

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 3, 2005

There was a meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday, March 3, 2005. Present were Chair David Bennett, Councillor Don Eady, CAO Mackie McLaren, Treasurer Deputy Clerk Linda Novossiltzeff, Public Works Superintendent Rod Eady and the Public Works Department Staff, Jim Bovair, Pierre Renaud, Peter Storie and Peter Tippins.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2005 MEETING

The Committee accepted the Minutes of February 10, 2005.

3. DELEGATION

8:30 Castleford United Church – Kent & Lynn Storie

Chair David Bennett explained the Township's position on snowplowing private roads and laneways. The Township is no longer doing this. The result of this being they will no longer snowplow the Church's parking lot. Mr Storie expressed his concern and the monetary effect this will have on the Church's already strained budget. He also commented on the loss of community spirit. Chair Bennett emphasized that the Township did not want to cause undue hardship to the church. The Township's position on snowplowing is a liability and financial one.

Councillor Eady agreed with Mr Storie but in all fairness we do not snowplow the parking lots of the other Churches in Horton Township.

Chair Bennett inquired as to how much of a financial burden this would be. The Council does have concerns regarding this.

Mr Storie will bring Council's decision to his Board of Directors and when they determine the actual cost to the Church they will contact the Committee. Mr & Mrs Storie thanked the committee for speaking to them on this matter.

The Committee thanked Mr & Mrs Storie for attending.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

By-law 2005-12 – Road Entrance Application

Chair Bennett informed the Committee that By-law 2005-12 was passed at the Regular Council Meeting of March 1, 2005.

Grader Rental Rates for Private Roads Tender

Chair Bennett opened the tenders for the grader rental rates for the private sector.

B. R. Fulton Construction: \$90.95/hour, includes GST
This price is from when the grader leaves Fulton's yard.

Pierre Renaud: \$70.00/hour, includes GST - one hour minimum
This price is from when the grader leaves the yard.

The Committee agreed that when a ratepayer calls to have their road or driveway graded, we will tell them we no longer do this work. We will then quote the two prices we have received and it will be their choice who they hire.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Name Change from Road Department to Public Works Department

Chair Bennett explained the request to change the Road Department name to the Public Works Department. Councillor Eady agreed that the Road Department responsibilities were varied.

Moved by Don Eady
Seconded by Rod Eady

That the Horton Road Department will now be referred to as Horton Public Works Department.

Carried.

2005 Budget

The Committee discussed the estimated amount of overtime that should be added to the 2005 Budget. This discussion also included time-in-lieu. This item will be referred to the Human Resources Committee for discussion.

Chair Bennett informed the Committee that the purchase of the new truck will not happen until next year.

The Committee has recommended a request to the Finance Committee to draw \$24,200. from Reserves.

The Committee also recommended another request to the Finance Committee. That request is where will the \$12,500 surplus provided in the 2004 budget be drawn from.

Chair Bennett requested the Public Works personnel explain the recommendations for capital expenses that were presented at the last Public Works Committee Meeting. Peter Tippins explained these points to the Committee.

Chair Bennett thanked the staff for their recommendations.

Councillor Eady requested the Public Works Supervisor to place calls to local farmers and inquire as to the possibility of renting their tractors for grass cutting at certain times in the warmer weather.

Councillor Eady left the Council Chambers.

6. DELEGATION

10:30 Norman Eady Road Closure – Tom Reid

Chair Bennett explained the Council's decision to offer cost sharing of fees to Mr Reid. These fees would be split three ways, the Township, Mr Norman Eady and Mr Reid.

Mr Reid did not agree with the cost sharing method. He proceeded to explain other scenarios in order to solve the road closure problem.

Chair Bennett thanked Mr Reid for presenting his view and offering other options. The Committee will bring his request to the Planning Committee for further discussion.

Councillor Eady returned to the Council Chambers to continue Budget discussions.

Chair Bennett advised the Committee that he received a quotation from Mask Communication. This quotation is for the installation of fiber optic cable to set up a computer connection to the general office. The cost was \$2,975.00. Chair Bennett requested this cost be applied to General Administration. The CAO agreed this could be done.

Councillor Eady requested that all fuel costs to machinery be allocated to one general ledger account. Treasurer Linda Novossiltzeff agreed to do this.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Bennett discussed Garden of Eden Road repairs and finances.

Councillor Eady thought it would be a good idea to review the budget in September of each year. The Committee agreed.

Chair Bennett presented a report to the Committee on a job costing last year that was not in the budget. He wished to show the committee how unscheduled jobs can be costly. It was decided to address this issue at the Council level.

Chair Bennett requested the Public Works Supervisor to acquire quotations from a contractor who will rent a hoe ram and an excavator. He also requested the Treasurer and Public Works Supervisor produce a list of machinery or jobs we regularly receive quotes for.

Chair Bennett explained to the Committee that Gordie Road should not be included in Horton's road maintenance system. CAO Mackie McLaren advised as to how he believed it did come into the system. Councillor Eady suggested we should investigate this further. The CAO agreed the property owners that this affects should be involved.

Councillor Eady inquired as to how the public is informed of entrance permit application. The CAO explained the steps involved.

8. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet Thursday April 7, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.

9. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Don Eady
Seconded by Rod Eady

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.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Rod Eady
Seconded by Don Eady

That the Public Works Committee adjourn at 12:00 P.M.

Carried.