

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Public Works Committee Meeting

January 24, 2011

There was a Meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Monday January 24, 2011. Present were Chair Glen Campbell, Mayor Don Eady, Murray Humphries and Rick Lester. Staff present was Jeff Schruder Municipal Infrastructure Manager, Rod Eady Public Works Superintendent and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk.

Also present was Councillor Bob Kingsbury. Chair of the Human Resources Committee who was invited to this meeting by Chair Campbell.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2011

Chair Campbell reviewed the minutes with the Members.

Moved by Rick Lester, Seconded by Rod Eady that the Public Works Committee approve the January 10, 2011 Committee Meeting Minutes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Mayor Eady informed the Committee that he hoped sit down with the Acting Treasurer and the Co-Chair of the Finance Committee next week to continue discussion on the draft budget. The draft budget will be presented to the Committee in March for input.

Mayor Eady agreed to show Dave Darch, County Public Works and Engineering Director, the sight line problems at the intersection of Garden of Eden Road at Bruce Street when he comes for a meeting with the Lime Stabilization Committee January 25, 2011.

Lochwinnoch Road/Early Road intersection

Rick Lester asked if the OPP provided any accident information on this intersection. Mayor Eady said not yet. Jeff Schruder said he spoke with the Road Supt from McNab-Braeside Township who shares this intersection with Horton, and the regulation signs are in place. Rod Eady confirmed the signage is in good shape.

Mayor Eady told the Committee that a problem with accidents at this intersection was brought to him by 2 people in 2010.

Councillor Kingsbury suggested Mayor Eady speak with Mayor Mary Campbell of McNab-Braeside Township with a request for improved signage i.e. stop signs and reduced speed limit.

Moved by Rick Lester, Seconded by Rod Eady that the Public Works Committee recommend to Council that they request a meeting with the Council and staff of the Township of McNab-Braeside to discuss a traffic control problem at the

intersection of Lochwinnoch and Early Roads at the McNab-Braeside and Horton townline.

Carried.

Build Canada Grant – Mike Pinet coming week of February 14th.

The CAO/Clerk informed the Committee that Mike Pinet of the County of Renfrew has accepted our request to assist in the drafting of the presentation to the Federal and Provincial Governments to use the unspent Build Canada funds on a second project. He will be here during the week of February 14th.

Applications for Casual Operators

Chair Campbell informed the Committee that he invited Councillor Kingsbury, Chair of the HR Committee to assist in the selection of a short list of applicants for the casual operator position. After discussion the Committees agreed to interview Carl Wright, Arnold Dickson and Scott Powell. Interviews will be held January 31 beginning at 9 a.m.

Kenopic/Gaddess revised draft tile drain agreement

The CAO/Clerk presented a revised draft of the agreement between Andrew Kenopic, Randy Gaddess and the township. The Members were satisfied with the two additions.

5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations that appeared before the Committee.

6. MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER'S REPORT

Jeff Schruder presented the following report for January:

- Aggregate report summary for Horton Pit
- Ontario Building Officials Association (OBOA) Report
- Safety Committee
- Grant Estimates
- Septage lab results
- Council Meeting
- Public Works Committee Meeting
- Recreation Meeting
- Landfill Report – Waste Diversion
- OBOA Meeting
- Waste Management Committee Meeting
- Road Super's Meeting in Cobden
- Public Works Reports
- Septage Meeting

Chair Campbell informed the Committee Members that Planning Committee has asked for a report on the aggregates still available at the Township gravel pit. A neighbour, Eric Draper has proposed a residential development adjacent to the west side of the pit which he claims is exhausted but needs to be rehabilitated. Mr. Draper requested that the township rehabilitate this section of our pit so the zoning can be amended to include only the areas where there is material to excavate in our pit. This would move the 150 metre separation distance between a residence and an extractive industrial (gravel pit) zone back from his property and permit his development. The Planning Committee wants to know what material is still available for extraction. Mayor Eady suggested this Committee hold off reporting back to the Planning Committee until a site visit can be completed in the Spring.

Moved by Don Eady, Seconded by Rick Lester that the Public Works Committee table the Planning Committee request until May 2011 when a site inspection of our gravel pit can be completed.

Carried.

7. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Rod Eady presented the following report for January:

WINTER EVENTS

- Tuesday, January 4th Light Snow In The Morning, Sanded And Paved Roads In The Afternoon
- Thursday, January 6th Light Snow Yesterday And Last Night, Trucks Out At 7:00 A.M.
- Friday, January 7th Grader Scrape Ice On Mullins Road
- Saturday, January 8th Light Snow Yesterday And Last Night, Trucks Out At 6:00 A.M. Plough & Sand.
- Sunday, January 9th Light Snow Last Night, Ploughs Out At 6:00 A.M.
- Monday, January 10th Windy Last Night Plough Any Drifts.
- Tuesday, January 11th Sand Roads.
- Sunday, January 16th Snowed 8 – 10cm Yesterday Ploughed And Sanded Township Roads.
- Monday, January 17th Sand Pavement
- Wednesday, January 19th Snow Started Yesterday Afternoon 5 -8cm Ploughs Out At 5:00 A.M.
- Thursday, January 20th Plough And Salt Pavement
- Friday, January 21st Sand Gravel Roads Scrape Pavement.

REPAIRS

- Coolant Leak on Truck #3
- Plough Lights Truck #10
- Rebuilding Backhoe Bucket
- Hydraulic Line # 3

MISCELLANEOUS JOBS

- Install Drain In Rink Building
- Bring In Wood
- Water & Ice Build-up Thompsonville
- Dig Up Pump Chamber Rink Building
- Repair Mail Boxes
- Cut Problem Trees
- Changed Wing Blade Truck #2
- Set Up Stage

Rick Lester asked if there was any progress on costs to set up and tear down the stage at the Community Centre. Jeff Schruder said it is recorded 18 times in 2010 but he and Rod Eady felt that was low. A check will be made with the Recreation Program Manager to see how many bookings required the stage to be set up or taken down. Chair Campbell said he has contacted the local school board who has a fold up stage at the Queen Elizabeth School in Renfrew and at a school in Barry's Bay which he was invited to view but hasn't done yet.

Chair Campbell said that he and Councillor Larone, the Infrastructure Committee Members, have agreed that a log book will be left in each building to record any maintenance. The staff will record each time the stage is setup or taken down.

Chair Campbell noted that in the December Committee Meeting Minutes the 3rd snow plough truck is described as a spare truck but in the January 10th 2011 Meeting Minutes the same truck is described as having its own snow plough route. Rod Eady said the use of this truck has fallen into a third route which results in the township having the roads ploughed in 3 less hours. Chair Campbell expressed concern about the life of this truck now that it is used the

same as the two newer trucks. Rod Eady said with this third truck going out the ¾ ton truck with blade and sand unit goes out less.

The CAO/Clerk asked if there is less overtime with this arrangement and he was answered yes. He asked about the increased service to the ratepayers which would now far exceed the minimum maintenance standards and that there is a cost to this. He suggested that this cost should be determined. Mayor Eady said that there will not be any more truck hours as the other two trucks will be operating less hours.

Councillor Kingsbury informed the Committee that he had a comment from a ratepayer that when the guard posts were replaced in Cobus Hill the cables were not reinstalled. Rod Eady said that there were never any cables on the guard posts. They were just posts planted in the ground. Mayor Eady asked staff to prepare a cost for installing cables.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

County of Renfrew – County Road Speed Limit update

The Committee received a request for input on the speed limits on County Roads. After discussion, the following resolution was presented:

Moved by Rick Lester, Seconded by Murray Humphries that Horton Public Works Committee request the following changes to the speed limits on the following County Roads in Horton Township:

- Lochwinnoch Road from Highway 17 to Goshen Road – 60 kph
- River Road on each side of Castleford Road – 60 kph
- Gillan Road from Renfrew town limits all the way to Highway 17 – 60 kph (portions of this section are already 60 kph, this request is to change the 80 kph section to 60 kph)
- Bruce Street from Highway 17 to the Renfrew Town limits.

Carried.

9. ROBERT A. JOHNSTON - ROAD AGREEMENT

The Committee reviewed the road agreement. Murray Humphries noted that the agreement calls for a 12 metre road allowance clearing but he thought we changed it to the full 20 metre road allowance width. The CAO/Clerk confirmed that the road acceptance by-law was amended from 12 to 20 metres but it was after the Johnston Agreement was executed. Murray thought that this change was discussed with Mr. Johnston after the by-law was changed.

Chair Campbell said when you look down the road from Castleford Rd. there is a dog's leg turn. Jeff Schruder pulled the drawings he prepared and agreed that the concession road does have a bend in it.

Murray Humphries asked if there is the minimum radius at the Castleford Road (County Road 20) intersection. Chair Campbell suggested we ask for written confirmation from the County who would control this intersection.

Moved by Rick Lester, Seconded by Murray Humphries that the Committee authorize the following:

- Mr. Robert A. Johnston to be advised that the Committee accepts his May 31 2011 completion date;
- That the letter point out that the agreement calls for the road width to be 8.2 metres not 7.5 as he points out in the letter;
- That staff contact the County of Renfrew Public Works Department for written confirmation on the radius at the Castleford Road intersection and who controls this construction.

Carried.

10. CONSENT APPLICATIONS - B179 & 180/10 Hordijczuk

Chair Campbell informed the Committee that the Planning Committee requested input from the Public Works Committee on whether there is a need to improve Eady Road or ditches as a condition of approval of the two severances. Jeff Schruder reported that there are little or no ditches along the road as the ditches are sand. Murray Humphries said that more houses means more demands of the road therefore the proper ditch should be installed with driveway culverts. After discussion the Committee authorized Jeff Schruder to bring a report back to the Committee at their next meeting on the need for improvements to the road or ditches.

11. REQUEST TO LOWER SPEED LIMIT ON HUMPHRIES ROAD

Chair Campbell stated that this request also came from the Planning Committee. David Brown had expressed concern that vehicles come over the hill on Humphries Road and cannot stop at the stop sign at Castleford Road due to excessive speed. After discussion the following resolution was presented:

Moved by Rick Lester, Seconded by Don Eady that the Public Works Committee advise Planning Committee that they will present a by-law to Council to reduce the speed limit to 60 kph on Humphries Road between Castleford Road and River Road.

Carried.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed by the Committee.

13. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet Tuesday February 22, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

14. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Rod Eady, Seconded by Rick Lester 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 of Resolution.

Carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jeff Schruder, Seconded by Murray Humphries that this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIR

CAO/Clerk