

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

May 19, 2009

There was a meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Horton Council Chambers on Tuesday May 19, 2009. Present were chair Dave Bennett (until 9:45 am), Robert A. Johnston, Bob Kingsbury, Murray Humphries, staff present were Jeff Schruder Infrastructure Manager, Rod Eady Public Works Superintendent and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk. Absent Rick Lester.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2009 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Bennett briefly reviewed the April 7, 2009 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes, which had been approved by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Councillor Kingsbury asked if CPAC had an opportunity to discuss the issue of cars passing vehicles waiting to turn left onto Cotieville Road from Highway 60?

Chair Bennett said that there will be a meeting later this month. Jeff Schruder said he spoke to a person with MTO in Bancroft and he will write her a letter.

Councillor Kingsbury said he saw cars passing on the gravel shoulder, again, on Saturday.

Mayor Johnston asked if there was any more information on the cycle timing of the traffic lights at Bruce Street and Highway 17? Jeff Schruder reported that he spoke with the MTO Supervisor, working on the bridge construction, who believes that the problem is a faulty underground sensor, so that the lights are on a standard cycle. They are checking this out.

5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations to the Committee.

6. GARDEN OF EDEN ROAD PROJECT

Gerry Richards, a resident on Garden of Eden Road, was present. Invited but unable to attend was another resident of Garden of Eden Road, Randy Gaddess.

Ed Vickers – Stantec - Revised Cost for Bore Holes

Subsequent to the April Council Meeting, Mr Vickers provided a revised quote for reduced bore holes from Jacques Whitford in the amount of \$9200 which is \$700 more than the Geologic quote, but we are getting more bore holes. The CAO/Clerk reported that the Council Members of the Committee briefly discussed this at the Council Meeting and authorized Jacques Whitford to proceed.

Jeff Schruder said Bore Holes were drilled on Friday May 15, 2009. They have discovered a minimum twenty inches of granular B on the road and three inches of asphalt. There was no granular A. Below the granular B is a gray clay soil.

Murray Humphries commented that this is what he expected. Jeff reported that there was one less hole drilled at each location, three holes were to be drilled centre line, edge of pavement and shoulder but when they started doing that they realized the holes would be too close together, so they drilled two holes, centre line and shoulder. He will watch for a reduction on the invoice.

Culvert Assessment Costs

Jeff Schruder reported that Stantec had provided costs for a Fish and Fish Habitat Assessment in the amount of \$13,719 plus \$1,604 disbursements, with GST extra.

Gerry Richards asked if there was a record of fish in the 1970s when the MTO built Highway 17 in its current location? Jeff said that the County Engineering Department has information from the MTO that there was trout in the stream when the highway was reconstructed. Gerry noted that there are two trout ponds upstream from our road that possibly some of those fish could have escaped. In addition beavers have dammed up the water as well to create ponds. Jeff Schruder noted that we will still have to go through the study process however.

Councillor Kingsbury asked who is required to get permission from property owners? Jeff Schruder answered that the Township does and he will look after this.

Jeff Schruder discussed the centre line culvert sizing, which is to be carried out at a cost of \$14,565 plus disbursements of \$1,000 plus GST. He spoke to Ed Vickers hoping to determine that this amount of money would also design the culverts, however, there would still be another design that would be required over and above this amount, before the contract is prepared.

Jeff Schruder also noted that the Department of Fisheries & Oceans may require concrete culverts rather than steel culverts, as this has happened in similar situations.

Mayor Johnston asked if there will be any construction carried out this year at all? Chair Bennett said he does not know why the engineer does not support construction this year. Jeff Schruder responded that the engineer believes that it would cost more money to break the contract into two pieces, work this year and work next year.

Moved by Rod Eady, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That the Public Works Committee authorize Stantec to proceed with the Fish and Fish Habitat Assessment quotation and the Centre Line Culvert quotation.

Carried.

Councillor Bennett suggested that the Township proceed and construct the intersection of Pinnacle Road and Garden of Eden Road this year. Gerry Richards asked if the new intersection would be designed to accommodate 45 foot truck trailer traffic? Chair Bennett said yes

Gerry Richards said he would be interested in seeing where the trout actually are located on the stream.

7. **MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER'S REPORT FOR APRIL**

Jeff Schruder reviewed his Infrastructure Report. Mayor Johnston asked about the Welcome Sign? Jeff reviewed the contact with MTO and said he is waiting for a Site Visit for Highway 17 signs to be arranged. He and Mayor Johnston reviewed the County Road locations for signs. Mayor Johnston and Jeff are to continue their review.

Councillor Kingsbury asked if Jeff has met with Councillor Eady on Whitton Road? Jeff said he has spoken with Councillor Eady who will contact him when his is available.

8. **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT FOR APRIL**

Rod Eady reviewed his April Report. He asked when the CNR Railway Bridge will be constructed by the Snowmobile Club as he has Road Closed signs on the right of way that he needs for our own construction projects. Jeff will follow up.

Councillor Kingsbury asked if contact was made with Mrs Annie Lemencheck, of Thomsonville concerning damage to her fence? Jeff Schruder is to contact.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Earl & Helen Siroski – deteriorating condition of Pinnacle Road (across from Drive-In)

Chair Bennett reviewed the email of April 13, 2009 from Earl & Helen Siroski of Pinnacle Road, which concerned the deterioration of Pinnacle Road in their section and also the status of a commercial property at the corner of Highway 60 and Pinnacle Road. He asked for a Site Report from Staff for the next Committee Meeting.

Rod Eady noted that by next week his staff will clean out the ditches and culverts as we have done in other years from sand buildup.

Councillor Kingsbury referred to the Site Plan Agreement with Jason Ryan at the location of Highway 60 and Pinnacle Road. Chair Bennett said the property seems to be in compliance at this time but there may have been some concerns earlier in the year. Jeff Schruder reported that the pallets have now been burnt. The Committee agreed to wait for a report from staff for the next meeting.

Jen Tomas and Lynda Olley – Request Hidden Entrance Sign for Driveway on Humphries Road

Mayor Johnston explained the dangerous situation as he snow plows their driveway and the driveway across the road. Murray Humphries questioned if the new entrances were installed in the proper locations, noting that the Tomas/Olley entrance is many years old.

Chair Bennett asked if the Township had “Hidden Entrance” signs which could be put up. Staff will look after this. Councillor Kingsbury also asked if there were Deer Crossing signs available to be put up on Mullins Road, as one deer was struck recently near his driveway.

Sue Debeau and Kim Rekowski – Parking on Burnstown Road

Chair Bennett reviewed two emails received from Sue Debeau and Kim Rekowski concerning parking of vehicles on what is considered the sidewalk on Burnstown Road in the Thomsonville area. It was noted that Burnstown Road is a County Road, therefore this issue is a County issue, however, the Public Works Committee agreed to support the request and forward them to the County for response, copy of the Township letter to the County to be forwarded to Mrs Debeau and Mrs Rekowski.

Mayor Johnston asked if the Township was going to urge the County to repair the seasonal bumps on Castleford Road. After discussion he agreed to pursue it himself at the Committee meeting at the County, and report back to this Committee.

At this time Councillor Bennett announced that he had to leave at 9:45 to attend a 10:00 am meeting for his work. The Committee agreed to proceed to Agenda item 12, so he could discuss it before he left.

12. REVIEW “ACCOUNTING FOR AND REPORTING TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS” POLICY

The CAO/Clerk reviewed the draft “Accounting for and Reporting Tangible Assets Policy” with the Committee. The Committee particularly reviewed Section 2.1 and Section 5.0. In the review several changes were made to the document. The CAO/Clerk reported that the balance of the document will have to be reviewed by Council and that Council will be required to adopt that as policy.

Prior to Chair Bennett leaving, he requested that Staff prepare a package for Gerry Richards and Randy Gaddess with Minutes and letters received to date on the issue of Garden of Eden Road.

Councillor Kingsbury agreed to assume the chair. Chair Bennett left at 9:45 a.m.

10. CHRISTINE OATES – CN TRAIL – CONCRETE BLOCKS NOT WORKING
The CAO/Clerk reported that Christine Oates attended the Office on April 16, 2009 and expressed concern that the concrete blocks, installed by the Snowmobile Club, at intersections with roads are not keeping trucks and four-wheelers off the CN right of way.

After discussion, the Committee agreed that Mrs Oates be advised that with the Snowmobile Club's cooperation gates will be put up at intersections, one gate per year, until that time blocks will be re-set out and she is to be cautioned that she is not to put fencing across the right-of-way.

11. COPIES OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS PROGRAM – THOMPSONVILLE REHABILITATION PROJECT AND PARKING LOT AT MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMPLEX

The CAO/Clerk reported that since the last meeting a two week window became available for applications for Infrastructure programs under the Federal Infrastructure Stimulus Fund. Two applications were made one for paving the streets of Thompsonville and realigning the curb and gutter, the second application is to complete the project of the Office Expansion by creating a larger parking lot.

The programs are a three way split with the Federal-Provincial and Local Governments. The Thompsonville project is estimated at \$265,000 with our share \$88, 334 and the parking lot is estimated at \$55,000 with our share \$18, 334.

13. OTHER BUSINESS
There was no other business discussed.

14. NEXT MEETING
The Committee agreed to meet at their regularly scheduled meeting of June 1, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

15. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION
Moved by Rod Eady, seconded by Jeff Schruder

That the Committee pass this confirming resolution to cover any actions or directions given during the Committee Meeting which are minor in nature and which were not set out in By-law or Resolution.

Carried.

16. ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Robert A. Johnston, seconded by Murray Humphries

That this committee meeting be adjourned at 10.13 am.

Carried.

Chair

CAO/Clerk