

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2023

There was a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday September 19th, 2023. Present were Mayor David Bennett, Deputy Mayor Tom Webster, Councillor Glen Campbell, Councillor Doug Humphries, and Councillor Daina Proctor. 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.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Bennett read the Land Acknowledgement in its entirety.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Campbell

2023-169

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council adopt the Agenda for the September 19th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS &/or PUBLIC MEETINGS

5.1 Public Meeting – Zoning By-law Amendment – Juby & Barker

5.2 Delegation – Brian Thompson - Lime Kiln Road Preparation Inquiry

Brian Thompson and George Thompson were present.

Brian Thompson summarized their work proposal for the development of their new lots as it pertains to Lime Kiln Road extension. Public Works Manager Adam Knapp stated the project plan for Lime Kiln Road in the coming years. He added that Goshen Road is a priority for 2024, but, if possible, the extension of Lime Kiln Road will be added to the project list. Mr. Knapp stated that he has included in the budget papers to bring forward to the TES Committee in October.

6. MINUTES

6.1 September 5th, 2023 – Regular Council

Moved by Deputy Mayor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-170

Seconded by Councillor Proctor

THAT Council approve the following Minutes:

- September 5th, 2023 – Regular Council

Carried

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8.1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Public Advisory Member Susan Humphries was present.

Public Advisory Member Spencer Hopping sent his regrets.

8.1.1 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nathalie Moore reviewed the report. She highlighted that there was just over \$130,000 received for taxes owing towards the properties that were up for tax sale, which were cancelled due to receiving the funds before the deadline. She also stated that she will attend all Committee Meetings in October to present each department's preliminary budget.

8.1.2 Staff Report – Adopt Policies Section K

Executive Assistant Nichole Dubeau reviewed the report. Public Advisory Member Susan Humphries questioned what training was available for staff and volunteers. CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough stated that staff training is done through the AODA, and that a third-party consultant could be hired for training for the volunteers.

8.1.3 Staff Report – Adopt Horton's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2024-2028

Executive Assistant Nichole Dubeau reviewed the report. Public Advisory Member Susan Humphries questioned if there have been any requests in the past. CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough stated that there have been no requests, but the Township ensures that everything is available upon request. Mayor Bennett stated that he has received inquiries about making the rink and changerooms accessible, but nothing else.

8.2 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Public Advisory Member Bob Johnston was present.
Public Advisory Members Lisa Branje sent her regrets.

8.1.1 July & August Building Report

Council reviewed the report.

8.2.2 Planning Files Report

Council reviewed the report. Councillor Proctor questioned the length of time from when the application is received by the County to when the Township receives notice. CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough suggested inviting Bruce Howarth, Planning and Development Manager, and Alana Zadow, Junior Planner/Land Division Secretary-Treasurer to an upcoming meeting to gain visibility and discuss the process. Councillor Proctor questioned other options the Township had instead of using the County as their planning authority. She also requested that there should be more transparency with why the applications are taking so long to get to the Township.

8.2.3 Staff Report – Request to Use Unopened Road Allowance – Draper

Eric Draper was present.

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the report.

9. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**9.1 INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE – NONE****9.2 ACTION CORRESPONDENCE****9.2 Resolution in Support – Petition for a Study Along the Ottawa River**

Council members were in agreement to support the resolution.

10. BYLAWS**10.1 2023-38 Zoning By-law Amendment – Juby & Barker**

11. NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL – NONE**12. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS CONCERNS**

Councillor Proctor questioned what the next steps were for the Tomlinson Zoning By-law Amendment. CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough stated that the peer reviews are still being completed, and that the County is still compiling a report of all questions, comments, concerns from Council and the public meeting.

13. RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-171

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Webster

THAT Council receive the following reports as information:

- Treasurer's Report
- June Building Report
- Planning Files Update

Carried

Moved by Councillor Proctor

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-172

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT Council accept Corporate Policies K-01 and K-02 as reviewed and updated;

AND FURTHER THAT it be brought forward by By-Law to be adopted into the Township of Horton's Corporate Policies.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Proctor

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-173

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council accept the Township of Horton Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2024-2028;

AND THAT the By-Law be presented and adopted at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-174

Seconded by Councillor Proctor

THAT Council is in favour of the request submitted by Eric Draper as it pertains to making improvements and allowing access to his two properties located on the Township's Unopened Road Allowance;

AND THAT Council direct staff to draft a by-law and agreement to be entered into with specifications;

AND FURTHER THAT upon any Consent applications that are submitted to the County from these two properties, council is favourable and supportive.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Proctor

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-175

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT the Council of the Township of Horton support the Council of the City of Clarence-Rockland's resolution 2023-72 dated July 12, 2023 regarding a petition for a study for the Ottawa River.

Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-176

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT Council enact the following By-laws:

- 2023-38 Zoning By-law Amendment – Juby & Barker

Carried**14. IN CAMERA (Closed) SESSION**Moved by Councillor Campbell**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-177**Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council went into a Closed Session Meeting at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the following items pursuant to Section 239(2) (e) and (b) of the Municipal Act;

- (e) Litigation or potential litigation – Thomson Road Property
- (b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Deputy Mayor

CarriedMoved by Councillor Humphries**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-178**Seconded by Councillor Proctor

THAT Council came out of Closed (In-Camera) Session 5:53 p.m. and discussed items pursuant to Section 239(2) (e) and (b) of the Municipal Act pertaining to:

- (e) Litigation or potential litigation – Thomson Road Property
- (b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Deputy Mayor

CarriedMoved by Councillor Humphries**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-179**Seconded by Councillor Proctor

THAT Council, upon receipt of the resignation submitted by Tom Webster, remove Mr. Webster from his Deputy Mayoral appointed position and return him to his elected Councillor position.

Deputy Mayor Webster declared pecuniary interest and left the room.

Carried**15. CONFIRMING BYLAW**Moved by Councillor Campbell**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-180**Seconded by Councillor Proctor

THAT Council enact By-law 2023-39– Confirming By-Law.

Carried**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

 MAYOR David M. Bennett

 CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough