

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – SPECIAL MEETING**

August 20, 2010

There was a Special Meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday, August 20, 2010. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Committee Members: Murray Humphries and Rick Lester. Staff Members present were Jeff Schruder, Municipal Infrastructure Manager and Rose Curley, Administrative Assistant. Also present were Garden of Eden Road property owners: Gerry Richards, Andy Kenopic and Barbara Cole.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

- **Garden of Eden Road – Drainage**

The Committee reviewed B. R. Fulton's quotes for drainage on the Garden of Eden Road for the Richards, Kenopic and Cole properties. They also reviewed the Engineer's comments and quotes stating that he felt the drainage/culvert quotes were somewhat low.

Chair Bennett asked the Committee if they were in agreement to proceed with the drainage on these properties at the Township's cost. Jeff Schruder, Municipal Infrastructure Manager informed the Committee that these drainage costs are not covered by the Government's funding monies for this project as the monies are for road construction. The Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to solve these drainage concerns now before the road is paved.

Moved by Rick Lester, Seconded by Murray Humphries

That the Public Works Committee recommends that Council authorizes the B.R. Fulton Construction to proceed with the drainage on the Garden of Eden Road as per their original quote.

Carried on Division

Opposed: Jeff Schruder.

- **Garden of Eden Road – Culverts**

The Committee reviewed the quotes for culvert prices from B.R. Fulton and also the Engineer's comments. After discussion the following resolution was put forward.

Moved by Murray Humphries, Seconded by Rick Lester

That the Public Works Committee recommends that Council accepts the original tender culvert quote from B.R. Fulton at \$355/m. Also, that B.R. Fulton is notified that the 1.8 frost taper will apply to this quote as per the remainder of their contract quote.

Carried.

- **Speed on Garden of Eden Road**

Committee members discussed the current 80 km/hr speed limit on the Garden of Eden Road. They noted that the new road construction will make this road a magnet for speeders. There was a suggestion that the speed be reduced from 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr. Most drivers would probably drive the 80 km/hr anyway, but if the speed wasn't reduced they would probably drive 100 km/hr and upwards. Jeff Schruder referred to an engineer's chart that shows that an 80 km/hr road requires more guardrail. If the speed was reduced to 60 km/hr this would also eliminate the need for guardrail in front of the Charlie Taylor property.

Moved by Rick Lester, Seconded by Jeff Schruder

That the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that the speed on the Garden of Eden Road be reduced to 60 km/hr from the current 80 km/hr.

Carried.

- Miller Paving – Penalty Clause implemented for Tender #PW2010-01.

Chair Bennett informed the Committee that the completion date for the above tender was August 15, 2010. The work has not yet been started by Miller Paving. A fax was sent to their company on Monday, August 16, 2010 stating that the Township was enacting the \$300/day penalty clause for delay in completing the project. They have not replied to this fax. Chair Bennett's concern is that the weather is starting to get colder and this could result in a poorer result for the pavement. The Committee recommended that we send a hard copy of our faxed letter to Millers Paving by Registered Mail. If the company responded and started the project in the near future then the Committee could be more lenient regarding the \$300/day penalty clause.

Moved by Rick Lester, Seconded by Murray Humphries

That the Public Works Committee recommends that Council authorizes the enactment of the penalty clause in Tender #PW2010-01 awarded to Miller Paving that states "*the Contractor agrees to pay the Municipality a sum of \$300.00 per calendar day, for each days delay in the completion of the work*".

Carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

- Payment Certificate – Garden of Eden Road

Jeff Schruder informed the Committee that the first payment certificate has been submitted for the Garden of Eden Project and payment has been made. He noted that the project is progressing well and the contractor will shut down for two weeks in September to meet another contract commitment. The contractor will still be able to meet our timelines.

- Thompson Road – asphalt issues

Rick Lester asked if the asphalt issues on Thompson Road have been addressed. Chair Bennett replied that the Mayor will be attending County Council meeting this coming week and will report back to the August 30, 2010 Public Works meeting.

5. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Jeff Schruder, 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 or Resolution.

**Carried.**

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Murray Humphries, seconded by Rick Lester

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at p.m.

**Carried.**

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY