

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

October 23, 2009

There was a short meeting of the Council Members on the Public Works Committee held following the Fire Committee Meeting. Present were Chair David Bennett, Mayor Robert A. Johnston and Councillor Bob Kingsbury. Staff present Jeff Schruder and Mackie McLaren.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called this meeting to order 1:45 p.m.

2. PURCHASE OF USED EXCAVATOR FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Chair Bennett suggested the Department consider purchasing a used rubber tired excavator for ditching purposes for the Public Works Department. He reported that an excavator was available for \$72,000 from a company near Cornwall. He reported that the CAO/Clerk has requested Jeff Schruder prepare a business plan for this purchase/lease. Jeff noted that a ditching job waiting is the Johnston Road project which if we do the work ourselves with this excavator it would free up \$25,000 towards this purchase. The Committee requested Jeff to contact the company on Monday and to see what deposit it would take to hold this unit until Council makes a decision, during their meeting of November 3, 2009.

Tandem Truck – Snow Plough Equipment Purchase

Chair Bennett suggested that before the Public Works Committee Meeting, Friday October 30, 2009, that several of the Committee Members with Jeff Schruder, tour the company that provided the bid for the roll-off/roll-on equipment i.e. truck box, sander box unit, flatbed etc. as part of the recent truck tender. Jeff Schruder said this Plant is east of Montreal and suggested they could attend the Township of North Algoma Wilberforce as they have all this equipment on hand already. They authorised Jeff to contact North Algoma Wilberforce and if all the equipment we are interested in is there to arrange an inspection.

Septage Tanks

Chair Bennett noted that, while this is not a Public Works Committee item, he has information that he and Jeff want to exchange with the Council Members present. Jeff and Garnet Headrick inspected the inside of the tanks again this morning and there were no cracks seen. Jeff questioned if there was a section of the first patching job that was not properly installed, one area of the patch did not look good, otherwise he does not know what is causing the leak.

Chair Bennett noted that Jeff contacted Shelly Bonte Gelok of the Ministry of Environment, about applying septage waste before the leak is found and repaired as concrete suppliers have suggested that the septic waste would plug any leaks, but MOE want it 100% leak proof first. However, they would extend the deadline for spreading until 2011, meaning that we would not have to do a Fall spreading this year so that we have time to repair the tanks.

Chair Bennett suggested that he research a roll-on sealant on the walls and floor of the two tanks. If this did not work he would have to investigate another product which is much more expensive approximately \$6,000. As this is a toxic compound a licensed company would have to purchase it, which Horton is not, and it may have to be processed through his company.

Councillor Kingsbury said we would need to have an inspection carried out once we have made the tanks leak proof. Chair Bennett suggested that we secure the services of Andrew Polley to carry out the final inspections to ensure that the tanks are leak proof.

The Council Members present agreed. Chair Bennett added if all this could take place in the next week we could still get a Fall spreading in.

Chair Bennett adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

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CAO/Clerk