

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 25, 2006

There was a Meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chamber on Wednesday January 25, 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 8:35 a.m.

2. Tom Orr Trucking – Future Damages to Thomson Road

Mr. Orr was present. Chair Bennett referred to our January 10, 2006 letter sent to Mr. Orr about future damages to Thomson Road from his hauling fill into the Rory MacKay property. Chair Bennett asked Mr. Orr to lighten his truck loads. He added that we knew he was hauling legal size loads, but the pavement is not up to the standards required to haul the big transport and pup trailers.

Mr. Orr informed the Committee that he was concerned with the threat to charge him for the cost of rebuilding a road. This is the first time this has ever happened to him. He said he hoped that every contractor would have received a similar letter. He is concerned that only he is targeted because of who he is.

Chair Bennett explained that this is not a Tom Orr issue. We have letters out to all contractors inviting them to a meeting on February 15, 2006 at 7 pm in the Horton Community Centre to discuss various roads which are not up to standard to haul heavy truck loads over. He invited Mr. Orr to participate in this meeting.

Mr. Orr noted that this request means the customers will pay more as he is now asked to haul tandem loads rather than tractor trailer loads. Chair Bennett said it boils down to the customer paying slightly more or all the ratepayers paying for road repairing. Mr. Orr said he is going to stock pile the materials needed for the septic system now in the winter for use in the spring. Mr. Orr reported that every residential entrance that had a house constructed in the past five years have been ruined by the gravel haulers.

Mr. Orr informed the Committee of a municipality on Calumette Island which does not issue building permits between March and June as their roads will not stand up to the heavy truck traffic and suggested this may be an option for the Committee to consider. He also stated that he constructed a temporary long approach to the entrance of Jim Congdon's house last year so the trucks did most of their turning on lot and will do the same for the MacKay house if required.

Chair Bennett thanked Mr. Orr for his consideration of hauling in the winter and for arranging this meeting.

3. Whitton Road Snowploughing

Councillor Eady informed the Committee that currently the snowplough truck ploughs up to the railway tracks (our boundary with the Town of Renfrew) and lifts the plough and continues on into Renfrew to Irvin Jamieson's laneway to get a spot to turn the truck around. He suggested that we could plough the Renfrew portion of Whitton Road for them at an agreed upon price as we travel most of the Renfrew portion. Reeve Johnston said he will speak to the Renfrew Public Works Department to see if they are interested in this suggestion.

Reeve Johnston asked about the snowplough route on Thomson Road. Rod Eady set out what the plough route was. Chair Bennett noted that the flow of traffic has changed on Thomson Road over the years. He suggested we may have to review our plough patterns.

4. Confirming Resolution

Moved by Don Eady

Seconded by Robert A. Johnston

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 of Resolution.

Carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Robert A. Johnston

Seconded by Rod Eady

That the Public Works Committee adjourns at 11:17 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIR

CAO/Clerk