

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 2ND, 2024**

There was a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday April 2nd, 2024. Present were Mayor David Bennett, Deputy Mayor Daina Proctor, Councillor Glen Campbell, and Councillor Doug Humphries. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk, 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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-37

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council adopt the Agenda for the April 2nd, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS &/or PUBLIC MEETINGS – NONE

6. MINUTES

6.1 March 19th, 2024 – Regular Council

6.2 March 19th, 2024 – Public Meeting – OPA

6.3 March 19th, 2024 – Public Budget Meeting

Moved by Deputy Mayor Proctor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-38

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council approve the following Minutes:

- March 19th, 2024 – Regular Council
- March 19th, 2024 – Public Meeting – OPA
- March 19th, 2024 – Public Budget Meeting

Carried

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Public Advisory member Bob Johnston was present.

8.1.1 Building Report

Council members reviewed the report.

8.1.2 Planning Files Update

Council members reviewed the report.

8.1.3 Staff Report – Tomlinson Update

CAO/Clerk Hope Dillabough reviewed the report. There was Council discussion on the next steps to take. Ms. Dillabough is to bring forward to the May 7th meeting for Council decision.

9. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**9.1 INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE – NONE****9.2 ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

9.2.1 Resolution in Support – Social and Economic Prosperity Review
Council members were in agreeance to support the resolution.

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

Deputy Mayor Proctor requested that the price of pickleball be reduced to reflect the prices of the surrounding municipalities. Councillor Humphries stated that it will be added to the next Recreation Committee Agenda.

13. RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Proctor
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-39

THAT Council receive the following reports as information:

- Building Report
- Planning Files Update
- Staff Report – Tomlinson Update

Carried

Moved by Councillor Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-40

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

AND WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

AND WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

AND WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

AND WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

AND WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income redistribution programs for those most in need;

AND WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Horton requests the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of

Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion is sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the MPP, John Yakabuski; and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

14. IN CAMERA (Closed) SESSION

Moved by Councillor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-41

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Proctor

THAT Council went into a Closed Session Meeting at 4:41 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 Enforcement

Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Proctor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-42

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council came out of Closed (In-Camera) Session at 5:59 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 Enforcement

Carried

15. CONFIRMING BYLAW

Moved by Councillor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-43

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Proctor

THAT Council enact By-law 2024-15– Confirming By-Law.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

DEPUTY MAYOR Daina Proctor

CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough