

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

APRIL 23, 2007

There was a meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers following an inspection of roads on Monday April 23, 2007. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Murray Humphries, Rick Lester from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., Bob Kingsbury 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., Mayor Robert A. Johnston and Rod Eady, Public Works Superintendent. Prior to the formal part of the meeting the Committee carried out Site Inspections on Johnston Road, in front of property owned by Bill Hobbs and in front of property owned by Greg and Angela Burgess (KOA) and on Pastway Road in front of property owned by Jack Stecklenberg.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The formal part of the meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2007

Chair Bennett briefly reviewed the March 19, Meeting Minutes, which had been approved by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. REPORT ON ROADSIDE MEETINGS

Chair Bennett reported that the Site Inspections on Johnston Road and Pastway Road will result in the Municipality carrying out elevation surveys of both these roads. Discussion will then be held with the Committee following the calculation of the elevations to see what options are available to resolve drainage problems.

In addition there is a blockage in the ditch on Johnston Road, near the KOA Campground, which will be removed within seven days. The water will run as it will to find its own outlet.

Chair Bennett reported that Murray Humphries, committee member, will be carrying out the elevation surveys on Johnston Road. He suggested that the Committee pay Mr. Humphries a technician rate of minimum \$30 per hour.

Moved by Rod Eady, seconded by Robert A. Johnston

That the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that Murray Humphries be reimbursed \$30 per hour for technical work he provides to the Municipality.

Carried.

Murray Humphries declared pecuniary interest and did not take part in the vote.

5. QUOTATIONS FOR THREE-QUARTER TON TRUCK

Quotations closed at 12 noon for a three-quarter ton truck. The following quotations were received.

	Total Price	Yearly Payment	Cost to Finance	Total Cost
Jackson Toyota	32,967.66	7,629.96	4,182.14	37,149.80
Reid Bros 2x2	30,201.76	7,362.96	6,547.04	36,748.80
Renfrew Chrysler	36,993.61	7,398.72	Nil	36,993.61
Mackenzie Motors	42,750.00	Cash purchase	Nil	42,750.00
Mackenzie Motors	42,750.00	10,045.20	7,476.00	50,226.00

The following concerns were expressed following review of the quotation forms:

Reid Brothers quote is for a two wheel drive vehicle, the quote requested a four wheel drive vehicle.

Mackenzie's quote included an eight foot Fisher Snow Plow at \$7,500 built into the quote – this was not requested.

Jackson Toyota – payload request was $\frac{3}{4}$ ton – actual payload is 765 kg (1690 lb).

Renfrew Chrysler met the specs.

Following discussion the Committee recommended that the Public Works Superintendent and the CAO/Clerk review the quotes and to check with Jackson to make sure the quote meets a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton requirement and with Reid Bros to confirm that it is a four wheel drive vehicle they are actually quoting on. Results will be reported at the next meeting.

7. APRIL 9, 2007 ROAD TOUR RESULTS

The Committee Members briefly reviewed two reports produced by the CAO/Clerk which lifted the average of the ratings given by each member on the April 9, 2007 Road Tour and the second Report used the same information but sorted in ascending order from worst road average to best road average.

Rod Eady discussed his proposal of reviewing his budget figures to see if there are projects that can wait and use this fund for a general gravel contract. Council briefly discussed this proposal but did not make any recommendations.

8. O.S.I.F.A. LOAN

The Committee did not discuss the OSIFA Loan as the Committee attendance had dropped at this point in the meeting. It was also agreed that the Council Meeting that would follow this meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m. would not be held as there would be no recommendation, from this meeting today.

9. CHARLIE NESBITT DRAINAGE

Ralph Miller and Gladys Nesbitt Miller are now owners of the property owned by the late Charlie Nesbitt on Pucker Street. Mr. Miller asked if this file could be brought forward out of archives. He was aware that the Township made an offer to Mr. Nesbitt that if he provided the four inch big O drainage tile the Township would spend one day installing the tile with our backhoe. He is willing to supply the tile. The Committee reviewed two letters dated January 15, 2002 and May 14, 2002 as well as an Agreement that was drafted but never approved by Council and Mr. Nesbitt never actually saw it, concerning the work to be done.

After a brief discussion, Chair Bennett asked for input from the Committee Members. The only person who supported doing something was Mayor Johnston. The other Members agreed that the idea of an Agreement in 2002 was to resolve an issue that does not seem to be a problem today.

Moved by Rod Eady, seconded by Murray Humphries

That the Public Works Committee agrees not to proceed with any drainage works on the Ralph and Gladys Miller property (formerly Charles Nesbitt property).

Carried.

Opposed – Robert A. Johnston

10. DANIEL AUBERT ROAD WIDENING

The CAO/Clerk informed the Committee that when Dan Ferguson severed two lots in the 1970s or early 1980s, the surveyor at the time used the fence line as the edge of the Township property, when in fact the fence line was twenty-three feet off the property line at one end and going down to zero at the other end. The owner of the property now, Daniel Aubert, is in the process of selling the property and this strip of land has become a problem in the closing of the sale. He has asked the Township to receive ownership of this parcel of land and to incorporate it into the road system.

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, seconded by Rod Eady

That the Public Works Committee recommend to Council that they support receiving part 5 and part 6 of a reference plan of Daniel Aubert and that the Township pass a by-law incorporating this land into the Township Road System. The Township will receive this at no cost to the Township.

Carried.

11. NEW CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

The Township sold the former Sportsplex property to a number company owned by David St Amour. This property contained an easement granting the owners of the now New Connections Ministry property access to the Sportsplex property. This is not required now as New Connections Ministry have their own access and Mr. St. Amour has asked the Township to release this easement condition so that he has the property free and clear. New Connections Ministries indicated that they will support removal of this easement provided the Township sand their hill on a regular maintenance basis through the winter. Prior to reviewing this request the Committee asked the CAO/Clerk to review the sale of the property to the numbered company to see if there were any conditions that this right of way be removed. It may very well be a private matter. The Committee agreed to wait until the next meeting until the question is answered.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Closed Meeting – Personnel

Moved by Rod Eady, seconded by Murray Humphries

That the Public Works Meeting now proceed into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 8 (b) (iv) of Procedural By-law 98-08 – Personnel.

Carried.

The meeting was closed at 11:40 a.m. The meeting was called back to order at 11:45 a.m. with the same members present.

Chair Bennett reported that during the closed session the Committee discussed the potential return of a part-time Public Works employee. It was agreed by the Committee, in closed session, that this discussion will continue at the April 24, 2007 Management Meeting Review, scheduled with Council.

13. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet Friday May 4, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. There will then be a time arranged with the Council Members not on the Committee to meet with the Committee to review the OSIFA Borrowing Proposal and the Road Tour results.

14. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Rod Eady, seconded by Robert A. Johnston

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

Carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Murray Humphries, seconded by Rod Eady

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Carried.

