

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING
FEBRUARY 22ND, 2022**

There was a Special Council Meeting for the purpose of the presentation of the 2022 Budget held via Zoom on Tuesday February 22nd, 2022. Present were Mayor David Bennett, Deputy Mayor Glen Campbell, Councillor Doug Humphries, Councillor Tom Webster, and Councillor Lane Cleroux. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk, Nathalie Moore, Treasurer, Adam Knapp, Public Works Manager, and Nichole Dubeau, Executive 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 Humphries	X	
Councillor Webster	X	

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Bennett read the Land Acknowledgement in its entirety.

3. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-39

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council adopt the Agenda for the February 22nd, 2022 Special Council Meeting – Public Budget Meeting.

Carried

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

5. 2022 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mayor Bennett thanked staff for their work on the budget, and the provincial and federal governments for funding through Covid-19.

Councillor Lane Cleroux and Public Advisory Member Spencer Hopping were present at 4:12 p.m.

Treasurer Nathalie Moore presented the 2022 Budget. She highlighted the key impacts and changes for the 2022 budget. Councillor Humphries thanked Ms. Moore for the easy to read and understand budget information. Councillor Cleroux thanked Staff and Council for their work to keep the budget levy low for the last four years. Councillor Webster thanked Staff for keeping reserves replenished and still able to complete projects. He added that in the last four years of Council, the average levy increase is 2.15%, whereas during previous Council terms the average was around 4%. Public Advisory Member Spencer Hopping stated that Ms. Moore made the information easy to understand for the public. Mayor Bennett thanked Staff and Council members for being able to keep the levy low, especially during the 2019 flooding and Covid-19. He also thanked Public Works Manager Adam Knapp for all of the work accomplished that has been accomplished in the Public Works and Environmental Departments.

6. 2022 CAPITAL FINANCING

Treasurer Nathalie Moore reviewed the report.

7. COLA 2022 REPORT

Treasurer Nathalie Moore reviewed the report.

8. FIRE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COLA 2022 REPORT

Treasurer Nathalie Moore reviewed the report.

9. 2022 FULL ACCRUAL BUDGET – PSAB

Treasurer Nathalie Moore reviewed the report.

10. 2022-11 EMPLOYMENT BY-LAW

Council reviewed the by-law.

11. 2022-12 SUMS REQUIRED FOR 2022

Council reviewed the by-law.

12. RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-40

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell

THAT Council adopts the 2022 Municipal Budget with a levy of \$2,569,541.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-41

Seconded by Councillor Cleroux

THAT Council adopts the 2022 Capital Budget as presented.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-42

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council approve the 2% Cost of Living Adjustment for Employees in 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT this has been included in the 2022 Operating Budget.

Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-43

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT the Fire Department staff receives a COLA increase of 2% effective January 1, 2022;

AND THAT in accordance with By-Law 2013-23 Paragraph 6, the Community Emergency Management Coordinator and Alternate remuneration be increased by COLA of 2% effective January 1, 2022.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-44

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT the Council adopts the Ontario Regulation 284/09 Report for the 2022 Budget, as printed and circulated.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Cleroux

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-45

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council adopt the following By-laws:

- 2022-11 Employment By-law
- 2022-12 Sums Required for 2022

Carried

13. CONFIRMING BYLAW

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-46

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council enact By-law 2022-13 – Confirming By-Law.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

MAYOR David M. Bennett

CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough