

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 29, 2006

There was a meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday November 29, 2006. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, Councillor Don Eady, Reeve Robert A Johnston and Rod Eady, Public Works Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. GOSHEN ROAD DRAINAGE

Cross Road Culvert Proposed near Mark Virgin's Gate

Chair Bennett explained that this culvert was proposed to be installed this Fall to drain water from east of Virgin's gate, and water that normally ponded near Draper's house to the opposite side of the road.

Cross Road Culvert Opposite Mark Virgin's Farm

- Remove OR Replace and reverse direction of flow
Construct Shallow ditch in front of Mark Virgin's Farm

Chair Bennett used a wall chart to set out what the options were. Mr Virgin has requested the Township ditch in front of his farm to keep the road water from going onto his fields. The existing cross road culvert has to be replaced as it is falling in and when it is replaced, it was suggested that the flow of water be reversed. Councillor Bennett said that the ditch should be reshot to see what fall we have to work with.

The Committee discussed the options. After discussion the following resolution was put forward

Moved by Rod Eady, seconded by Don Eady

That the Public Works Committee recommend to Council that in the Spring of 2007 the Township take shots of the ditch in front of Mark Virgin's farm to ensure that we have sufficient fall to dig a ditch. A culvert will be installed under the Virgin's driveway and a ditch will be dug from that point through to Arnold McArthur's house. The existing cross road culvert will be changed and the flow of the water will be reversed directing the water into the opposite ditch.

Carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Eady noted that there is an entrance started for the McGrimmon Self Storage Building, he asked if there was to be a culvert installed? Rod Eady said yes. He has met with Mr McGrimmon and Mr McGrimmon has made application for this entrance culvert.

Councillor Eady referred to a drainage problem in the Jamieson Gravel Pit. The former owners Smith Construction dug a drainage ditch to alleviate water concerns in the ditch and in the immediate area where the houses are. This ditch has now been covered over in one location and a small farm drainage tile has been installed but is not allowing water to flow through quickly enough and maybe is blocked. The water table is abnormally high because of this. What needs to be done is a twelve inch culvert installed as a minimum where they want to put a crossing on this ditch.

The Committee authorized the CAO/Clerk to phone Miller Paving in Arnprior to request that this be done.

Mullins Road Hard Surface

Chair Bennett said that he has noticed that with the recent rain the prime and double surface looks better than we thought it might. He suggested that the heat of next Spring and Summer may make it perfect. Rob Eady agreed but had called Millers to discuss the condition of the intersection of Eady Road and Mullins Road, he has not received a response yet.

Push Off Area Adjacent to Burt Virgin's Laneway

Rod Eady reported that we must level what we dumped on our property adjacent to Mr Virgin's laneway. This material came from the ditching on Goshen Road. If we do not do this we will cause snow drifting problems for Mr Virgin during the Winter. The options are to rent a small dozer or to rent a big dozer and suggested Brian Dedo's dozer at the Landfill Site.

After discussion on options, Rod Eady was authorized to get prices and to proceed to have the work done with the cheapest quote.

New Tires for Snow Plow Trucks

Rod Eady informed the Committee that we have balloon type tires on the front of our gravel trucks and over the winters we have not changed these tires. It was evident last year with all the ice that the balloon tires act like skis and the truck does not have the same control. He requested permission to purchase narrow tires and rims. Four new tires and rims will be required. The Committee agreed and authorized Rod to get prices and to go ahead with the purchase.

Culvert – Tinswood/ Eady Road Intersection

Rod Eady reported that the men went down to remove this culvert and replace it and they discovered a Bell Pedestal Junction Box buried in the grass that had fallen over. So this requires they to do a locate and this locate will be done on Wednesday or Thursday. He will then get the job done on Friday.

5. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Rod Eady

That the Committee pass this confirming resolution

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Rod Eady, seconded by Don Eady

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

Chair

CAO/Clerk