

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

There was a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Deputy Mayor Daina Proctor, Councillor Glen Campbell, and Councillor Doug Humphries, and Councillor Tom Webster were present. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk, Nathalie Moore, Treasurer, Adam Knapp, Public Works Manager, and Nichole Dubeau, Executive Assistant – Recording Secretary.

Mayor David Bennett sent his regrets.

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Proctor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### 2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Deputy Mayor Proctor 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 Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-155**

Seconded by Councillor Webster

**THAT** Council adopt the Agenda for the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

**Carried**

### 5. **DELEGATIONS &/or PUBLIC MEETINGS**

#### 5.1 Delegation – Kevin Mooder, Jp2g Consultants

Kevin Mooder from Jp2g Consultants was present.

Mr. Mooder presented the Expansion Feasibility Study for the Horton Landfill Site. He highlighted that the current life expectancy of the landfill is 3.5 – 5 years with a 10,300 m<sup>3</sup> capacity. The proposed expansion would add 10 – 15 years to the lifecycle and a capacity of 32,890 m<sup>3</sup>. He added that there are some extra measurements the Township can implement to ensure the maximum life expectancy, such as a re-use materials program, a foodcycler program, and compost program. There was Council discussion regarding the next steps and timeline of when the study is submitted.

### 6. **MINUTES**

#### 6.1 October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Campbell

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-156**

Seconded by Councillor Webster

**THAT** Council approve the following Minutes:

- October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Regular Council

**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 October Building Report  
Council members reviewed the report.

8.1.2 Planning Files Report  
Council members reviewed the report.

## **8.2 COMMUNITY COMMITTEES/COUNTY COUNCIL**

8.2.1 Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support  
Councillor Humphries gave a brief update.

8.2.2 Chamber of Commerce  
Councillor Humphries gave a brief update.

### 8.2.3 Renfrew & Area OPP Detachment Board

#### 8.2.3.1 2025 Budget – Staff Report

Councillor Campbell reviewed the report and gave a brief update. There was Council discussion regarding the impacts on smaller municipalities for the billing disbursements.

#### 8.2.4 County Council

Information was previously distributed to Council members. Deputy Mayor Proctor discussed a few items at her time on County Council. She added that she would like to invite Family and Children's Services to come and present to Council as a delegation.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY**

### **9.1 INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1.1 CAO/Clerk's Information Memo  
Council members reviewed the information previously distributed.

### **9.2 ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

#### 9.2.1 OPP Notice of Motion for Funding Support

CAO/Clerk presented some statistics and information about the OPP billing increase such as: the price for services is going up given an increase in workload and salary increase, the OPP ratified a deal that made its officers the highest paid in the entire province, and that Horton was not the only municipality caught blindsided by the increase and there was no prior notification that this was going to occur. She also stated that under the Community Safety and Well Being Act, salaries are paid by the municipalities policed by the OPP. Council members were in agreement for a resolution of support. Councillor Webster requested that the CAO/Clerk confirm what the average increase across the province is.

## **10. BYLAWS – NONE**

## **11. NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL – NONE**

## **12. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS CONCERNS – NONE**

## **13. RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Councillor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-157**

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**THAT** Council receive the following reports as information:

- October Building Report
- Planning Files Report

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Webster

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-158**

**THAT** Council receive the Community Committees and County Council updates as information.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Humphries  
Seconded by Councillor Campbell

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-159**

**THAT** Council receive the CAO/Clerk's Information Memo for November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Carried**

Moved by Councillor Webster  
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-160**

**WHEREAS** it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:

**AND WHEREAS** small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

**AND WHEREAS** small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

**AND WHEREAS** in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract D.P.P. (5.1) locations;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

**AND WHEREAS** the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

**AND WHEREAS** this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

**AND WHEREAS** this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Township of Horton call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities:

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP John Yakabuski, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

**Carried**

**14. IN CAMERA (Closed) SESSION – NONE**

**15. CONFIRMING BYLAW**

Moved by Councillor Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-161**

**THAT** Council enact By-law 2024-37– Confirming By-Law.

**Carried**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Deputy Mayor Proctor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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DEPUTY MAYOR Daina Proctor

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CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough