

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
WITH  
OTTAWA VALLEY RAIL LINK RE  
THOMSON ROAD RAILWAY CROSSING

September 24, 2007

On Monday September 24, 2007 at 11:05 a.m., Scott Campbell and Lee McLaughlin of Ottawa Valley Rail Link Railway Company met with Mayor Johnston, Councillor Bennett, Chair of Public Works Committee and staff Jeff Schruder, Rod Eady and Mackie McLaren to discuss the crossing on Thomson Road after it was replaced late in 2006. The asphalt was not feathered out far enough and there is a dangerous bump at the crossing.

Scott Campbell advised that they are responsible for 18 inches of the road outside the rails and most municipalities contribute to the costs of replacing crossings outside this setback. He explained that the rubber seal under and around the rail is put in mostly for vehicle traffic crossing the tracks and is usually paid for the local municipality and the installed the seal at their cost. He asked for the Township's assistance in feathering the crossing with more asphalt.

Councillor Bennett explained that the Committee had not received a request for assistance. He asked in the future that requests come in to the Committee before work is commenced. After discussion with Mayor Johnston, they agreed to recommend a contribution of 1/3 of the cost to Committee. Mr. Campbell accepted this recommendation.

The Committee authorized Jeff Schruder to contact a local asphalt supplier for a quote and to update the quote received last spring from H & H Construction. The successful company is to invoice the Township for its 1/3 and directly invoice Rail Link for their 2/3 costs. The Public Works Department will coordinate the work. Rail Link will provide a flag person at their cost.

Chair Bennett requested that at the next Public Works Committee Meeting the Committee discuss formally requesting Rail Link to deal directly with the Committee for any future crossing upgrades and that Rail Link forward all technical drawings and cost estimates with the request.

The site inspection was completed at 11:25 a.m.

CHAIR

CAO/CLERK