

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Protective Services Committee Meeting

May 18, 2023

5:00 p.m.

There was a Meeting of the Protective Services Committee held on Thursday May 18th, 2023, in the Horton Council Chambers. Present was Chair Daina Proctor, Mayor David Bennett, Councillor Glen Campbell and Public Advisory Member Spencer Hopping. Staff present was Fire Chief Allan Cole, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Fortier, and CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough – Recording Secretary.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Proctor 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) March 16th, 2023

Moved by Councillor Campbell

Seconded by Spencer Hopping

THAT the Protective Services Committee accept the Minutes of March 16th, 2023.

Carried

4. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT AND UPDATE

Fire Chief Allan Cole presented the report.

He detailed the callouts for since March 13th – 15 calls. He attended a Chief's meeting in April to discuss the Radio Dispatch system upgrade. Horton firefighters attended a Mobile Live Fire Training Unit (MLFTU) provided by the OFM. Training signed off on 11 firefighters. Confidence booster for all who attended training. The Community Risk Assessment (CRA) was accepted by Council at the May 16th Council Meeting.

New Business items – RFQ for replacement vehicle and Dispatching hardware replacement in the CCAC Centre in Renfrew.

Public Advisory Member Spencer Hopping discussed his review on the proposal from Bearcom. This proposal is simply replacing what's existing now in the CCAC Centre. Improvement for dispatchers, quicker dispatch etc. Thinks it's a good proposal at this time. Equipment is scalable to whatever the County decides to do in the future and felt it was a good investment. He noted that the County needs to focus on maintenance of this new system. Fire Chief Cole agreed as the replacement of hardware and software inside the building, including back up is desperately needed.

Chair Proctor questioned if four consoles were enough, worried not enough space with all 17 municipalities. Public Advisory Member Hopping confirmed there is more than enough space with the consoles for all municipalities. Fire Chief recommends with the agreement in principle and let the County of Renfrew know, in addition to our preferred payment option.

Chair Proctor questioned of the 43% of private roads in the municipality, do we have stats on population on private roads, residential and seasonal etc. Level of risk awareness. Staff discussed communication to the public – newsletter info with graphics. Tax newsletter. Staff to discuss info on how to further communicate – website and facebook. Winter maintenance also needs to be addressed. (Private Roads).

Chair Proctor discussed Strategic Planning Sessions – considered fire protection communications to the public during their town halls for awareness re: private roads, fire levels of service etc..

RFQ for truck – Committee discussed the specs within the RFQ

Moved by Councillor Campbell

Seconded by Spencer Hopping

THAT the Protective Services Committee recommend to Council that RFQ 2023-01 be issued and advertised for the purpose of replacing Truck 9837.

Carried

5. STAFF/COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONCERNS

Deputy Fire Chief Fortier commented that the Fire Department has made very good progress in training in the first half of the year.

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held July 6th, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Proctor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

CHAIR Daina Proctor

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough