

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

There was a Regular Meeting of Council held via Zoom on Tuesday April 6, 2021. Present were Mayor David Bennett, Deputy Mayor Glen Campbell, Councillor Doug Humphries, Councillor Cleroux, and Councillor Tom Webster. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk, Adam Knapp, Public Works Manager and Nichole Dubeau, Admin/Planning Assistant-Recording Secretary.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:00 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. 2021-75**

**THAT** Council adopt the Agenda for the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.  
**Carried**

**4. DELEGATIONS &/or PUBLIC MEETINGS – NONE**

**5. MINUTES**

- 5.1 March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – Regular Council
- 5.2 March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Special Council Meeting
- 5.3 March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – Budget Workshop Meeting

Moved by Councillor Webster  
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-76**

**THAT** Council approve the following Minutes:

- March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – Regular Council
- March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Special Council Meeting
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – Budget Workshop Meeting

**Carried**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**7.1 TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

7.1.1 Staff Report – Award Tender PW 2021-01

Councillor Webster and Public Works Manager Adam Knapp reviewed the report. CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough stated that a report will be brought to the next scheduled TES Committee meeting regarding the what staff will propose in how to move forward.

7.1.2 Staff Report – Award Tender PW 2021-02

Public Works Manager Adam Knapp reviewed the report.

7.1.3 Staff Report – Award Tender PW 2021-03

Public Works Manager Adam Knapp reviewed the report. Mayor Bennett stated that the original \$300,000 budgeted for the Whitton Road Project be kept available for anything unexpected during construction. Council members agreed.

**7.2 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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

7.2.1 Request to Purchase Unopened Road Allowance–Allan Jamieson

Allan Jamieson was present as a delegation, as per his request submitted.

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the request. Public Advisory Member Bob Johnston stated his concerns with selling the unopened road allowance and how it would affect the surrounding property owners. Council decided that a meeting be set up with Mayor Bennett, CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough, Property owner Allan Jamieson, and MTO to discuss the possibilities of having highway access when Highway 417 comes through the area.

7.2.2 February & March 2021 Building Report

Chair Cleroux reviewed the report.

**7.3 PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**7.3.1 Chair's Report – March 11, 2021

Chair Cleroux reviewed the report. CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough stated that dates are being set for the Deputy Fire Chief interviews.

7.3.1 Fire Safety Grant Program

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the report.

**7.4 RECREATION COMMITTEE**7.2.1 Chair's Report – March 19, 2021

Chair Humphries reviewed the report.

**7.5 COMMUNITY COMMITTEES / COUNTY COUNCIL**7.5.1 Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support

Councillor Humphries gave a brief update stating that grant money is being used to install new doors and that over 250 seniors have used their income tax services. Mayor Bennett added that the COVID-19 funds received are being used to purchase and install new air exchangers.

7.5.2 Community Safety & Wellbeing Plan Committee

There was no update.

7.5.3 Health Services Village

There was no update.

7.5.4 Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Humphries stated that meetings are still taking place once a month via Zoom.

7.5.5 County Council

Mayor Bennett stated that the County is anticipating finishing the Algonquin Trail this year and it is expected to cost around \$4 million and that the County will be circulating the Official Plan Amendment 31 to various agencies which include the Township's proposed changes to the Agriculture Designations, among other amendments.

**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**8.2.1 Letter of Support – EORN Gig Project

Council members were in agreeance to send a letter of support.

**9. BYLAWS – NONE****10. NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL – NONE****11. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS CONCERNS**

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough stated that the Municipal Office will be closed again to the Public due to the Provincial lockdown and staff will be on a rotational shift working from home.

**12. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION – NONE****13. RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Councillor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-77**

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**THAT** Council rejects the bid submission for Tender PW 2021-01, Supply of One (1) New 2500 Series Regular Cab Truck with Snowplow from Urban Ford for the amount of \$73,683.01 including HST;

**AND THAT** Staff will bring forward a plan to the next regularly scheduled TES Committee Meeting.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-78**

Seconded by Councillor Webster

**THAT** Council award Tender PW 2021-02, Supply and Haul of Pit Run and Granular "M", to Bonnechere Excavating Incorporated for the amount of \$46,735.67 including HST.

**Carried**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-79**

Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

**THAT** Council award Tender PW 2021-03, Whitton Road (South) Rehabilitation to B.R. Fulton Construction Ltd. for the amount of \$180,996.62 including HST.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-80**

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

**THAT** Council receive the letter from Allan Jamieson regarding the purchase of a Unopened Road Allowance as information.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Cleroux  
Seconded by Councillor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-81**

**THAT** Council accept the February 2021 and March 2021 Building Reports as information.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Humphries  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-82**

**THAT** Council accept the Protective Services Committee Chair's Report as information.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Humphries  
Seconded by Councillor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-83**

**THAT** Council of the Township of Horton approve and support the proposal submitted by the Fire Chief regarding the utilization of the allocated grant funds of \$5,300.00 to provide increased training opportunities within the Horton Fire Department;

**AND THAT** Council direct the CAO/Clerk to enter into the Fire Safety Grant Transfer Payment Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Humphries  
Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-84**

**THAT** Council accept the Recreation Committee Chair's Report as information.

**Carried**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-85**

**THAT** Council receive the reports for Community Committees and County Council as information.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Humphries  
Seconded by Councillor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-86**

**THAT** Council accept the CAO/Clerk's Information Memo for April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Cleroux  
Seconded by Councillor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-87**

**WHEREAS** residents and businesses across our municipality need access to modern and adequate access to high-speed broadband services.

**AND WHEREAS** the demand for high-speed broadband services will continue to grow year after year.

**AND WHEREAS** our residents and businesses should not continue to be disadvantaged by the lack of access to high-speed services.

**AND WHEREAS** the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) has submitted a comprehensive regional project to deliver a Gig (up to 1,000 Mbps) of speed that will serve our residents and businesses long into the future.

**AND WHEREAS EORN's** approach has proven itself very successful and represents an efficient and effective way to solve our broadband needs.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Township of Horton request both the federal and provincial governments to immediately fund the EORN Gig Project.

**AND FINALLY THAT** a letter of support with a copy this resolution be sent to Minister Monsef and Minister Scott with copies to our Member of Parliament and Member of Provincial Parliament.

**Carried**

**14. IN CAMERA (Closed) SESSION**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-88**

Seconded by Councillor Webster

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

- (b) Litigation or potential litigation – Waste Tender Contract
- (b) Litigation or potential litigation – Thomson Rd Road Allowance
- (e) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Winter Clearing Incident

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-89**

Seconded by Councillor

**THAT** Council came out of Closed (In-Camera) Session at 6:54 p.m. and discussed items pertaining to:

- Litigation or potential litigation – Waste Tender Contract
- Litigation or potential litigation – Thomson Rd Road Allowance
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Winter Clearing Incident

**Carried**

**15. CONFIRMING BYLAW**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-90**

Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

**THAT** Council enact By-law 2021-19 – Confirming By-Law.

**Carried**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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MAYOR David M. Bennett

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CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough