

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 15, 2006

There was a meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chamber on Tuesday August 15, 2006. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Councillor Don Eady, Reeve Robert A. Johnston and Rod Eady Public Works Superintendent. Also present was Councillor Robert Kingsbury.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no Declaration of Pecuniary Interest expressed by anyone present.

3. MINUTES OF JULY 11 AND AUGUST 10, 2006 MEETINGS.

Chair Bennett reviewed the recent meeting minutes.

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, Seconded by Don Eady

That the Public Works Committee approve the July 11, 2006 and the August 10, 2006 Committee Meeting Minutes,

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Tractor purchase recommendation

Rod Eady reported that the tractor at G & S Farm Equipment was no longer available. The Committee agreed to amend their recommendation to Council by removing a specific tractor and dealer and authorizing Rod Eady to keep looking for a tractor in the \$20,000 range during the fall and winter months.

Delivery date of sander unit for ¾ ton truck

Chair Bennett said that the sander should now be in and could be picked up. The cost is \$3,200 plus taxes.

Excavating estimates for Goshen Road

Rod Eady reported that he has met with Fulton Construction and Crozier Construction. He expects to have their prices for the ditch excavation work this Thursday. They are pricing two ways – open ditch and sub drain ditch.

5. INTERVIEWS FOR BACKHOE OPERATOR/TRUCK DRIVER/MAINTENANCE WORKER POSITION

The Committee interviewed the following people for the position: David McNulty, David Radke and Mike McNulty. During each interview, Chair Bennett stated that there could be a field test required for the applicants. Each committee member scored the applicants and following the interviews, the scores were tallied up.

6. RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL TO FILL THE TEMPORARY BACKHOE OPERATOR POSITION.

It was agreed that David Radke be invited to conduct a field test of his backhoe and truck operating skills. If the field test proves his abilities, the Committee will recommend that Council employ him for the Seasonal Position.

7. TENDERS

Surface Treatment Cancel tender 2006-01

The Committee Members agreed that there would not be sufficient time to include a hard surface on Goshen Road this year. The reconstruction including a gravel surface will be completed this fall and the hard surface will be re-tendered next spring.

Moved by Don Eady, Seconded by Robert A. Johnston that the Committee agrees to cancel tender 2006-01 for hard surface.

Carried.

Authorize tender 2006-02 for Mullins Road and Cobus Hill

The Committee Members agreed to re-tender the hard surface tender for just Mullins Road and Cobus Hill.

Moved by Don Eady, Seconded by Robert A. Johnston that the Committee agrees to issue tender 206-02 for Mullins Road and Cobus Hill prime and double surface treatment.

Carried

Winter Sand

After discussion the Committee authorized Rod Eady to put out a tender for 3,000 tonnes of screened winter sand in our sand dome and for an amount to be determined that will be stockpiled on the ground adjacent to the sand dome for the winter snow removal contractors who purchase sand from the township. Rod Eady is to contact the users to get their volumes. The contractors will be advised when the sand will be available and they are to arrange for immediate pickup.

8. GOSHEN ROAD EXPENDITURES TODATE

The Committee Members reviewed the Public Works financial information as of August 2006. The expenditures to date for Goshen Road are \$3,247.03 which is almost all wages. The Committee also discussed the Capital Budget. After discussion they agreed that the Treasurer be invited to the next Committee Meeting to review the capital budget.

9. COMRIF INTAKE 3 Verbal report from Ed Vickers of Stantec Engineering

The CAO/Clerk informed the Committee that he has contacted COMRIF representatives and found that our two applications failed as the Road Sufficiency Index was low, the Value for Money was low and the Public Policy Score was very low. He had reviewed this information with Ed Vickers of Stantec. Mr. Vickers suggested that if we submitted an application under the final Intake 3 we should include to whole road from Bruce Street to Highway 17 as we did in the first application, and redesign the intersection at Pinnacle Road. He will carryout a further review and will provide more comments to the Committee later in the week.

10. ALLAN LINDSAY Drainage concerns not addressed on old CNR and Cty. Rd.

The CAO/Clerk informed the Committee that Mr. Lindsay has been in contact with him and he is waiting for drainage information he asked for at Planning Committee this Spring. This specifically concerns an outlet on the former CNR right-of-way and along the County Road ditch. The Committee agreed that the drainage outlet will be examined at some point this fall when the construction schedule slows down.

11. COUNTY ROAD TOUR SEPTEMBER 8, 2006 Do we want to meet them?

The Committee reviewed a letter from the County Public Works Department which announced that they will be conducting a roads tour in our region on September 8. They

asked if we wanted them to meet. After discussion, the Committee agreed that we would not meet this time.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

13. CLOSED MEETING Employee's position on salary/wage grid

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, Seconded by Don Eady that the Public Works Committee proceed into a Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 8 (b) (iv) of by-law 98-08 as amended (Procedural By-law).

Carried

The Meeting was closed at 8:56 p.m.

Chair Bennett called the Public Meeting back to order at 9:05 p.m. and reported that during the Closed Meeting the Committee discussed a rate of pay for an employee that voluntary resigned from one position to resume his old position. The Committee requested that the Treasurer provide them with some data for the next Committee Meeting.

14. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet Monday August 21, 2006 at which time they will consider:

- Surface Treatment Tenders which close August 21, 2006
- Excavator quotes for Goshen Road ditching
- Capital Budget review
- Review of landfill site activities.

15. Moved by Don Eady, Seconded by Rod Eady that the Committee pass this confirming resolution to validate any actions or directions given during the open portion of this Committee Meeting which are minor in nature and will not be set out in a By-law or Resolution.

Carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, seconded by Rod Eady that the Public Works Committee adjourns at 9:09 p.m.

Carried.

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Chair

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CAO/Clerk