

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 19TH, 2023

There was a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday December 19th, 2023. Present were Mayor David Bennett, Deputy Mayor Daina Proctor, Councillor Glen Campbell, and Councillor Doug Humphries. Staff present was Nathalie Moore, Treasurer and Nichole Dubeau, Executive Assistant – Recording Secretary.

Councillor Tom Webster sent his regrets.

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

2023-240

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Proctor

THAT Council adopt the amended Agenda for the December 19th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting to amend item 5 to include Appoint Acting Clerk.

Carried

5. APPOINT ACTING CLERK NICHOLE DUBEAU

Moved by Councillor Humphries

2023-241

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT Council appoint Nichole Dubeau as Acting Clerk for the December 19th, 2023 Council meeting.

Carried

6. DELEGATIONS &/or PUBLIC MEETINGS

6.1 Public Meeting – Zoning By-law Amendment – Hisko

6.2 Delegation – Ted Poirier

Ted & Heather Poirier were present.

Mayor Bennett requested that Mr. Poirier not be negative or talk ill of Council, Staff, or By-law. Mr. Poirier reviewed a letter he wrote for Council. He highlighted on the complaint history with himself and his neighbour. He stated that the by-law services are one-sided and that he does not receive returned e-mails or phone calls from the Township or By-law enforcement. Mayor Bennett thanked Mr. Poirer for his time and stated that Council will be giving him a response after further discussion with By-law Enforcement.

7. IN CAMERA (Closed) SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Proctor

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-242

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council went into a Closed Session Meeting at 4:28 p.m. to discuss the following items pursuant to Section 239(2) (b) of the Municipal Act;

- (b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – By-law

Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Proctor
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-243

THAT Council came out of Closed (In-Camera) Session at 5:17 p.m. and discussed items pursuant to Section 239(2) (b) of the Municipal Act pertaining to:

- (b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – By-law

Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Proctor
Seconded by Councillor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-244

THAT Council direct MLES Services to review and bring back a report to Council providing data pertaining to past, open and resolved, complaints and associated timelines for the properties discussed on Burnstown Road;

AND THAT this be brought back to Council for consideration by the end of March 2024.

Carried**RECESS WAS CALLED FROM 5:20 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.****MAYOR BENNETT LEFT THE MEETING AND DEPUTY MAYOR PROCTOR CHAIRED THE REMAINDER OF THE COUNCIL MEETING.****8. MINUTES**

8.1 December 5th, 2023 – Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Humphries
Seconded by Councillor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-245

THAT Council approve the following Minutes:

- December 5th, 2023 – Regular Council

Carried**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**10.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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

10.1.1 November Building Report

Council reviewed the report.

10.1.2 Planning Files Report

Council reviewed the report.

10.1.3 Staff Report – Backyard Chicken Draft By-law

Council reviewed the report.

10.2 GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Public Advisory Member Spencer Hopping was present.
Public Advisory Members Susan Humphries sent her regrets.

10.2.1 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nathalie Moore reviewed the report.

10.3 RECREATION COMMITTEE**10.3.1 Chair's Report – December 15th, 2023**

Councillor Humphries reviewed the report. Deputy Mayor Proctor requested a break down of expenses and revenues from the Christmas Craft Show.

11. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**11.1 INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE****11.1.1 CAO/Clerk's Information Memo**

Discussion went around the table with information previously distributed.

11.2 ACTION CORRESPONDENCE – NONE**12. BYLAWS**

- 12.1 2023-56 2024 User Fees & Charges
- 12.2 2023-57 Backyard Chickens By-law
- 12.3 2023-58 Zoning By-law Amendment – Hisko

13. NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL

Due to Mayor Bennett's absence, the motion was postponed until the next meeting.

14. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS CONCERNS

Deputy Mayor Proctor requested an update on the Tomlinson pit in the new year.

15. RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-246

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council receive the following reports as information:

- November Building Report
- Planning Files Update
- Treasurer's Report
- Recreation Chair's Report – December 15th, 2023

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-247

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT Council accept the DRAFT By-law for Backyard Chickens as amended;

AND FURTHER THAT it be brought forward by By-Law to be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-248

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT upon recommendation from the Recreation Committee, Council approve the supply and install of an electric stove and vent to be put in the recommended space as per Public Works Manager Adam Knapp;

AND THAT the be reflected in the 2024 Recreation Operating Budget.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries
Seconded by Councillor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-249

THAT upon recommendation from the Recreation Committee, Council accept the Schedule F changes in the Township's proposed 2024 User Fees & Charges.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries
Seconded by Councillor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-250

THAT upon recommendation from the Recreation Committee, Council allow Carissa McFarlane, Phil Saar, Heather Weiss and Darwin Peever to be added to the volunteer roster upon confirmation of a clean vulnerable sector check.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-251

THAT Council accept the CAO/Clerk's Information Memo for December 19th, 2023.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries
Seconded by Councillor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-252

THAT Council enact the following By-laws:

- 2023-56 2024 User Fees & Charges By-law
- 2023-58 Zoning By-law Amendment – Hisko

Carried**16. CONFIRMING BYLAW**

Moved by Councillor Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-253

THAT Council enact By-law 2023-59– Confirming By-Law.

Carried**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Deputy Mayor Proctor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

 MAYOR David M. Bennett

 CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough