

Protective Services Committee Meeting

January 20th, 2022

5:00 p.m.

There was an electronic Meeting of the Protective Services Committee on Thursday January 20th, 2022, via Zoom. Present was Chair Lane Cleroux, Deputy Mayor Glen Campbell, and Mayor David Bennett. Public Advisory Members present were Spencer Hopping and John Purdon. Staff present was Fire Chief Allan Cole, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Fortier, and CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough – Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cleroux called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

i) November 18th, 2021

Moved by Deputy Mayor Campbell

Seconded by Spencer Hopping

THAT the Protective Services Committee accept the Minutes of November 18th, 2021.

Carried

4. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT AND UPDATE - VERBAL

Fire Chief Allan Cole verbally presented the report. He stated that for the year 2021 HFD responded to 49 separate calls for services ranging from Structure Fires to Water Rescues to Burning Complaints. Fire Chief Cole would like to provide fire extinguisher training to all Horton Township employees in the Spring that would coincide with the regular Health and Safety training.

There was discussion regarding Horton's FUS Grading which is used by insurance companies and brokers to set Fire Insurance Premiums for Industrial, Commercial and Residential individual rates. It does not affect the municipalities insurance ratings. The main point to consider is that keeping or exceeding the existing FUS grade ensures that the ratepayers of the municipality are afforded the opportunity to have the most economically priced insurance coverage they can obtain. Currently, Horton's grade is 3 B which is the highest rating for a municipality that doesn't have a municipal water system. Discussion occurred what is required for minimum apparatus to not downgrade the existing rating.

The Township of Horton is due to have a Community Risk Assessment completed by the end of 2022 and it's a mandated initiative by the Office of the Fire Marshal. It was discussed that for a municipality the size of Horton, the level of effort to complete such an assessment is excessive and the township does not have in-house capability to complete the assessment. Staff have obtained a proposal from the Consulting Firm – Emergency Management Group, who have already completed approximately 150 Community Risk Assessments for various municipalities within the Province. Staff recommends a sole source of this project due to the experience and information the Consultant company already has with the various other municipalities' assessments. Staff also recommends this be funded from the modernization reserves. Staff will insert this initiative in the 2022 Township Budget for Council consideration.

5. STAFF/COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONCERNS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held February 17th, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cleroux declared the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

CHAIR Lane Cleroux

CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough