

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

November 1, 2010

There was a Meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Monday November 1, 2010. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Councillor Bob Kingsbury, Murray Humphries and Rick Lester. Staff present was Jeff Schruder Municipal 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 OCTOBER 4, 2010 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Bennett and the Committee briefly reviewed the October 4, Committee Meeting Minutes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Councillor Kingsbury asked if there had been any written commitment from the County on the Thomson Road culvert installation job. Mayor Johnston reported that he had spoken with Dave Darch, County Engineer, at the October 22, 2010 County Council meeting and he confirmed that the County was still monitoring Thomson Road and the large bump on Castleford Road, and they will advise us of this in writing.

Chair Bennett noted that two large holes seem to have developed over the weekend on Thomson Road near Lochwinnoch Road that require cold patch.

Mayor Johnston asked what we are doing to resolve the water problem at the Rink Change Room. Councillor Kingsbury said that there is no money left in the budget, the next Committee will have to resolve this. Mayor Johnston said that if we do not have money this year we need to at least dig a trench with the backhoe to divert the surface water from running into the building.

Jeff Schruder will meet with Mayor Johnston and Councillor Kingsbury, Chair of Recreation, following this meeting.

Turn Lane onto Cotieville Road from Highway 60

Jeff Schruder reported that he sent a letter to his contact at the Ministry of Transportation, he also spoke with the Contractor who installed paved shoulders but no marking for a turning lane is planned. People can now pass on pavement without spraying stones. Councillor Kingsbury said this would help but it is not the solution and there will be an accident someday in the future, especially with school buses on the road.

Chair Bennett said he made contact with the MTO in Toronto and engineering is required which will be done over the winter. The contract this Fall was for shave and pave only. The next Committee will have to follow up next year.

5. DELEGATIONS

8:35 Pat Forrest – Entrance onto Humphries Road – Use Existing

Ms Forrest did not attend the meeting. The CAO/Clerk explained what her position was and she was directed to appear before Planning Committee on November 16, 2010, if she wished to speak to a Committee.

9:00 Steve Maxwell – Fred’s Lane – Permission to Alter Elevation Across Unopened Road Allowance

Mr. Maxwell was present and requested permission to change the elevation on Fred’s Lane, where it crosses the unopened Concession Road 8, in Lot 13. Fred’s Lane is quite steep in places and he plans to build a new house on property he and his wife recently purchased. In order to change the slope they would want to start back as far as possible, to make the slope gradual. He estimates the crossing of our road allowance would be two to three feet lower than it is now. He requested permission to lower the grade to cross the unopened road allowance.

Mayor Johnston said the road allowance will never be opened as it is closed off further up river for the old Timbertown property. Councillor Kingsbury suggested that Jeff Schruder should have a look at it first, before a decision is made. Murray Humphries said that he had no problem with this proposal. Rick Lester said that he would like to see it and Jeff Schruder is to notify him when they do a tour of the road.

Mr. Maxwell said that he is not planning to do the roadwork this year.

The Committee will wait for a report from Jeff Schruder and Rick Lester.

6. GARDEN OF EDEN ROAD – CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Jeff Schruder reported that as of Friday October 29, 2010, all work has been completed with the exception of line painting. He will have the construction numbers available for the next Committee Meeting.

Murray Humphries said he drove the road this morning and did not like the centre line joints, he believes that it is not a good paving job.

Jeff Schruder noted that he had questions about two end joints, where they left off one day and started the next, that are rough.

Chair Bennett said that we must follow up on this. Jeff Schruder reported that the Engineer drove the road and will give us a final report. There is a one year warranty on the job. Jeff noted that it is hard to get a smooth finish with HL4 asphalt, which has coarse aggregate.

Councillor Kingsbury requested our Engineer review this concern and report on it in his final report. Jeff Schruder is to check this out.

7. INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER’S REPORT

Jeff Schruder presented an Infrastructure Report for October 2010.

Councillor Kingsbury asked if Mr. Schruder had signed off on the Cunningham Site Plan. Jeff said no. Councillor Kingsbury said that are no designated parking spots, the property looks messy and there is some garbage or trash that is stored on the property. Jeff Schruder said it is difficult to know what is covered under the Site Plan and what is covered by the Property Standards By-law.

Councillor Kingsbury asked where we stand with the Septage application? Jeff Schruder reported that the tanks are at capacity, the samples were taken from each tank a week ago and the results determine the actual spread rates. He needs to confirm with Tom Reid, the host farmer, about the timing to get equipment on the field. Chair Bennett added that we need to contact Michael Payne of OMFRA and MOE representatives to be present during the spreading.

Mayor Johnston asked about the Rink Netting, if it is satisfactory? Jeff Schruder said that it is up and will be functional but the job seems rough.

8. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Rod Eady presented his Report for October 2010. He noted that Johnston Road is now complete. Councillor Kingsbury questioned the slope in several locations along the road. Rod Eady said that there are areas where we could change the slope in the future but the road is wide enough to accommodate the traffic. Mayor Johnston said that he pleased with the job, it is well done.

Murray Humphries said he was on Lime Kiln Road recently and it is very muddy. Rod Eady agreed, there are no ditches, the road is lower than the fields, the road needs pit run to be built up like Johnston Road.

Councillor Kingsbury asked if there was ever an estimate for Lime Kiln Road. Jeff said that he did one shortly after he started. Rick Lester said that the Township was pushing the County to assume this road in the past, where is that? Rod Eady said we would have to build up the road before they would look at it, in his opinion.

Mayor Johnston said that there are five new County Councillors starting the next term, maybe the Township could again request the County to assume the Lime Kiln Road.

9. JOHNSTON ROAD DITCHING & GRAVEL PROGRESS REPORT

Jeff Schruder presented a Report on the cost of Johnston Road versus a contractor's cost. There is a saving for our Crew to do the work but it took a lot of time to construct the road. For construction costs he used costs that were supplied for the contract for Garden of Eden Road.

Murray Humphries asked if our price included our trucking costs. Jeff said no, there is nothing in it for diesel. We hauled Granular B; however Granular A was hauled and placed under the granular contract for the year.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Gerry Richards was present and wished to express thanks to the Committee and particularly to Chair Bennett and Jeff Schruder for a job well done on Garden of Eden Road, particularly Chair Bennett and Mr. Schruder for going the extra mile. There is a very drastic improvement over the old road, overall he is pleased with what has been done. He believes that the traffic has probably tripled but there is better visibility for farm equipment on the road and entering and exiting the fields.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at the call of the new Committee.

12. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Rick Lester, seconded by Robert A. Johnston

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.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Murray Humphries, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

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

Carried.

Chair

CAO/Clerk