

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Protective Services Committee Meeting

July 6th, 2023

5:00 p.m.

There was a Meeting of the Protective Services Committee held on Thursday July 6th, 2023, in the Horton Council Chambers. Present was Chair Daina Proctor, 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.

Mayor Bennett sent his regrets.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Proctor called the meeting to order at 5:00 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) May 18th, 2023

Moved by Spencer Hopping

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT the Protective Services Committee accept the Minutes of May 18th, 2023.

Carried

4. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT AND UPDATE

Fire Chief Allan Cole presented the report.

He reviewed the call outs/responses between May 17th and July 4th which totalled to 11. There was a lot of discussion as it pertained to the private roads assessment and the Limited Service Residential (LSR) zoning. The importance of public education was discussed to ensure that private road residents understand they may have limited services from the municipality due to not being on a municipally owned and maintained road. It was discussed that staff will look more in depth to the definition of LSR upon the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law review slated for 2024.

Fire Chief Cole and Deputy Fire Chief Fortier discussed the current burn ban and the Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ) placed on much of Ontario by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. It was determined that more consistent messaging from the province is key in educating residents about the burn ban issued. There have been 3 burning complaints that the Fire Department followed up on regarding the ban, and 2 of those included charges laid.

Fire Chief Cole also reviewed that the Horton Fire Department sent 4 firefighters and one apparatus under the request of Mutual Aid by Greater Madawaska's Fire Department for one full day to assist in the Centennial Lake Bush Fire.

The Request for Proposal for the provision of the replacement for Truck 9837 has been issued and scheduled to close August 1st. There was discussion that staff may look at potentially extending the deadline.

Fire Chief Cole briefly reviewed the 'Essentials of Fire Protection' online course for staff and Committee members. Generally, it's been offered in person however they have shifted to online learning only at this time. Chief Cole is to provide CAO/Clerk Dillabough the link for the course so she can send it to council and staff.

5. STAFF/COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONCERNS

There were no Staff/Committee concerns.

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held September 21st, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Proctor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

CHAIR Daina Proctor

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough