

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 19TH, 2024

There was a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday March 19th, 2024. Present were Mayor David Bennett, Deputy Mayor Daina Proctor, Councillor Glen Campbell, Councillor Doug Humphries, and Councillor Tom Webster. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk, Nathalie Moore, Treasurer, Adam Knapp, Public Works Manager, and Nichole Dubeau, Executive Assistant – Recording Secretary.

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 Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-24

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council adopt the amended Agenda for the March 19th, 2024 Regular Council to include item 10.3 By-law 2024-14 Appoint Member to OPP Renfrew Detachment Board.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS &/or PUBLIC MEETINGS

5.1 Public Meeting – Official Plan Amendment – Draper

5.2 Public Meeting – Public Budget Meeting

6. MINUTES

6.1 March 5th, 2024 – Regular Council

Moved by Deputy Mayor Proctor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-27

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council approve the following Minutes:

- March 5th, 2024 – Regular Council

Carried

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8.1 RECREATION COMMITTEE

8.1.1 Chair's Report – March 14th, 2024

Councillor Humphries reviewed the report. There was Council discussion regarding Canada Day and how to proceed. Mayor Bennett stated that Recreation relies on its volunteers, and it is important to have the younger generations want to volunteer as well. Councillor Humphries requested that Council Members forward their ideas for Canada Day to Finance Assistant Amanda Ryan. Mayor Bennett stated that Councillor Humphries was only supposed to be Chair of Recreation until someone else stepped up to take over, which has not yet happened. He added that a special meeting in April will be scheduled in order to discuss further.

9. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY

9.1 INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

9.1.1 CAO/Clerk Information Memo

Council members reviewed the information that was previously distributed.

9.2 ACTION CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

10. BYLAWS

- 10.1 2024-11 Sums Required for 2024
- 10.2 2024-12 Employment By-law
- 10.3 2024-13 Appoint Member to OPP Renfrew Detachment Board

Deputy Mayor Proctor stated that she believed the budget could be dropped by 2%, which included lowering the contributions to reserves. Mayor Bennett stated that he has always been the advocate for low levy increases and over the last several years the Township has been able to maintain that, but due to the cost of goods, materials, and operations and wanting to maintain the levels of service for the ratepayers, it is not feasible this year. Councillor Webster requested that for next year’s budget presentation, there be different variations and ranges of assessments to show exactly how it will affect the ratepayers and what the potential increases would be.

11. NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL – NONE

12. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS CONCERNS – NONE

13. RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-28

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT Council adopts the 2024 Budget with a levy of \$2,876,359 which represents a 5.4% levy increase;

AND THAT Council adopts the 2024 Capital Budget, as printed, and circulated;

AND FURTHER THAT Council adopts the Ontario Regulation 284/09 PSAB Report for the 2024 Budget, as presented.

Deputy Mayor Proctor requested a recorded vote.

Yea	Voting	Nay
X	D. Bennett	
	D. Proctor	X
X	G. Campbell	
X	D. Humphries	
X	T. Webster	

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-29

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Proctor

THAT Council receive the Recreation Chair’s Report for March 14th as information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-30

Seconded by Councillor Campbell

THAT upon recommendation from the Recreation Committee, Council and the CAO/Clerk direct the Recreation Committee and Staff on how to proceed with Canada Day and future events in having someone spearhead or coordinate the event.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries
Seconded by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-31

THAT upon recommendation from the Recreation Committee, Council direct the Public Works Manager to receive an estimate on a portable ventilation system to take care of the ventilation issue.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries
Seconded by Councillor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-32

THAT upon recommendation from the Recreation Committee, Council direct the Public Works Manager to receive an estimate to have the trap seal primers in the building supplied and installed;

AND THAT the Public Works Manager also have the caretaker of the community center fill the traps regularly with water and to run the taps for a short period of time as well as flush the toilets each time he is at the hall for janitorial duties.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries
Seconded by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33

THAT upon recommendation from the Recreation Committee, Council direct the Public Works Manager to receive an estimate on fencing the Eady property adjacent to the community centre;

AND THAT the material be funded through the Roads Operating Budget and that the labour and installation be funded through Recreation Operating Budget.

Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Proctor
Seconded by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-34

THAT Council receive the CAO/Clerk's Information Memo for March 19th, 2024 as information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Webster
Seconded by Councillor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-35

THAT Council enact the following by-law:

- 2024-11 Sums Required for 2024
- 2024-12 Employment By-law
- 2024-13 Appoint Member to OPP Renfrew Board Detachment

Carried**14. IN CAMERA (Closed) SESSION – NONE****15. CONFIRMING BYLAW**

Moved by Councillor Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-36

THAT Council enact By-law 2024-14– Confirming By-Law.

Carried**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.