

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 12, 2006

There was a Special Council Meeting held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday July 12, 2006. All members of council were present.

1. Call to Order

Reeve Johnston called the Meeting to Order at 4:15 p.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by members of council.

3. Lime Stabilization of Septage Proposal

Report by Councillor Bennett on July 6th Meeting at the County of Renfrew

Councillor Bennett reported to Council that he presented Council's proposal to host the lime stabilization of septage pilot project at the July 6th, 2006 Special Projects Committee Meeting of the County of Renfrew.

At this meeting, he was told that no hauler in Renfrew County would haul the lime treated septage. He told the Committee that he had a contact with a hauler outside the County. He said that this caused considerable discussion among the haulers and the Committee Members present at this meeting.

He informed Council that if they wanted to proceed with hosting the pilot project, another submission is required to the County's Special Projects Committee by August 3, 2006. Prior to drafting this submission, Council will have to meet with XCG Consultants who will monitor the pilot project, Mr. Tony Ho, Ministry of the Environment and one or two representatives of the County Committee. Councillor Bennett stated that Council will have to contribute approximately 50% of the cost of the pilot project. All our costs would eventually be required when the treatment of septage is demanded by the Province. We will be ahead of the game at that time. Our costs would include purchasing and installing a 200,000 gallon tank and purchasing and retrofitting a liquid manure spreader to spread the lime treated septage on the field. The County has provincial funding which should cover the costs of the consultant, the necessary Certificate of Approval for the storage tank and Nutrient Management Act approval for the field application.

Council Members discussed the costs and Councillor Eady asked for a breakdown. Councillor Bennett suggested that the costs for startup in 2006/7 would be approximately \$50,000 with 50% coming back from County. In future years it would cost approximately \$10,000 for the consultant to monitor the field application and a payment to the farmer to spread it on his farm land. The County funding should be responsible for these costs. Councillor Bennett restated that when the pilot project is completed we will have our infrastructure in place to continue with lime stabilization for our ratepayers.

Councillor Bennett suggested that if we set up the storage tank so that we can add the lime, the haulers would not have to modify their trucks to add lime to the septage and they then should participate in the study. Rather than hauling the raw septage to their field they will haul it to our storage tank and add the lime there. This modification to the storage tank could cost \$4,000 and is included in the \$50,000 referenced above.

Council discussed a location for the storage tank. Two areas were suggested, one on the acre next the Public Works Garage and one at the dead-end of McQuitty Road, which will be close to the property where the treated septage will be spread.

Councillor Bennett reported that members of the Bonnechere Water Shed group also offered to host a small lime stabilization pilot project.

Reeve Johnston agreed to contact the farmer to discuss the application of septage as well as being host farm.

Councillor Bennett suggested that Council arrange another meeting with Tony Ho of MOE, the consultants and County representatives before the August 3rd County Meeting. Council authorized the CAO/Clerk to contact these people to see what dates are available for a meeting during the week of July 24.

Councillor Eady asked if there will be a future cost to Horton ratepayers if lime stabilization proves up. Councillor Bennett said yes. He estimates the annual cost to treat the septage and spread it would be about \$7,000 per year compared to our estimated share of \$40,000 per year to be part of the Reed Bed group proposed for McNab-Braeside Township.

Moved by Don Eady, Seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 06-262

Further to resolution no. 06-258 of July 4, 2006, Council agrees that in order to carry out our proposal to host the lime stabilization treatment of septage pilot project for Renfrew County, \$25,000 net dollars for start up costs, plus annual operating costs to be determined in the appropriate budget year are required and hereby approved.

Carried.

4. Tile Drainage Loan Application – Nesbitt

The CAO/Clerk presented Council with two applications for tile drainage on farms owned by W. G. Nesbitt Holdings.

Moved by Dave Bennett, Seconded by Bob Kingsbury

Resolution No. 06-263

That Council approves the application for Tile Drainage Loans for the following farms:

Pt Lot 5 Concession 5	W. G. Nesbitt Holdings
Pt Lot 1 Concession 6	W. G. Nesbitt Holdings

Approval is for the maximum loan for anyone farmer in a year of \$50,000.

Carried.

5. Appoint Tile Drainage Inspector

The CAO/Clerk informed Council that Leonard Chamberlain, our tile drainage inspector has resigned. Council is required to appoint another inspector. He stated that he contacted Admaston/Bromley Township for the name of their inspector and a message was left with Mr. Richard Leech but no response has been received. The CAO/Clerk requested authority to search for a tile drainage inspector.

Moved by Bob Hall, Seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 06-264

That Council authorize the CAO/Clerk to search for a Tile Drainage Inspector.

Carried.

6. Other Business

TRACTOR RENTAL

Councillor Bennett reported to Council that he has a verbal quote from Rath Farm Equipment in the amount of \$35.00 per hour minimum of 120 hours (\$4,200), with 50%

payment when tractor is dropped off. He also stated that Rod Eady, Public Works Superintendent received a verbal quote from John Burnett Farm Equipment of \$2,000 per week (\$50.00 per hour - \$6,000 for three weeks). He informed Council that the purchase of a tractor instead of renting one has not been successful and the road side grass needs to be cut immediately.

Moved by Dave Bennett, Seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 06-265

That Council accept the verbal quote of Rath Farm Equipment for rental of a 95 horsepower tractor at \$35.00 per hour, minimum of 120 hours, including one half payment up front.

Carried.

7. Confirming Resolution

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, Seconded by Dave Bennett

Resolution No. 06-266

That Council pass this confirming resolution to validate any actions or directions given during the open portion of this Council Meeting which are minor in nature and which were not set out in By-law or Resolution.

Carried.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Bob Hall, Seconded by Don Eady

Resolution No. 06-267

That Council adjourn this Special Council Meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Carried.

REEVE

CAO/Clerk