

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

October 4, 2010

There was a Meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Council Chambers on Monday October 4, 2010. Present were Chair Dave Bennett (8.35), Mayor Robert A Johnston, Councillor Bob Kingsbury, Murray Humphries and Rick Lester. Staff present Jeff Schruder Municipal Infrastructure Manager and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett was delayed arriving due to traffic, Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF AUGUST 30, 2010 COMMITTEE MEETING

Mayor Johnston briefly reviewed the August 30, 2010 Committee Meeting Minutes. Murray Humphries asked about the County's response to the asphalt repairs on Thomson Road? Jeff Schruder reported that he was in contact with the County who have appointed the Engineering Firm of Jp2g to monitor the situation. Rick Lester suggested that there would be no resolutions until Spring. Jeff agreed.

Chair Bennett arrived at 8:35 a.m. and assumed the Chair.

Councillor Kingsbury expressed concern that the County might say that too much time has expired on the contract and do nothing. Jeff Schruder said that there is normally a year on warranty. Mayor Johnston said that the County is aware of this all along and will look after it.

Murray Humphries suggested that there should be something in writing of the County's commitment and that they are working with an Engineering Company. Mayor Johnston will check into this.

Jeff Schruder suggested that there be a drain pipe installed in the earth material that was placed over the culvert, to drain the moisture in the fill area. The Committee authorized Jeff to contact the County with this suggestion.

Ditching at Community Centre – Water in Generator Room

Jeff Schruder suggested that a retaining wall be built in front of the Change Room with steps down to that level and drainage pipe put in. Right now there is just an earthen walk way which is steep.

Councillor Kingsbury suggested that railings would be required to keep cars from going over the top. He asked if anything had been done to clean up the mud that came in during a heavy rain storm recently? Jeff Schruder reported that staff had cleaned out the mud two weeks ago. He noted that some items are getting moldy in another room.

Councillor Kingsbury suggested that Mr Schruder prepare a drawing of the solution for review by the Committee.

Bush Hog

Jeff Schruder reported that the hydraulic pump is gone and the estimated cost is \$2,000. It has not been fixed. There are two options – price a pump ourselves or run the Bush Hog from the tractor hydraulics. The tractor hydraulics have been examined and they are large enough to handle this. Chair Bennett cautioned that we may have to add a cooling rad for hydraulic oil, which would cost several hundred dollars.

5. GARDEN OF EDEN ROAD

Construction Report

Jeff Schruder reported that the last few weeks have been quiet as the Contractor has been away from the job working on another project. They are now back. They have finished the

pulverizing, the last two culverts have been changed and they have installed some granular A gravel. There is a stone fence to be removed which was added as an extra, the stone will be hauled to a low area of bush section of the Garden of Eden Road. Asphalt is expected the week of October 18, 2010 allowing time to finish the contract by the November 1, deadline.

Tile Drain Connection under Roadbed

Jeff Schruder reported that Fulton is providing labour for hand shoveling the shoulder work under the Bell fibre optic cable for the tile drain. Chair Bennett said there is a report in the Council package from the CAO/Clerk where one farmer has been expressed concern that tying in to this drain by the other farmer without providing sufficient outlet will not work and may cause a blowout causing water to run on top of the outlet farmers property.

Chair Bennett said he supported the Agreement suggestion.

Moved by Rick Lester, seconded by Murray Humphries

That the CAO/Clerk prepare a draft agreement to be executed by Randy Gaddess, Andy Kenopic and the Township of Horton, which will control when the tile drain under the Township road is connected and a proper outlet be supplied.

**Carried.**

6. **LAVALLEE ROAD**

Larry O'Neil

Larry O'Neil, a resident of Lavallee Road was present. Mr O'Neill said that there is a section of our road that runs along a ravine near a gully and he estimates that the travel portion is eight inches away from the edge of the ravine, which is very dangerous. He questioned why the Township could not erect barricades or some signage to protect travelers from an accident.

He also expressed concern with the section of Lavallee Road adjacent to Lochwinnoch Road that has no drains and questioned why we would raise the road up to provide drainage rather than getting a Gradall to dig a ditch. He noted that there is no culvert in the Lavallee driveway, where he lives. He questioned why work has started to raise the road on the opposite end of Lavallee Road next to Thomson Road, when the work should have been started on his end.

Jeff Schruder reported that Granular A is to be spread on the pit run during the week of October 18, and this will stabilize that part of the road.

Mr O'Neil said that he is concerned that the new gravel will not get packed enough before winter. Jeff Schruder said that all pit run is down and four inches of gravel will be put down and will pack before winter.

Chair Bennett invited Mr O'Neill back to this Committee next Spring when the new Council is office to hear when the plan is for completion of Lavallee Road, adding that we can not complete the road work this Fall.

7. **RICHARD LAXTON**

Sump Hole Drainage – Knight Street

Mr Schruder informed the Committee that prior to the installation of storm sewers in Thompsonville in the early 1980s, there was a ditch along Knight Street which had basement drains running into it. Dalton Hein, retired Road Superintendent, confirmed that some basement drains were tied into this ditch. Mr Schruder added that there is concern with backyard water causing a problem with our road. He proposed a new sub drain installed from a catch basin to catch the neighbours water, directing the water to the County's storm sewers on Burnstown Road.

Murray Humphries asked how long has Mr Laxton lived at this resident? Jeff Schruder reported approximately three years. He said an old resident had lived there for many years before Mr Laxton purchased the property. Mr Humphries asked why the problem is just coming to us now? Mr Schruder reported that Mr Laxton planned to be away next Spring and he is concerned that the work will not be completed and his basement will fill with water again. He would like the work done this Fall, but we cannot get to it.

Murray Humphries questioned whether it would be better to cross the street with the drain and tie into the existing storm sewer on the opposite side of Knight Street. Jeff

Schruder suggested that either way would work, and agreed it may be shorter and cheaper to cross into the existing storm sewer.

Councillor Kingsbury asked what is one more year. We cannot do it this year but we may be able to do it next year.

Jeff Schruder said that he spoke to the County about tying into their storm sewer but they would have a lot of red tape for us to do with this. It may be simpler to connect to our own sewer. Jeff Schruder will speak to Mr Laxton about our concerns and suggestions.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Peter & Nel Lansbergen – Raised Road Surface Goshen Road

Mr & Mrs Lansbergen sent a letter to the Committee expressing their concern that the Goshen Road has been raised with several lifts of gravel plus prime and double surface in the last few years. They are concerned with the height of the roadway versus their driveway.

Chair Bennett said that he has toured the area and there are areas where there is too much of a drop, a load of gravel is required in several places to blend this in. Jeff Schruder said that driveways will be raised by our road Staff.

Murray Humphries said he has driven the road too and suggested the need for wider shoulders, in some places they are half metre where we should have a metre, and it is not consistent along the length.

Councillor Kingsbury said that he was speaking with one resident, recently, who is satisfied with the work we did.

Chair Bennett said that the Lansbergen's concern is that two vehicles have already driven off the edge of the road in front of their house, and they want it widened out so there is not such a drop off. Jeff Schruder was directed to check into this.

9. INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER'S REPORT

Jeff Schruder reviewed his September Report. Rick Lester said that the Welcome signs on the County Road look great. Councillor Kingsbury asked if the Rink Netting has been ordered?

Jeff Schruder confirmed that it is ordered and will be installed when it arrives

Chair Bennett asked if they started the fill on Johnston Road today? Jeff confirmed that they have started.

The Committee discussed the recent paving work on Highway 60 near Cotieville and asked if there was any possibility of a left turning lane being installed for Cotieville Road? Jeff Schruder said he has requested a turning lane but MTO have advised that there is no funding for this at this time. Their project is "shave and pave". This money came up quite suddenly and they did not have time to plan other projects along Highway 60.

Chair Bennett said the Township should have been contacted by MTO out of Bancroft, who are responsible for Highway 60 to let us and other municipalities know what is happening with the road. We have drain problems in this road which probably have not been resolved. In addition grindings from the asphalt should be offered to the local Municipalities first.

The Committee authorized Jeff Schruder to contact the Ministry requesting a turning lane into Cotieville Road.

10. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Rod Eady was unable to attend the meeting as he was working on the Johnston Road Project. Jeff Schruder said that there have been complaints received about lack of grading, however, the large number of rainy days plus the grader repairs slow us down.

Councillor Kingsbury said that he had complaints about lack of grading on Pinnacle Road. There was a request for "children at play" signs near Cobus Road and a request that speed limit signs be erected.

Jeff Schruder noted that a soft spot has appeared on Pinnacle Road with all the trucks hauling to our Garden of Eden Road project. This soft spot was not there before and it will be repaired.

Chair Bennett asked what the fall back is when our grader is down? Jeff Schruder said that we did have arrangements with Fultons but our grader was fixed at the same time their grader arrived back. He added that the County is coordinating a list of all equipment that can be shared between the municipalities and a second meeting is later this month.

Chair Bennett said that a Stop sign is required on the construction portion of Humphries Road at Castleford Road. There was discussion about whether the County should install this sign or the Township. The County will not do it as it is not a road that is assumed by the County and in the meantime Township will install a sign.

#### JOHNSTON ROAD DITCHING AND GRAVEL PROGRESS REPORT

Jeff Schruder reported they started working again today hauling pit-run, two trucks are hauling out of the Stevenson Pit.

#### 12. NEED FOR DAY LABOUR ASSISTANCE FROM TIME TO TIME

Chair Bennett said that there is need for Jeff to have a list of drivers and operators to step in for several days at a time when required. Jeff Schruder said that he has been approached by a resident who could come from time to time and help out. This person is a retired equipment operator. He asked if he has authority to go and ask this person or should there be a list created.

#### Moved by Rick Lester, seconded by Robert A. Johnston

That Jeff Schruder be authorized to advertise for casual labourers/operators to work on a day to day basis in the Public Works Department.

**Carried.**

#### 13. OTHER BUSINESS

Rick Lester asked where on our Capital Plan is Thomson Road repaving? He was told that it is not on the ten year forecast. Chair Bennett said that the surface is done. The next Council needs to address this.

Jeff Schruder said that he needs to order new front winter tires and chains for the new truck. He will put this through under "winter maintenance requirements".

Chair Bennett asked if the box on the oldest tandem truck will stand up for another year, is it capable of providing sanding this winter? It was agreed that yes it was and that the issue of the box can be dealt with next year.

Jeff Schruder reported that the middle oldest truck should be sandblasted and painted next year as it is starting to show some rust. Chair Bennett said he heard through the internet that a company in Southern Ontario has a truck/sander box that would fit our truck for \$7,000. It would be repainted and sandblasted before it is sold. Jeff Schruder agreed that was an excellent price as it would cost more to do that work to our truck, and that would not include repairs.

#### 14. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be Monday November 1, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

#### 15. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

##### Moved by Bob Kingsbury, 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**

#### 16. ADJOURNMENT

##### Moved by Murray Humphries, seconded by Robert A. Johnston

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

**Carried.**