

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MAY 16, 2007

There was a meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday May 16, 2007. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Bob Kingsbury, Rod Eady, Public Works Superintendent, Murray Humphries, Rick Lester and Mayor Robert A. Johnston.

1. 8:30 am - INTERVIEWS – STUDENT POSITION

The Committee interviewed two applicants, (three were invited, one did not show) for the two summer student positions of Public Works Project Study Assistant and Asset Evaluation Project Study Assistant. The applicant who did not appear, had several attempts by the office to contact him, one contact reached a friend who said he would advise him to call and the CAO/Clerk emailed yesterday afternoon the notice of this meeting. All attempts to reach him failed.

Following the interviews Chair Bennett discussed the need for laptop computers for these two positions, as part of the work will involve entering data they collect into a computer system.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

4. MINUTES OF MAY 04, 2007 COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee members reviewed the May 4, 2007 Committee Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Rod Eady, seconded by Murray Humphries.

That the Committee approve the May 4, 2007, Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

The Committee reviewed the information received by the CAO/Clerk from OSIFA following the May 4, 2007 Meeting. There was an invitation to have a representative attend and the representative is open. The Committee suggested May 28, 2007 at the start of the Finance Committee Meeting.

Chair Bennett informed the Committee that the ¾ ton truck has been received and it has been decided at this time that it will not be lettered with the Township name.

New Connections Ministry

The CAO/Clerk reported that the Township Solicitor has made the offer to New Connections Ministry for them to waive removal of a right-of-way over the former Sportsplex property land in lieu of them receiving one tandem load of winter sand a year for ten years.

6. OSIFA LOAN INFORMATION

As mentioned earlier a representative Bob Keene will be invited to the May 28, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Certified Engineering Technician

The Committee asked if any applications had been received for the Certified Engineering Technician position that had recently been advertised. At this point in time no applications have been received. The applications close May 24, 2007. Mayor Johnston questioned why the advertisement asked for ten years experience where the County asked for three years experience.

Summer Student Positions

Chair Bennett questioned if the Township had tried hard enough to contact Adam Hughes who did not show for the interviews. The Committee agreed that we had carried out our due diligence.

Moved by Rick Lester, seconded by Rod Eady

That the Township of Horton employ Nick Karavidas for the Asset Evaluation Project Study Assistant and Abe Rollins for Public Works Project Study Assistant positions. Employment will commence May 22, 2007. The students will be given the opportunity to attend a Municipal Data Works Seminar in Bancroft on May 23, 2007.

Carried.

Heiderman Forestry Services

Rod Eady reported that Heiderman is cutting red pine on the Stevenson bush lot on Eady Road and there are mature trees on the Horton Road allowance they asked if they can cut them. They would pay \$100 per thousand board feet. Mr. Eady informed the Committee that Councillor Don Eady had originally suggested that the Township cut these trees and saw the lumber for our own use. After discussion the following resolution was put forward.

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, seconded by Murray Humphries

That Heiderman Forestry Services be authorized to cut selected red pine on Eady Road in front of the Stevenson farm and reimburse the Township \$100 per thousand board feet of lumber.

Carried.

Surplus 1996 Half Ton Truck

Chair Bennett asked how the Committee wished to dispose of the surplus Half Ton Truck and snow plow that we have. This truck has transmission problems. The suggestions were advertise in the Auto Trader at a fixed price or invite the highest tender. Councillor Kingsbury declared potential pecuniary interest. After discussion the following resolution was put forward.

Moved by Murray Humphries, seconded by Rod Eady

That the Public Works Committee agree to advertise for highest tender, in the local newspaper, the 1996 Chev Half Ton Pick-up Truck and Snowplow for sale.

Carried.

Laptop Computers

As discussed earlier, Chair Bennett suggested the Township purchase two new laptop computers for immediate use by the summer students but for future use by Councillors who do not have personal laptops for the meeting software. He suggested that the Township had two choices to buy a basic computer from an electronic store at approximately \$800 plus taxes or buy locally and buy the same type of computer for a higher price. After discussion the following resolution was put forward.

Moved by Robert A Johnston, seconded by Rick Lester

That the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that they agree to purchase two laptop computers with an upset limit of \$800 plus tax. Funds to come from the Office Equipment Reserve.

Carried.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The Committee agreed that they would meet on May 28, 2007 at the start of the Finance Committee Meeting to hear the OSIFA presentation at 4:00 p.m.

9. 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 Meeting which are minor in nature and which were not set out in By-law or Resolution.

Carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Rick Lester, seconded by Murray Humphries

That this Public Works Committee Meeting be

