. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS' CONCERNS**

Fire Chief Allan Cole stated that the Province has announced that there will be a few grants that will become available to apply for from the Fire Department.

**7. CONFIRMING BYLAW**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-74**

**THAT** Council enact By-law 2021-18 – Confirming By-Law.

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

**Carried**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

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MAYOR David Bennett

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CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough