

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

There was a Meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Monday September 19, 2005. Present were Chair Dave Bennett and members Reeve Robert A Johnston and Councillor Don Eady. Also present were Rod Eady, Public Works Superintendent; Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk and Linda Novossiltzeff, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Chair Bennett declared pecuniary interest on the subject of the Thomson Road Culvert Tender and will vacate the chair and not take part in the discussion.

3. MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2005 MEETING

Chair Bennett reviewed the June 27, 2005 Committee Meeting Minutes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Ed Vickers from Stantec - Garden of Eden /Pinnacle Road

Mackie McLaren informed the Committee that Mr Vickers will probably contact him by September 26, 2005.

COMRIF Grant

Chair Bennett asked Reeve Johnston if he spoke with anyone from COMRIF while he attended the Ontario East Municipal Conference. Reeve Johnston explained that he had not seen any representatives. Mackie McLaren is to call COMRIF as to what our rating totals were for COMRIF Intake I.

Don Eady asked Public Works Superintendent Rod Eady to set up a yield sign at Renfrew Golf Course. He said he will do that this week.

WHMIS Training

Rod Eady is to contact Fire Chief Randy Corbin and set a date for another WHMIS training session. This will be for the Firefighters who could not attend the last session and the Public Works Superintendent.

Thomson Road Culvert Replacement

Chair Bennett commented that we did not get a response from Terra-Fix as to the price of a Culvert Insert.

Rod Eady informed the Committee that our sand has now been stockpiled in the sand dome. We are now waiting for the salt to be delivered.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Jim Congdon - Damage to Thomson Road

Chair Bennett informed the Committee that the contractor working for Jim Congdon to build his new home was responsible for the damage to Thomson Road. He explained that the contractor was using equipment that our road was not capable of physically supporting. Chair Bennett stated that Jim Congdon was not at fault but his contractor should be held liable for the approximately \$3,000 required to repair the road. He believes the contractor should appear before the Committee.

Jim Congdon stated that he did not believe his contractor was at fault. He stated that the road has not been maintained over the years and does not feel it is fair to blame the size of trucks or number of trucks because the condition of the road was not good. He commented that there was damage done to Thomson Road down from his property. Why were they not invoiced?

Councillor Don Eady expressed his opinion that it should not be Jim Congdon's responsibility for this damage. He believes the contract's liability insurance should cover the cost of repairs. He suggested that Council should look closely at developing some authority for the Township to deal with future problems similar to this.

Chair Bennett explained to Mr Congdon that the other damage he was referring to was much smaller and we did not know who did this. He informed Mr Congdon that the contractor should have stopped on the first day when he noticed the road breaking up.

Reeve Johnston informed the Committee that he agreed with Chair Bennett that Mr Congdon should not be held responsible for any damage.

The Committee decided to address the damage to Thomson Road directly to the contractor. A letter will be sent to Mr Congdon absolving him of any responsibility for damage to Thomson Road. The Committee thanked Mr Congdon for attending the meeting and he left the Council Chambers.

Thomson Road Culvert Replacement

Chair Bennett declared pecuniary interest and vacated the Chair to Councillor Don Eady.

Acting Chair Eady informed the Committee that tenders for the Culvert replacement were opened at the regular Council Meeting of September 6, 2005. Council received the tenders and made a motion to wait for Terra-Fix to give a price on an insert for the culvert. They did not respond.

Moved by Bob Johnston

Seconded by Don Eady

That the Committee recommend to Council that as we did not receive a response from Terra-Fix and due to time constraints the Thomson Road Culvert Replacement Tender be awarded to the lowest tender of Marshall's. Council will be polled as soon as possible.

Carried.

Councillor Bennett resumed the Chair. He informed the Committee that the work will begin on Monday September 26, 2005. A notice will be put in the paper for Thomson Road closure. Hopefully, this project will be done in early October.

Councillor Don Eady informed the Committee of his concern about the costs.

6. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Don Eady  
Seconded by Bob 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 or Resolution.

Carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Johnston  
Seconded by Don Eady

That the Public Works Committee adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

Carried.

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Chair

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Treasurer/Deputy Clerk