

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

March 2, 2009

There was a Meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Horton Community Centre on Monday March 2, 2009. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Councillor Bob Kingsbury and Murray Humphries. Staff present were Jeff Schruder Infrastructure Manager, Rod Eady Public Works Superintendent and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by members of the Committee.

3. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2009 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Bennett asked the members to review the February 2 Committee Meeting Minutes, that were handed out with the Agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Chair Bennett asked if the winter sand samples from other municipalities had been received? Jeff Schruder said they are still being checked.

Chair Bennett asked if the hours of Bill Yantha flooding the Rink had been resolved? Jeff said this has been an ongoing concern, it appears that Bill must be informed each day when he has reached his hours not to come back the next day, unless there is a need to clean the rink

Councillor Kingsbury suggested that as the ice season is almost over, we wait until next winter to resolve this issue.

Chair Bennett asked if any information had been received from Greenwood?

Jeff Schruder said that there has been no further contact made.

5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations to appear before the Committee.

6. MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Jeff Schruder presented his Infrastructure Manager Report and reviewed it with the Committee.

7. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT FEBRUARY

Rod Eady presented his Report.

Murray Humphries noted that two culverts on Humphries Road had to be steamed and questioned if they were involved with the new development?

Rod Eady said that these are culverts that cross Humphires Road and have been a problem every Spring. There are two small culvert he plans to replace with a large culvert in 2009.

Murray Humphries suggested that at a future meeting we continue the discussion on what Developers are required to upgrade on municipal roads, when developing in the area. This was discussed at an earlier meeting but no decision was made at that time.

Chair Bennett noted that there was a hydro pole that appears to have been damaged by a snow plow wing on Early Road, Hydro should be informed, Rod said he would look after this.

Chair Bennett asked why the backhoe had to clean out the back of the truck at the Landfill Site – Rod Eady said that the motor has gone in the truck, the truck is hauled up to the garbage pile and emptied that way. There is a need for another motor or a used compaction truck.

8. REPORT ON THOMSON ROAD CULVERT CONTRACT

Rod said he was down to look at the construction job last week, when Committee members were at the Good Roads Convention, the old culvert is now out. By Friday they have the area below dug out for placement of two metres of blasted rock. Chair Bennett said he viewed the construction site yesterday and believes that there is at least two more weeks of work before the culvert can be installed.

9. REPORT ON ONTARIO GOOD ROADS CONVENTION

Jeff Schruder said he learned of several new techniques, one being asphalt that were discussed at the Trade Show. There were several good seminars, one on Waste Management and he was part of the team meeting with the Parliamentary Assistant for the Ministry of Transportation.

Councillor Kingsbury asked if there was any discussion at the Trade Shows on grinding tires and adding it to asphalt? Jeff said no.

Chair Bennett said most of the sessions that he attended that were important were jammed with people, the rooms were too small for the number attending. He was unable to attend several seminars he would like to have attended for that reason. The meeting with MTO went well and we were one of the very few municipalities who went in to thank the Ministry for their funding.

Councillor Kingsbury asked about invoicing for the Build Canada Share?

Chair Bennett said that the Township will have to be responsible for paying the costs and then sending a request for payment to the Province for the other two thirds.

10. GARDEN OF EDEN ROAD BUILD CANADA PROJECT APPROVAL

Chair Bennett informed the Committee that we were successful with our \$1.9 million application for the reconstruction of Garden of Eden Road between Bruce Street and Highway 17. He emphasized that the purpose of the award is to get as many people working as possible, therefore we have to get this project going quickly. We need to meet with Stantec.

Murray Humphries suggested that we meet as a Committee to discuss what we want in engineering and then have Jeff meet with Stantec. Chair Bennett suggested adding two residents along the road to become involved with the construction project, suggesting Gerald Richards and Randy Gaddess to sit in while we put this package together. The Committee agreed.

Chair Bennett asked for a date for a Committee meeting to discuss engineering. After discussion the Committee agreed to meet on Wednesday March 11, 2009 at 9:30 am in the Community Centre.

Jeff Schruder questioned if we should get a Soil Engineering firm to carry out granular testing? The Committee discussed using our backhoe to dig the test holes rather than taking core samples.

The CAO/Clerk reported that any work the Township does on their own on this project is not covered under the grant.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to discuss.

13. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be Monday April 6, 2009 at 8:30 am. The meeting will take place either at the Community Centre or if the Municipal Council Chambers is completed the meeting will be there.

14. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Rod Eady

That the Committee pass this confirming resolution to cover any actions or directions 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.**

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Murray Humphreis, seconded by Jeff Schruder

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

**Carried.**

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Chair

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CAO/Clerk