

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MAY 4, 2007

There was a meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Friday May 4, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. Present were: Chair Dave Bennett, Mayor Robert A. Johnston, Councillor Bob Kingsbury, Murray Humphries, Rod Eady, Public Works Superintendent, CAO Mackie McLaren, also present at the start of the meeting were Councillor Don Eady and Deputy Mayor Bob Hall who left the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Rick Lester was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Bob Johnston declared pecuniary interest in an item he wishes to discuss on Item No 12 Other Business.

3. MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2007

The Committee reviewed the April 23, 2007 Meeting Minutes which had been approved by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising to be discussed.

5. RESERVES – COUNCILLOR DON EADY

Councillor Eady explained to the Committee Council's long term plans regarding the initial set up of the municipal reserve funds. Councillor Eady used the Public Works Department as an example of a yearly reserve accounting in the budget.

Equipment	Cost %	Life of Vehicle	Annual Reserve
Truck # 3	200,000	10 years	\$20,000
Truck # 2	200,000	10 years	\$20,000
1/2 Ton	50,000	10 years	\$ 5,000
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Backhoe	100,000	15 years	\$ 7,000
Grader	300,000	20 years	\$15,000
Miscellaneous			\$ 5,000
			\$77,000

The Public Works Department places \$75,000 in reserves per year. He also explained the purpose of the reserves for all other departments. Chair Bennett thanked Councillor Eady.

6. PURCHASE OF ¾ TON TRUCK

Chair Bennett informed the Committee that he was authorized by Council at the May 1, 2007 Regular Council Meeting to purchase the ¾ ton truck tendered by Mack MacKenzie Motors Ltd. However, when he called to purchase, the truck had been sold. MacKenzies were successful in putting together another package of better value on the same vehicle type in Ottawa. The truck will be delivered next week. The Committee discussed this and agreed on the purchase.

7. APRIL 9, 2007 ROAD TOUR RESULTS

The Committee discussed the road tour results. Comments were made regarding individual roads. Rod Eady informed the Committee of the roads that require gravel.

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

Chair Bennett spoke of the OSIFA Loan. He said the road tour indicated the Garden of Eden Road was rated as the worst condition in the Township. Bob Hall stated that in his opinion there are not enough residents on this road to justify the expense. He suggested that it could be deburmed, ditched and culverts put in, not hardtop. Don Eady said he would not vote to borrow this money unless all expenses and method of payback are available to him. He advised the Committee he would like to sit back this year and analyse new options. He wanted a detailed plan available before he would vote. Bob Kingsbury agreed that he would want to see a good financial plan presented before he voted. Murray Humphries agreed the road is in poor condition but he would not borrow

money for this road. He believes culverts could be fixed and other maintenance carried out. He explained that he sees other roads of concern in the Township. Don Eady said that even though we were unsuccessful with the C.O.M.R.I.F. Grant one day we should be able to receive grant money instead of borrowing.

Don Eady and Bob Hall left the meeting.

Chair Bennett explained that the loan was not available for road maintenance. They would have to look at another plan. Bob Johnston supported not borrowing money for Garden of Eden Road hardtop. Chair Bennett explained the road does need work. He suggested perhaps half the money could be borrowed for ditching, culverts etc. The CAO/Clerk is to investigate this and see if there are any restrictions if this is done.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Rod Eady

That Mackie McLaren explores what finances are available to do the necessary work on the Garden of Eden Road this year.

**Carried.**

The Committee asked Murray Humphries if he would review the engineering plans that were submitted with the O.S.I.F A. Loan. He agreed.

9. NEW CONNECTIONS MINISTRIES

Chair Bennett informed the Committee that the owner who purchased the old Sportsplex property wishes to resell and there is a right-of-way on title, which Horton is obligated to remove. This R.O.W. originally granted access to the lands behind the old Sportsplex but now the property has its own access. The CAO/Clerk was authorized to offer New Connections Ministry a free tandem load of winter sand every year for ten years for them to waive their right to use the R.O.W. and thereby permitting the Township to remove it from title.

10. GRAVEL TENDER

Rod Eady explained to the Committee that a gravel tender was not included in the 2007 Budget. He requested we use some money allocated for another road that may not be completed this year. The Committee asked that he take this suggestion to the next Committee Meeting when he determines what can be done on this road for 2007. Chair Bennett said that we may need extra money to complete Goshen Road.

11. SUMMER STUDENT

Mackie McLaren informed the Committee that he has received three applications for the summer student position. He was advised by the Committee to re-submit the advertisement to the Renfrew Mercury and other newspapers for an additional week.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Johnston declared pecuniary interest. He asked the Committee what the Township requires for a turnaround and for the improvements he must make to the unopened 8<sup>th</sup> Concession Road to service five new severances. He explained his plan to the Committee. Rod Eady is to give him the Township requirements.

Chair Bennett commented that he disagrees that Council should go into a stall mode for one year, as suggested earlier by a Council Member.

13. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet on Wednesday May 16, at 8:30 a.m.

14. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Rod Eady

That the Committee pass this confirming resolution to validate 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.**

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Murray Humphries, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 9:55 am.

**Carried.**