

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

June 1, 2009

There was a meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chamber on Monday June 1, 2009. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Councillor Bob Kingsbury, Murray Humphries and Rick Lester. Staff present were Jeff Schruder 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 am.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2009 MEETING

Chair Bennett asked the Committee members to review the May 19, Meeting Minutes, which have not been reviewed by Council yet.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Murray Humphries

That the Public Works Committee approve the May 19, Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Carried.**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Mayor Johnston reported that he advised the County Director of Public Works of the parking concerns on the Burnstown Road.

Welcome Sign

Jeff Schruder reported that he is waiting for the contact from MTO to get back to him to arrange a Site Meeting for location of the Signs on Highway 17.

CN Trail – Bridge Repair

Jeff Schruder reported that he was in contact with Andy Kenopic, Snowmobile Club President, who was originally trying to apply for a grant for new material to repair the bridge deck but is now going to use our stop logs and he will arrange to get his membership together as soon as possible. Jeff anticipates hearing from Mr Kenopic later this week. If a grant does come through they will put the material on another bridge.

Chair Bennett asked if it would be in the Township's best interest to place snow fence across the CN Trail right of way at the bridge as people are ignoring the road closed signs and tossing them aside. The Committee said yes.

Pinnacle Road Maintenance

Jeff Schruder reported that his initial investigation on the cost to upgrade Pinnacle Road for 1.5 km in the vicinity of Pinnacle Hill and Highway 60 would be \$185,000 which would include pulverizing gravel, culverts and asphalt.

Thompson Road Culvert Report

Jeff Schruder reported that he visited the site on Friday. The Contractor is now hauling in Pit Run as fill material rather than clay, as the clay was too wet. They have a big crew working and he expects that they will be close to the sub grade level by the end of the day on Friday. The County had the Contractor lay the geotextile between the clay and the pit run so that it will repel water and not go into the clay. June 15 is still the expected date for the road to be opened. He

anticipates that the County will pave a section of our road that was used to haul the material from the farmer's field, where the clay was stored.

Councillor Kingsbury asked if there was any decision to proceed and reconstruct the intersection of Pinnacle Road and Garden of Eden Road this year under the Build Canada Grant. Jeff Schruder said he is still waiting for Ed Vickers for input into the culvert sizing. He did note that if we raised the approach to this intersection there is a culvert that can not be replaced until next year, in that immediate area.

Councillor Kingsbury asked if the wishes of the Committee are to proceed. Chair Bennett said his wishes are to proceed this summer, with this part of the contract, however, he accepts that it will be three to four weeks until we know if we can proceed.

Murray Humphries added that it would be nice if we could install some of the culverts this summer.

5. DELEGATION

Chair Bennett noted that Tom Orr was present to discuss his development proposal off Highway 653 near the interprovincial bridge. He suggested that as we would be going to a Site Meeting following this meeting, Mr Orr wait until the end of the meeting to make his presentation. Mr Orr agreed.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER'S REPORT

Jeff Schruder presented his Infrastructure Manager's Report.

7. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Rod Eady presented his report. Rod reported that Early Road broke up after the half loads were removed due to heavy truck traffic. However, the road is now tightening up.

Chair Bennett asked if we should put the half-load back on Early Road until Thompson Road is open. Rod Eady said he would watch the condition of the road.

Councillor Kingsbury asked if there was any information received about the pine trees that were cut on Ruttan Road. Jeff said he was speaking with Don Eady on Friday and he does not know when they were cut down or by whom. There was no authority from the Township to do so. He will have a report for tomorrow's Council meeting. It was suggested that he call neighbours to see if they are aware of what went on.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

New Grant – Community Adjustment Fund

The CAO/Clerk reported that this fund is to assist Communities who are experiencing hardship due to the downturn in the economy, particularly one industry towns, with layoffs. He informed the Committee that he is aware of one municipality in the County that is applying for new equipment under this program.

Jeff Schruder added that if this was possible he would suggest the grader.

Councillor Kingsbury said if buildings are included he would suggest that we also include the addition to the Community Centre under this grant as additional insurance for getting funds. It was noted that this grant is 100% rather than cost sharing with the Federal Government.

The CAO/Clerk was requested to get more information before the Council Meeting.

9. PUBLIC WORK TENDERS

The CAO/Clerk reported that the agenda does note that the Tenders close June 2, however they did close on Friday May 29, 2009 but the Committee agreed to open them at the Council Meeting on June 2, 2009.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed by member of the Committee.

Being the end of the agenda, the Committee went back to Agenda item No 5 "Delegations" and met with Mr Tom Orr, who presented a copy of the Planning Proposal that he submitted to the Planning Committee May 19, 2009 for 15 lots by condominium plan of subdivision. He explained that the waterfront setback is 100 feet, which would require in several of the lots to have additional depth which would run into the unopened road allowance. He asked for the Committee's recommendation to proceed with the road closing, as his condominium subdivision would have an internal road, a gated community controlled by owners of the lots. This would eliminate the need for Township maintenance. He added that the closure of the road allowance is important to this development as it permits additional lots.

Rick Lester asked with this proposal would the Township have to maintain or snowplow the road.

Mr Orr said that the owners of the condominium corporation are responsible for this, his company will maintain the internal road until five houses are constructed.

Rick Lester asked if there were any development plans for the opposite side of the unopened road allowance.

Mr Orr said this land is owned by Ontario Hydro. He has contacted them briefly and started the process to purchase, which if it is possible, will take some time.

Chair Bennett noted that the plan is for this Committee to view the road allowance property. He noted that Planning Committee also want to view the road allowance and so both Committees will have to meet after their separate tours of the property and decide what our recommendation is.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be July 6, 2009 at 8:30 am.

12. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Rick Lester, seconded by Rod Eady

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 Jeff Schruder, seconded by Murray Humphries

That this committee meeting be adjourned at 9:15 am to proceed to an onsite meeting at Mr Orr's property.

**Carried.**