

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

JUNE 27, 2005

There was a Meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chamber on Monday June 27, 2005. Present were Chair Dave Bennett and Members Robert A. Johnston, Reeve and Councillor Don Eady. Also present were Rod Eady, Public Works Supt., and Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk.

1. Call to Order

Chair Bennett called the Meeting to Order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by members of the Committee.

3. Delegations:

8:30 Ed Vickers, Stantec Engineering Reduced design for Garden of Eden/Pinnacle Road reconstruction under COMRIF grant application Intake 2

Mr. Vickers was present. Chair Bennett stated that there is a need to reduce the overall project so that our share comes below our borrowing limit of approximately \$300,000. He suggested that as the first portion from Bruce Street was reconstructed when the highway was realigned it would not need to be reconstructed, saving approximately ½ kilometer of construction. He added that if need be, the portion on Pinnacle Road could be removed, but only if we still need to reduce the overall cost.

Mr. Vickers informed the Committee that the full project was for 5.55 kilometers of road reconstruction. 30% was for full reconstruction and 70% would have the asphalt pulverized, granular A added and paved. Estimated price was \$245,000 per kilometer. Prime and double surface treatment would reduce the hard surface prices by 50%. Chair Bennett said the Committee wants prime and double surface treatment.

Councillor Eady asked about including the emergency culvert replacement job on Thomson Road to this application. Chair Bennett informed Mr. Vickers of the culvert collapse on Thomson Road and our estimate is over \$75,000 to replace it. Mr. Vickers said this round of applications is for work next year and is not retroactive. He added that with the extensive environmental study work required by the Federal Government on this grant program, it would increase the cost of the culvert job substantially and you would want to do it yourself anyway.

Mr. Vickers informed the Committee that he had enough information to carry out a review and will respond to the Committee through the CAO/Clerk.

9:30 Ed Fortier Concerns with condition of Pinnacle Road

Mr. Fortier was present before the Committee and presented a petition which read: *"We the undersigned residents and others who use Pinnacle Rd. would like to draw your attention to the conditions of Pinnacle Rd. This road deteriorates quickly because of the high level of traffic and in particular the high volume of truck traffic. Last year whatever was put on the road, unlike other years, mixed with the gravel and formed a kind of cement that stuck to the undercarriage and wheel rims and damaged the balance to tires. We note that this year you are using Timbind, which we hope that is not the same material that was tried several years ago, as it had its own problems and was not used again. It broke down very rapidly and was determined not worth the money.*

We recommend that the road should be paved properly and as soon as possible. This road deserves to be made a priority! The pavement should be of a quality to withstand heavy truck traffic.” The petition was signed by 57 people.

Mr. Fortier asked what the Township’s work plan was for further improvements to the road and when there would be a hard surface. He added that last week with the rain, the road was bad due to the water not getting off the road because of the berms dug in by the grader along the shoulder of the road. Other roads have had these removed, but not Pinnacle Road.

Chair Bennett informed Mr. Fortier that Council knows that the road must be hard surfaced in the future. Mr. Fortier said that 10 years ago, Council’s plan was to reconstruct Pinnacle road. What changed? He asked about the COMRIF grant. Chair Bennett informed that we met with the Township Engineer earlier this morning and discussed Intake 2 of the COMRIF grant. Our first application was for reconstruction of Garden of Eden Road and it was not approved. The second application will be for the same road. He stated that the Public Works Superintendent has expressed the need to pave Pinnacle Road in the past. Council knows where this road sits on the priority list.

Mr. Fortier said he would like something in black and white so he can go back to the people who signed the petition. Chair Bennett said he had an issue putting a date down when there are other expenses we can’t control like OPP costs, which we can’t forecast at this time. Mr. Fortier said he wants to see action though, fix the shoulders so water can get off the road. He asked the Committee Members to tour the road after the next good rain to see the effect to the Tembind that was placed last week.

Mr. Fortier said that if he didn’t get a promise or work done soon, the ratepayers who signed the petition would ask for a public meeting on the subject with the press present. Committee Members sated that they would have not issue in holding a public meeting.

Councillor Eady advised Mr. Fortier that Council now has paving program funding. For the second year \$50,000 has been included the budget for hard surface. No other Council had set this up. The Township is now using Tembind which is a better product for the environment that calcium. Rod Eady, Public Works Superintendent added that it was unfortunate we have had all the rain, but the township has spent extra time grading the road after each rain. The Committee Members thanked Mr. Fortier for attending.

4. Minutes of June 02, 2005 Meeting

Chair Bennett reviewed the June 02, 2005 Committee Meeting Minutes.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

- Roads to be included in County 10 year plan study

Rod Eady informed Council that he has driven the County Roads in Horton Township. He offered the following comments on the condition of the roads:

Lochwinnoch Road	resurface and guardrails between Hwy 17 and Miller Road
Castleford Road	OK
River Road	OK
Burnstown Road	OK, but narrow pavement width in areas
Storyland Road	OK now that it has been recently rebuilt
Gillan Road	OK at this time, however, Councillor Eady suggested we request it be included in the County’s 10 year capital plan as it would need resurfacing by then.

The CAO/Clerk was authorized to write the County with the above comments. Reeve Johnston suggested that we add a comment to the letter about Limekiln Road meeting the County criteria as a connecting route between Highway 17 and County Road 52 (Burnstown Road). The Committee agreed.

- Hat and Vest (safety shirts) order

Rod Eady reported that he has received the following prices for hats with "Public Work Department" and Horton's logo on them:

Mark Work Warehouse	\$8.99 each
Mickey's	19.96 each
Fraser's	higher still

The Committee agreed that Rod had authority to order 24 hats from Mark Work Warehouse.

Councillor Eady asked if the Township was purchasing "Township of Horton" hats to sell to the public. After discussion the Committee authorized Rod Eady to order an additional 24 hats with "Township of Horton" and the logo on them. Selling price is to be \$10.00.

Rod Eady reported that he had the following prices on safety shirts with the Public Works Department and Horton logo on them. They don't use vests. The only price received was from Mark Work Warehouse at \$30.00 per shirt maximum. There could be a quantity discount available that the local store is researching. Committee agreed that Rod had authority to purchase 15 shirts (3 for each employee in the Public Works Department including Bill Yantha).

- Tandem Truck Tender

Rod Eady informed the Committee that he has received copies of tender documents several municipalities have recently used to tender for a new truck. He and Chair Bennett will have to review these to make recommendations on a tender document for Horton. Chair Bennett said they will meet before the July 5th Council Meeting and present their recommendations at that Council Meeting.

- Mullins Road Construction costs

Rod Eady informed the Committee that he has set out all the work that is required, but he does not have information on all the costs yet. He will have them all by tomorrow and have them available for the Council Meeting. He will also get prices from Miller, H & H and Greenwood for surface treatment. Councillor Eady also asked Rod to get a price for placing the second lift on the road in 5 years.

- Winter Sand Tender

Rod Eady informed the Committee that the proposed calling a tender for 2,500 tonnes of sand. Last year we tendered for 2,000 tonnes and for the first time in recent memory had to bring in 500 more tonnes during the winter. The Committee told Rod that he had the authority under the Purchasing By-law to proceed.

- Report on Golf Club request for Brushing & Yield Sign

Rod Eady reported that he and the Golf Club representative met with Chris Kunopaski, Public Works Supt. from Admaston/Bromley Township which maintains the public road to the golf club. Brushing was agreed upon to be completed by Admaston and the Golf Club will try to locate the Yield Sign they purchased from Admaston in 1998 and never put up.

- Review of Comments from Road Tour

The Committee reviewed and the COA/Clerk recorded all the comments that were noted during the tour approximately 6 weeks ago. This information will be used to create a revised priority list for capital improvements.

Councillor Eady asked Rod Eady to get a price on prime and double surface for Cobus Hill when he was getting prices for Mullins Road. Chair Bennett questioned if double surface treatment would be sufficient for the hill. We may have to go to asphalt.

6. New Business

- Emergency Culvert Replacement on Thomson Road.

Chair Bennett reported to the Committee that the culvert we have been watching for the past several years has now failed. It is now an emergency situation that will have to be replaced this budget year. A price of \$64,350 has been received for the excavation work, repacking the aggregates and paving from Fulton. We are waiting for a quote from Crozier. The Township will supply the culvert and Rod Eady reported that he has received at price of approximately \$10,000 for the culvert.

Chair Bennett suggested that we do the work ourselves. We would rent two excavators. Pierre could operate one and we would hire one other local operator. Rod agreed that we could do this ourselves but other scheduled work may not be completed.

Chair Bennett said the Committee will have to look at the Road budget anyway to find the money to carry out the emergency culvert replacement. We would need to rent several extra dump trucks. He asked Rod to calculate the hard costs i.e. pavement, culvert, guardrail replacement, equipment rental etc. The Committee agreed to explore this option at the next Council Meeting or next Road Committee Meeting.

- Ministry of Labour inspection

The COA/Clerk informed the Committee that the Township received an inspection from the Ministry of Labour of our Public Works Garage, Fire Hall and Municipal Office on June 13, 2005. Orders to remedy situations were received for all three buildings, and work has been progressing according to the Ministry's comply dates.

- WHMIS Training Offer - \$20 per person

Fire Chief Randy Corbin has secured a price from a WHMIS trainer that his company in Renfrew uses. The trainer will provide the training required for the Fire Department, Public Works Garage and Municipal Office at a cost of \$20 per person. The Committee recommended that this offer be accepted and that an evening training session be arranged.

- Next Meeting Date

The Committee agreed that the next Public Works Committee Meeting will be held Monday July 25, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.

7. Confirming Resolution

Moved by Don Eady
Seconded by Robert A. Johnston

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

Carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Robert A. Johnston
Seconded by Don Eady

That the Public Works Committee adjourn at 11:17 P.M.

Carried.

CHAIR

CAO/Clerk