

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Meeting to Discuss Landfill Site Management

October 12, 2012

There was a meeting held to discuss Landfill Site Management alternatives on Friday October 12, 2012. Present was Mayor Don Eady and Councillor Jamey Larone, Chair of the Waste Management Committee. Staff present was Jennifer Barr, Finance Manager and Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eady called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

2. LANDFILL SITE MANAGEMENT

Mayor Eady welcomed Joe Hall of Earth's Edge Consulting to the Table. He noted that the Township is changing the operational structure of the landfill site. We have set up 4 cells to sort various items that will be removed from the site. There is a possible option to ship construction and demolition waste to Moose Creek rather than grind and landfill. We will do a single load this fall for a trial. We have recently received approval of an 40,000 cubic metre expansion which is estimated to give us 15 years more life, but hopefully this expansion can last us 25 – 30 years. Renfrew Collegiate Institute High School in Renfrew is building us an attendant's shack as a school project. We are supplying the materials. Some have been donated.

Mayor Eady said that the Committee is looking at consulting services for advice and management direction. The restructuring is to increase our landfill site operation and management. We may be missing out on potential grant opportunities. We receive blue box grant funding but are not receiving the full potential of that funding. He asked Mr. Hall for his comments and thoughts on these topics.

Mr. Hall said he has recently carried out similar work with the Town of Renfrew.

Councillor Larone noted that the monitoring program is managed by consultants. Are costs appropriate? Are we over engineered?

Mr. Hall asked if monitoring is something we can do in house if we had the staff to do so? Do we have someone licenced to sample?

Jennifer Barr said we don't know if we are charged appropriately. We don't know the cost of the increased monitoring requirements.

Mr. Hall said his company does monitoring and reporting. He needs to see the monitoring parameters.

Mayor Eady said he is looking for an overall direction on our operation. He referred to the Data Call produced annually for the blue box grant. Mr. Hall asked for a copy of the latest Data Call information.

Ms. Barr said the Township can supply the volume of E-Waste and Tires collected and shipped from the Landfill site.

Mayor Eady noted that every time we make a change to the operation of the site we need to update our Certificate of Approval. He asked if we change our Attendant's building do we need to amend our CoA. Mr. Hall said no.

Mr. Hall reviewed the 2011 Annual Monitoring and Landfill Report and commented that some of the information produced in the report can be completed by us.

Mayor Eady noted that we are still depositing waste in the original site and want to continue until we reach capacity even though we have our expansion approved. Mr. Hall noted that as long as the Ministry hasn't stopped us, you are Ok.

Councillor Larone discussed the new plan for the operation of the site with cells etc. Mayor Eady said we need direction on the products that can be separated and shipped off site. We need some direction on what products would be best to separate.

Mr. Hall said it is cheaper to sort and separate vs. grind and use as cover.

Mayor Eady asked if there was a market to recycle plastic toys, chairs etc. Mr. Hall said they are not recyclable at this time.

Mr. Hall asked if the Municipality had a Solid Waste Management Plan. He was answered no. Mr. Hall said he could do this, which produces a report on short term, mid-term and long term planning.

The Committee provided Mr. Hall with copies of the Annual Reports for the past 3 years, the Data Call information, the Operations and Closure Report. He agreed to review the documents and provide suggestions on ways to better manage the site and to save money.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Eady declared the Meeting closed at 2:50 p.m.

MAYOR

COA/Clerk