

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 21, 2005

There was a Meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Monday, November 21, 2005. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Reeve Bob Johnston, Councillor Don Eady, Public Works Superintendent Rod Eady, CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren and Treasurer Deputy Clerk Linda Novossiltzeff.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2005 MEETING

The Committee reviewed the Minutes of the Public Works Committee of October 27, 2005.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Councillor Eady asked if any information had been received from the County regarding their liability on intersections? Reeve Johnston informed the Committee that the County will assume liability on their property.

Councillor Eady asked the Committee if there was any progress in their search for a used plow truck? He was informed that they are still looking.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Public Works Employee Status

Public Works Superintendent Rod Eady informed the Committee that the status of our part-time employee should be elevated to a full time position.

The Committee discussed the financing of this and agreed that the Public Works Department need to perhaps have job descriptions that pertain more to a Public Works Department rather than a Road Department.

Moved by Don Eady

Seconded by Bob Johnston

That the Committee recommend to Council that part-time employee Peter Storie be hired full time effective immediately.

Carried.

Letter to Ray Cunningham

CAO Mackie McLaren informed the Committee of a letter sent to Ray Cunningham regarding an illegal entrance on his property at 211 Elliott Crescent. He has been to the office to apply for an entrance permit to install an appropriate culvert and that his ditch would be cleaned. The Committee informed Rod Eady that he was to explain to Mr Cunningham that this was to be done before winter.

Federal Gas Tax Fund – Municipal Funding Agreement

CAO Mackie McLaren informed the Committee of the information he has received regarding this fund. We require an agreement and a by-law in order to receive this funding. We also must define a project or projects that this funding will be used for over a five year period. The Committee requested the CAO to inquire if this agreement can be changed at any time over this period before the Committee designates a particular project.

200 Budget

Rod Eady informed the Committee that he wanted to remove the rocks from Eady Road. This project was budgeted for at an appropriate cost of \$10,000. The Committee approved this.

Lime Kiln Road

Reeve Johnston informed the Committee that as the Lime Kiln Road did not fit into their criteria for roads taken over by the County, they would not support Horton's request.

The Committee discussed other ways of limiting heavy truck traffic on this road. They requested Mackie McLaren to arrange a Public Meeting with Contractors in the Township that use this road for heavy load transportation. This meeting should be scheduled for Wednesday January 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Horton Community Centre.

Chair Bennett raised concerns that perhaps our Horton Fire Department and our Public Works Department are in need of training and certification in different areas e.g. chainsaw use. He suggested a priority list of what is required should be prepared and training arranged immediately.

Mackie McLaren informed the Committee that he was contacted by Karen Mullins regarding the Adopt a Road Program. She would volunteer her services on Mullins Road. The CAO is to contact the County and inquire what is involved in this procedure.

6. DELEGATION

R. A. Jamieson – Jamieson Land Extension

Chair Bennett explained the request of Mr Jamieson. The Committee also wished to know if Mr Jamieson had any long term plans. Mr Jamieson informed the Committee of some of the history of this right-of-way.

CAO Mackie McLaren read a letter from the Township's lawyer with a legal opinion regarding this matter. The Committee noted that all costs regarding the Township's purchase of this right-of-way would be assumed by Mr Jamieson.

Chair Bennett expressed his concerns of setting a precedent of purchasing a right-of-way before any plans for development have been provided.

Reeve Johnston and Councillor Eady informed Mr Jamieson that they did not have a problem with his request. The Committee thanked Mr Jamieson for attending and said that he would be informed of Council's decision.

The Committee will present this to Council for their decision.

7. NEXT MEETING

The Public Works Committee agreed to meet on Monday December 12 at 8.30 a.m.

8. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Rod Eady
Seconded by Don 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 were not set out in By-Law or Resolution.

Carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Johnston
Seconded by Don Eady

That the Public Works Committee adjourns at 11.20 a.m.

Carried.

Chair

Treasurer Deputy Clerk