

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

March 31, 2008

There was a meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Horton Community Centre on Tuesday March 31, 2009. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Councillor Bob Kingsbury and Murray Humphries. 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 8:40 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. GARDEN OF EDEN ROAD PROJECT

Jeff Schruder reported that he has now received quotes for boring holes to test the condition of the sub-grades.

Geo-Logic	– 11 bore holes	\$8,500
Stantec Engineering	– 11 locations, 3 bore holes each (centre line and each side)	\$20,400

Jeff noted that the bore holes were priced to be done instead of using a backhoe to dig the holes. He recommended bore holes for the record purposes of the grant, if we need to do more bore holes in the future, that the Backhoe could do them. Several alternatives were reviewed on work that could be carried out by the engineer.

Jeff Schruder asked if there was a need to have a profile and alignment survey done, as we know there is no problem with this. Murray Humphries suggested a profile might be done, alignment is fine. However, he said survey of the culverts is required and with the survey equipment today the profile survey could be done quite easily. Murray Humphries cautioned that the bore holes may establish that top soil was not removed from the road when it was constructed and the soil engineers may have some concerns, however the road has existed for at least 60 years over this soil. It has not been a problem and it should not continue to be a problem. He recommends that we approach Stantec Engineering to ask them to work with us on the parts of the project we require.

The Committee agreed to invite Ed Vickers of Stantec Engineering to our meeting of April 6, 2009. Jeff Schruder informed the Committee that we need a proposal on the culvert design to send the Ministry of Natural Resources, and to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The MNR contacts suggested working with an engineer to give Jeff experience for other approvals. He added that we need to be in agreement at the Committee level about what we will ask the engineer to do.

Chair Bennett suggested that we do not need an alignment survey, that we do the profile of the vertical. Councillor Kingsbury suggested that we need to give reasons for our position on the bore holes. Murray Humphries suggested that we go back to the idea of a backhoe and have staff and the engineer present when the soil is opened up for a visual. There is no need for testing the material. The Committee agreed for the engineer to be approached on these concerns.

Mayor Johnston said that he has heard that there are suggestions of day labour but he informed the Committee that he supports a contract for the project. Murray

Humphries and Jeff added that they agreed with this. Jeff Schruder asked about new entrance culverts for driveways? The Committee agreed that all entrance culverts should be changed unless they were recently installed in new driveways.

Chair Bennett discussed new changes to the intersection at Pinnacle Road and Garden of Eden Road. The curve will be taken out at that intersection. Pinnacle Road will be engineered to the top of the hill for alignment of that new intersection.

4. AUTHORIZE ENGINEERS

This was discussed above. Ed Vickers will be contacted.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Bennett noted to the Committee that two ratepayers living on Garden of Eden Road were to be invited to become part of this process, should they come in to this next meeting? The Committee agreed to wait until some of these preliminaries are out of the way.

Chair Bennett noted that at last evenings Finance Meeting, various departments had money cut and Public Works was cut back \$15,000 on gravel. The \$50,000 in the budget will be \$35,000. Jeff Schruder was requested to report back to the Committee on what roads will receive the gravel.

Mayor Johnston asked if there was any work scheduled for the Deberming machine, as he suggested the timing would be right over the next two weeks. Jeff will report at Monday's meeting.

Rod Eady asked if Chair Bennett had received any more information on the "asphalt zipper"? Chair Bennett said he did have a call in to the company. Jeff Schruder noted that a contact for the City of Pembroke Public Works said they had an Asphalt Zipper. It did about 1 kilometre last year and would probably show us the machine in operation. He said it had some problems.

6. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Murray Humphries, seconded by Rod Eady

That the Committee passes 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.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jeff Schruder, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That this Public Works Committee Meeting be adjourned at 9:50 am.

**Carried.**

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Chair

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CAO/Clerk