

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 21, 2006

There was a Meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Monday August 21, 2006. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Reeve Robert A. Johnston, Rod Eady Public Works Superintendent and Linda Novossiltzeff Treasurer/Deputy Clerk. Also present was Councillor Bob Kingsbury. Absent was Councillor Don Eady.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest expressed by anyone present.

3. MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2006 MEETING

Chair Bennett reviewed the August 15 Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, Seconded by Rod Eady that the Committee approve the August 15, 2006 Committee Meeting Minutes.

Carried

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Recommend David Radke to fill Backhoe Operator position.

Rod Eady informed the Committee that he has called Mr. Radke's residence but hasn't spoken with him yet. Chair Bennett suggested that with the experience Mr. Radke has, there should be no need to carryout the actual backhoe digging test. We could proceed and recommend that his application be accepted. The Committee agreed.

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, Seconded by Rod Eady that the Public Works Committee recommend that Council employ David Radke for the Backhoe/Grader Operator/Truck Driver/Maintenance Worker position for a six month Seasonal Position at the pay level of Grid 5C with the possibility of fulltime employment in six months.

Carried

5. TENDER 2006-02 MULLINS ROAD & COBUS HILL SURFACE TREATMENT

The following tenders were received for Tender 2006-02:

	Greenwood Paving	Smiths Construction
Total price & PST	\$56,335.00	\$55,572.60
GST	<u>3,380.10</u>	<u>3,213.49</u>
Total tender price	\$59,715.10	\$58,786.15

After reviewing the tenders, the following resolution was put forward:

Moved by Rod Eady, Seconded by Robert A. Johnston that due to budget constraints, the Public Works Committee authorize Chair Dave Bennett to contact Smiths Construction, the low bidder, and offer to enter into a contract in the amount of \$50,000 net of the GST

rebate for tender 2006-02. Further, The Committee accepts the extended completion date from September 08 to September 29 requested by Smiths Construction.

Carried

6. GOSHEN ROAD

Excavator Quotes for Ditches

Rod Eady presented the following prices for excavator rental for ditching on Goshen Road:

Grant A. Crozier Excavating	
Dig new ditches 2200' x 2' deep	\$8,500
Install 12 culverts supplied by Twp.	6,500
Topsoil 4'' in ditches	<u>9,500</u>
Subtotal	\$24,500
GST	<u>1,470</u>
Total	\$25,970
B. R. Fulton Construction	
Ditch and remove approx 340 m. of earth, excavator & trucks	\$10,500
Topsoil 60m x \$30	<u>1,800</u>
Subtotal	\$12,300
Taxes extra	

The Committee members discussed the two quotes. They questioned if both quotes were on the same basis. They questioned if Fulton included gravel to cover the culverts we supply for the driveways. They questioned if 60 m. of topsoil was enough. After discussion, the Committee authorized Rod Eady to get clarification on the quotes and to ensure that they are both quoting on the same work. When Rod Eady gets the revised quotes, a quick meeting will be called to decide whether to rent the excavator or do the work ourselves.

Hoe Ram Rock exposed in dig outs

Rod Eady expressed his concern that the high rock table they exposed when digging out portions of Goshen Road should be lowered to ensure there is no Spring heaving. He suggested the rock be hoe rammed to drop the level of the rock down to 4 feet below the road surface. Rod estimated the cost would be \$3,000 for this work. Chair Bennett questioned the need for the hoe ram as flat rock will not heave. After discussion the Committee authorized Rod Eady to proceed with the hoe ram if he felt it was required.

Ditching work on Goshen Road

Chair Bennett asked Rod Eady and Reeve Johnston, who took elevations of the road and ditches, if there were any areas of the road we do not have to ditch. They discussed the elevations and the cross sections prepared by Reeve Johnston. After discussion, the Committee agreed to hold a Public Meeting at 7:30 pm during the September 05<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Letters are to be dropped off at each house affected by the new ditch. At the Meeting, Reeve Johnston will review the elevations and the cross sections at this Meeting.

7. COMRIF INTAKE 3

Information from Engineer

The CAO/Clerk presented an email received from Ed Vickers of Stantec Engineering concerning COMRIF Intake 3. Mr. Vickers suggested that we include the Garden of Eden Road from Bruce Street to the intersection of Pinnacle Road and Pinnacle Road to

Highway 17, including a redesigned Garden of Eden Road/Pinnacle Road intersection. He suggested that this would lower our Road Sufficiency Index (RSI) from 68 to 56 which is good for our application. He also suggested that the Township contact the OPP for actual data on accidents at the intersection and on Highway 17 when they use this road as a detour route. His company will update the photographs and get traffic counts.

Recommend apply for Intake Three

After discussion of the project, the following resolution was put forward:

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, Seconded by Rod Eady. that the Public Works Committee recommend Council apply for COMRIF Intake Three grant for the Garden of Eden/Pinnacle Roads between Bruce Street and Highway 17 reconstruction. Further, the Committee recommends Council appoint Stantec Engineering Ltd. to complete and submit the application and carry out any necessary preliminary design work required for the application at an estimated cost of \$2,500.

Carried

8. CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW

Linda Novossiltzeff, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk presented a report on the Capital Budget spending to date.

9. PETER TIPPINS

Request to use unopened Concession Road 8 between Thomson Road and Bonnechere River

Peter Tippins was present to request the Township's permission to remove some of the large berm on unopened Concession Road 8 at Thomson Road and to use the allowance to access a 5 acre parcel of land next the Bonnechere River to clear the lot. The lot will eventually be for sale. The Committee discussed use of the road when a new owner purchases the property and wants to build a cottage or residence. Construction of the road would be required at that time.

The CAO/Clerk presented a copy of an agreement the Township entered into with a property owner also on unopened concession road 8 but at Castleford Road. Mr. Tippins and the Committee reviewed a copy of this agreement and both agreed that a similar agreement would work.

Moved by Rod Eady, Seconded by Robert A. Johnston that the CAO/Clerk prepares a draft agreement for review by the Committee and Mr. Tippins. Further, Mr. Tippins is requested to contact the two adjoining property owners along this unopened road allowance and advise them of his plans.

Carried

10. LANDFILL SITE REVIEW BY COUNCILLOR EADY

Councillor Eady was absent from the meeting to do work commitments. The Committee agreed to put this item off till the next meeting.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

12. CLOSED MEETING

Employee' position on the salary/wage grid

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, Seconded by Rod Eady that the Public Works Committee proceed into a Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 8(b) (iv) of by-law 98-08 (Procedural By-law).

Carried

The Meeting was closed at 8:40 p.m.

Chair Bennett called the Meeting back to Public Session at 8:55 p.m. and reported that during the closed meeting the Committee discussed where on the grid to place the former Lead Hand. In the public session, the following resolution was put forward:

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, Seconded by Rod Eady that the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that the Grader Operator/Truck Driver, Maintenance Worker position be “red circled” at Grid 6C until such time as the hourly rate of grid 5E meets or exceeds the current pay rate for Grid 6C. Further the Committee recommends that the next Council review the salary/wage grid to ensure that the rates of pay match the pay in the private sectors.

Carried

13. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that the next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

14. Moved by Robert A. JOHNSTON, 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 will not be set out in a By-law or Resolution.

Carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, seconded by Rod Eady that the Public Works Committee adjourns at 9:00 p.m.

Carried.

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Chair

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CAO/Clerk