

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

February 27, 2006

There was a Meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Monday February 27, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Reeve Robert A Johnston, Councillor Don Eady, Public Works Superintendent Rod Eady and CAO Mackie McLaren.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES OF JANUARY 25 & 26, 2006

The Committee reviewed the Minutes of January 25 and 26, 2006.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Chair Bennett suggested that Whitton Road Snow Plowing be put on the Agenda for the next Committee Meeting.

Superintendent Rod Eady informed the Committee that he could purchase a Laser Transit from United Rental for \$1,600. for the whole package.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Snow & Ice Removal - Maintenance Standard Policy

The Committee discussed the Township's snow and ice removal policy. Our standard exceeds the required policy standards. It was decided to add this policy to the Agenda for the next Committee meeting.

Stoni-Ridge Campground – Road Allowance

The Committee received a request from Joe Charlebois, owner of Stoni-Ridge Campground.

Moved by Robert Johnston

Seconded by Don Eady

That the Road Committee recommend to Council that the Township take back the Road Allowance from Joe Charlebois and all costs to be borne by Mr. Charlebois.

Carried.

Group Benefits Bank

A meeting will be arranged for all full time employees to discuss this proposal to the benefit package.

Lead Hand

Chair Bennett informed the Committee that the lead hand had resigned that position although he will still remain as an employee. The Committee decided not to fill this position at the present time. They will monitor this closely and review it at another date.

Review 2006 Proposed Operating Budget

The Committee discussed the Goshen Road Project. Councillor Eady suggested that a consulting engineer be hired to give a preliminary report and drawings. This cost not to exceed \$5,000. The Committee agreed to this. A consulting engineer will be contacted.

The Committee reviewed proposed reductions to the 2006 Operating Budget. It was suggested that CAO Mackie McLaren, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Linda Novossiltzeff and Superintendent Rod Eady will meet and review some proposals.

Councillor Eady requested that an advertisement be put in the local paper to warn residents to be very careful when backing out of private driveways. The snowbanks are very high and cause a visibility problem. Superintendent Eady informed the Committee that his Department is in the process of cutting down some high snow banks in the Township.

6. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet Monday March 6, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.

7. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Robert Johnston

Seconded by Don Eady

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

Carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Don Eady

Seconded by Robert Johnston

That the Public Works Committee adjourns at 11:05 a.m.

Carried.

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Chair

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Treasurer/Deputy Clerk