

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Protective Services Committee Meeting

February 11th, 2021

5:00 p.m.

There was a Meeting of the Protective Services Committee electronically via Zoom on Thursday February 11th, 2021. Present was Chair Lane Cleroux, Deputy Mayor Campbell, and Mayor Bennett. Public Advisory Members present were Spencer Hopping and John Purdon. Staff present was Fire Chief Allan Cole, CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough, and Admin/Planning Assistant Nichole Dubeau – Recording Secretary.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cleroux called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and performed roll call.

| | Present | Absent |
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| Chair Cleroux | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Campbell | X | |
| Mayor Bennett | X | |
| Fire Chief Cole | X | |
| Public Advisory Member John Purdon | X | |
| Public Advisory Member Spencer Hopping | X | |

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest expressed by Members of the Committee.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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Moved by John Purdon

Seconded by Spencer Hopping

THAT the Protective Services Committee accept the Minutes of February 13th, 2020.

| | Yea | Nay |
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| Chair Cleroux | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Campbell | X | |
| Public Advisory Member John Purdon | X | |
| Public Advisory Member Spencer Hopping | X | |

Carried

4. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT AND UPDATE - VERBAL

Fire Chief Allan Cole reviewed his report for the Committee. He stated that there were over 40 responses in 2020. He added that the Horton Fire Department was a recipient of the Jenny's Heroes Canada Fire Services Equipment Grant in which the department received \$15,548.00 to purchase new Personal Protective Equipment. In addition to the PPE purchase, the department also purchased two disinfecting machines that have been put to good use. He added that things have been going well since moving to the online burn permit process.

5. ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE - CLOSURE

Fire Chief Allan Cole reviewed the report. He stated that the Ontario Fire College will be closing effective March 31, 2021 and the training will change to a blended model, including the use of Regional Training Centres, online courses, and live fire training through the use of mobile props. Mayor Bennett questioned if there would be any additional costs to the Township

and ratepayers since the service will not be available to the department anymore. Fire Chief Cole stated that the OAFC should lobby the Province to subsidize any extra costs that would be incurred. He added that he is attending a Renfrew County Fire Chiefs meeting to discuss the affects on the municipalities and how they will be moving forward as a whole and will bring back the information to the next Committee meeting.

6. DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF POSITION

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the report. She stated that the deadline to apply would be March 5, 2021. Fire Chief Cole stated that he would like to replace the required experience in the job description that would better fit the position and the fire department.

Moved by John Purdon

Seconded by Spencer Hopping

THAT the Committee direct Staff to move ahead with an internal posting of the Deputy Fire Chief Position;

AND THAT the Deputy Fire Chiefs job description be amended before release.

| | Yea | Nay |
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| Chair Cleroux | X | |
| Deputy Mayor Campbell | X | |
| Public Advisory Member John Purdon | X | |
| Public Advisory Member Spencer Hopping | X | |

Carried

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held March 11th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cleroux declared the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

CHAIR Lane Cleroux

CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough