

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

April 18, 2012

There was a meeting of the Public Works Committee held in Horton Township Municipal Chambers on Wednesday April 18, 2012. Present were Chair Glen Campbell, Mayor Don Eady, Committee Members Murray Humphries and Rick Lester. Staff present were Jeff Schruder Municipal Infrastructure Manager, Rod Eady Public Works Superintendent, Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk and Christina Mulcahey Receptionist/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by member of the Committee.

3. MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2012 COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee briefly reviewed the minutes of March 21, 2012.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

- Municipal Infrastructure Manager Jeff Schruder reported that truck 3 now has the water tank on it and is ready for use.
- Mr. Schruder reported on the LAS fuel procurement program. He said that he has not yet received the cost analysis report on cost savings.
- Mayor Eady reported on the intersection of Garden of Eden and Bruce Street. He said that there has been no report back yet after their County Operations Meeting although it was on the agenda. We should wait and see what the report comes back with.

5. DELEGATIONS

8:30a.m - Bert May – Thomson Road Ditching

Mr. May was present before the Committee to question if there would be ditching work done on Thompson Road this year. He said we have had a good Spring break up this year but there are trees building up in middle of the ditch and water will start to build up high. Chair Campbell said he would like to go and have a look at the ditch and see which direction to take. He said we do have equipment to look after such jobs.

8:45a.m- Henry Moore – Offer to extend turnaround at Jamieson Lane

Mr. Moore was present before the Committee with an offer to turn over a section of land at the end of Jamieson Lane to the Township for a turnaround area for the Township snow plough. The area that we currently use, involves the snow plough backing up into a laneway and then proceeding. Municipal Infrastructure Manager said this land that Mr. Moore is offering will be beneficial to the Township, the snow plough driver and his route. Rod Eady, Public Works Superintendent said this would make for a better clean up after a snow fall. Chair Campbell asked if we would have to enter into an agreement. The CAO/Clerk said yes, we would have to discuss costs etcetera. After discussion the following resolution was put forward:

Moved by Jeff Schruder, Seconded by Rick Lester

That the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that they authorize the negotiation with Henry Moore to increase the turnaround at the end of Jamieson Lane.

Carried.

9:00a.m- Gerry Richards – Culvert/Drainage under Garden of Eden Road

Mr. Richards was present before the Committee to express his concerns about the drainage at his property in Lot 25 Concession 3 across from the severances on Garden of Eden Road. He said that currently the water drains under the road towards Highway 17.

Mr. Richards said that in the future if there is development there he would like to see a culvert put in to drain the water from his property. Municipal Infrastructure Manager Jeff Schruder said that it is in the agreement that Mr. Prince keep the ditch cleared but possibly a culvert would be the answer here.

9:30am – David & Warren LaRocque – Winter Maintenance on Garden of Eden

David and Warren LaRocque were present before the Committee. They are running into some issues with their customers travelling on Garden of Eden Road in the winter. Most of their customers are coming from the city and they are not used to the winter road conditions. They do not want to lose customers from being able to access their business. They are willing to help out in any way they can. Municipal Infrastructure Manager Jeff Schruder said communication is important and Rod Eady Public Works Superintendent agreed. Chair Campbell suggested a snow fence be installed at the corner just before their business as there is a lot of snow drift there. It was agreed that with communication and patrol the issue can be solved for the next winter season.

6. MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER REPORT

The Committee reviewed the following report:

- Received a drawing from Aura Cable for a pedestal + 3ft of conduit to a hydro pole. This is the only buried cable as of now – the rest is aerial.
- The abnormal warm temperatures created a few very bad breakups on the Township roads. Garden of Eden, Johnston and Eady Roads all required immediate attention. Geo textile was laid and pit-run brought in to address these issues. The problem at that time of year is trucking the material to the breakups usually creates more problem areas from the truck itself. Garden of Eden Road and Eady Road have been capped with “A” and left. Johnston Road has been stepped up in scheduling. I have profiled it and set grades for a good lift of pit-run. It will be capped with “A” for the time being and when the gravel contract is underway this area will receive a good 4-6 lift of granular “A”.
- I have placed the camera in a couple of locations. Have lots of pictures but no illegal activities as of yet.
- Received prices on brush cutting. The cheapest being BR Fulton at \$165.00/hour. The others were \$180.00 and \$195.00 per hour. I will be in contact with Robert Fulton to discuss timing and location.
- Met with Enbridge Gas in Cotieville. Several residents had concerns over the quality of work done last fall. Enbridge has replaced the gas main and services throughout the area late last fall and a lot of the finishing work (topsoil etc) will take place in May.
- Have worked with Gerry Lalonde of Stantec for the 2011 Annual report which is a requirement of our C of A. He is also submitting approval of the required soak pit in the expansion approval. At the same time he will be including a site plan amendment which will address future improvements with the layout and cells.

- Have met with Henry Moore regarding the turnaround on Jamieson Lane. This will be discussed at the April 18, 2012 Public Works Meeting.
- Hydro One has given me a price on moving the hydro pole on Pinnacle Road. This problem exists because of an anchor pole located directly across from the line pole. It was discovered that the fence in this area is out on the road allowance. This would allow hydro to set the pole back ___ meters and still be on Township property. Hydro will charge 50% of the labour costs to do this work which comes to \$810.00. This would be included in the Pinnacle Road construction costs.
- Have been in contact with Steve Lewis for the grass cutting contract. He has tentatively scheduled for late July. He will adjust to this summers condition.
- Participated in a joint tender with the County of Renfrew this year for the following:
 - Street Sweeping
 - Line Painting and Catch basin/manhole cleaning

John's Sweeping was to be the contractor for the street sweeping. I have been in contact with him and Thompsonville should be cleaned up the week of April 16-20th.

- Received Flake Calcium quotes:
 - Selwarwick \$370.00/tonne
 - M & R \$369.00/tonne
 - Morris Chemical \$385.00/tonneLast year the price was \$405.00/tonne
- Pinnacle Road drawing has been received and I am presently calculating quantities. The tender document is completed in a rough draft. I now have to address some of the required standards and add the quantities. I have gone to a local contractor to get some current pricing for the required labour and materials so a cost estimate can be calculated.
- I have also received Endangered Species Act screening approval from MNR for the proposed work. The only conditions that the waterway on the gravel section could contain a SAR turtle and operations should note to identify any if encountered.
- I have prepared the tenders for winter sand and granular "M" on Eady Road landfill section, McBride Road and Johnston Road. I am waiting for approval to go ahead and advertise or wait for the budget to be approved.
- Truck #3 has the transmission installed and is up and running. It has been driven and is presently ready with the water tank installed.
- Have been in correspondence with McNab/Braeside Public Works over the Lochwinnoch intersection. Their recommendation is to go to Council at the next meeting to pass a by-law for a three way stop. I have agreed to bring forward that this would be a joint venture for both Municipalities for cost and labour involved.

- Met with Mayor Don Eady, Chair of Public Works Glen Campbell, Public Works Committee member Rick Lester and County of Renfrew Manager of Capital Works Micheal Pinet, and Director of Public Works & Engineering Dave Darch at the intersection of Garden of Eden and Bruce Street. This intersection has raised concerns for a number of years because of its poor sight lines causing safety concerns. The County has agreed to look into the matter and the different ideas discussed on site. Bruce Street is scheduled for resurfacing this year.

Moved by Rod Eady, Seconded by Jeff Schruder

That the Public Works Committee authorize the Municipal Infrastructure Manager to call tenders for the gravel contract and for winter sand. **Carried.**

Chair Campbell asked Mr. Schruder about the Tender for Pinnacle Road. Jeff replied he is working on the draft. It should go out the beginning of May this year.

7. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Committee reviewed the following report:

MISCELLANEOUS JOBS

- Put bump signs out at the frost boils in the swamps
- Open beaver dam on Orin Road, Eady Road and Lime Kiln Road
- Set up and take down stage at the Community Center
- Replaced Road name signs
- Moved the old zambonie from the rink building
- Picked up a load of cold patch material from Greenwood Paving – Cold patching paved roads
- Moved old piano from Community Center
- Litter pick-up

EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

- Brought Truck#3 into the garage and put transmission back into truck
- Brought in the old loader and serviced it to get ready to take to the pit
- Welding on the flaps that cover the sand chain in the box of Truck#4 – New pins and hinges
- Put the dog house – seats and everything back into the cab of Truck#3
- Fix door handle on the backhoe
- Replaced rad hose on Truck#3
- Truck#2 to Valley Spring for a set of back springs on the right side
- Put fire extinguisher into all the trucks and equipment
- Change the front tires on Truck#2 and Truck#4 (winter to summer)
- Brought in the watertank to get ready for watering the roads to control dust
- Fix Hyd. Leak on the boom of the backhoe – replaced steel line

ROADS GRADED

- Monday March 19 - Eady Road, Jim Barr Road, swamp on Johnston Road, Bennett-Lafont Road
- Tuesday March 20 - Horton School Road, Pastway Road, Early Road, Storie Road, Humphries Road, Eady-Tinwood Road, Collins Road
- Thursday March 22 - Lime Kiln Road, Mullins Road, Eady Road, Dugald Road
- Friday March 23 – Garden of Eden Road, Pinnacle Road – Spread and shaped pit-run over frost boils
- Thursday March 29 – Lime Kiln Road, Cobus Road

- Friday March 30 - McBride Road, Kasaboski Road, Garden of Eden Road, Ferguson Road, Eady Road (middle section)
- Tuesday April 3 – Swamp on Johnston Road, Bingham Drive, Bennett-Lafont Road
- Thursday April 5 – Eady Road (Dump section) Jim Barr Road
- Wednesday April 11 – Lime Kiln Road
- Thursday April 12 – Humphries Road, Early Road, McCreary Road, Willy Way Lane

WORK PROJECTS CARRIED OUT

- Hauled pit-run material to the bad frost boils on the Garden of Eden Road – Eady Road and Johnston Road
- Stebro Contracting hauled pit-run to two bad frost boils on Johnston Road from his pit. Spread with Marshall's Construction bulldozer
- Chipping brush on Johnston Road and Mullins Road
- Take down snow fence
- Put up checker sign at the intersection of Johnston Road and Mullins Road
- Tuesday April 3, started brushing job on the Pinnacle Road
- Hauled Granular "A" gravel to the places we put down pit-run over the frost boils
- Put up grade stakes for the pit-run job on Johnston Road through the swamp
- Fix a sink hole on Eady Road with gravel
- Monday April 16, started pit-run job on Johnston Road. Hauling pit-run material from Stevenson's pit to the swamp on Johnston Road
- Tuesday April 17, B.R. Fulton Construction started on Mullins Road with their excavator and brush head brushing from fence line to fence line

8. REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Committee briefly reviewed the revenue and expenditure report.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee reviewed several letters and emails from concerned residents on various Township roads about speed limits.

Mayor Eady said that he and Committee Member Rick Lester are going to do an analysis on all of the Township Roads and come back with a report as there needs to be a consistent policy throughout the whole Township regarding speed limits. Chair Campbell said that we have started with "Children Playing" signage and that is a start.

After discussion on the Goshen Road speed limit and the fact that this road is being used as an unofficial detour from the construction work on Highway 17 the following was put forward:

Moved by Rick Lester, Seconded by Don Eady

That the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that they pass a by-law to lower the speed limit on Goshen Road to 60km/hour. **Carried.**

10. GOSHEN ROAD – DEAD END SECTION – REQUEST FOR SPEED LIMITS

This will be included in the report being put together by Mayor Eady and Rick Lester.

11. STOP SIGNS AT LOCHWINNOCH ROAD AND EARLY ROAD INTERSECTION

Jeff Schruder reported that he spoke to Brian Box at McNab/Braeside Township and his Public Works Committee is willing to pass a By-law to erect stop signs

Moved by Murray Humphries, Seconded by Rick Lester

That the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that they pass a by-law to put up stop signs at the Lochwinnoch and Early Road intersection and share all costs with McNab/Braeside Township. **Carried.**

12. MTO HIGHWAY 17 BY-PASS ROUTE FOR EMERGENCY DETOURS
Chair Campbell gave a brief verbal report on this issue. There should be contact made with either the OPP or MTO about the emergency detour route being used and the emergency contact person for when an accident occurs on Highway 17 but in Horton Township. Chair Campbell will discuss this issue at the next Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) Meeting.

13. REPORT FROM CHAIR CAMPBELL ON ACCIDENT APRIL 6, 2012
The Committee reviewed the report that Chair Campbell had given to the CAO/Clerk when a transport truck loaded with frozen foods caught fire and burnt on Highway 17 in Horton Township. The Committee viewed the pictures he took as well.

14. MUD TRACKED ONTO HUMPHRIES ROAD
The Committee briefly discussed. Mr. Schruder will contact the people involved.

15. REPORT ON IMPROVING TURNAROUND AT DEAD END OF WHITTON ROAD
Mr. Schruder said he is working on a report.

16. REPORT ON GROUP PURCHASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LARGE EQUIPMENT
Chair Campbell gave a brief verbal report on the opportunity for purchasing large equipment and possibly saving on costs.

17. REPORT ON HWY 60/COTIEVILLE AREA DRAINAGE
Mr. Schruder gave a brief verbal report on the drainage. There was little discussion.

18. 2012 WORK SCHEDULE FOR PROJECTS
The Committee reviewed the draft working schedule that Municipal Infrastructure Manager Jeff Schruder had made.

19. OTHER BUSINESS
Municipal Infrastructure Manager Jeff Schruder reported that he had two calls from residents in Cotieville about street sweeping. Jeff said it was done many years ago however no longer. The only area that will be done is Thompson Hill area. The Committee agreed.

20. NEXT MEETING
The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be Wednesday May 16, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

21. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Rod Eady, Seconded by Rick Lester

That this Committee pass this confirming resolution to cover any actions or directions given during the open portion of this Committee Meeting which are minor in nature and which were not set out in by-law or Resolution.

Carried.

22. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Rod Eady, Seconded by Jeff Schruder

That this Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Carried.