

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Public Works Committee Meeting

January 18, 2012 - 8:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by Committee members and staff.

3. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2011

Committee members reviewed the minutes of the December 14, 2011 Public Works Committee meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

- **spray paint bush hog**

Jeff Schruder, Municipal Infrastructure Manager reported that the bush hog will be washed down and painted before it is put up for sale in a few weeks.

- **ad for surplus equipment**

Jeff Schruder, Municipal Infrastructure Manager said that he is waiting on the go ahead to include the zamboni in the ad for the tractor, bush hog, and gravel pro.

- **Highway Traffic Act – no restriction on speed limits**

Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk reported that in the Highway Traffic Act – Sec. 128 (i) – 80 km/hr is the maximum for speed on our township roads. Council has the authority to lower this to 60 km/hr on gravel roads. Chair Campbell noted that he asked about this at CPAC and was told that as long as it doesn't bottleneck the road for summer/tourist traffic the speed limit can be lowered.

- **Horton School Road intersection with Goshen Road**

Jeff Schruder, Municipal Infrastructure Manager said that the stop sign will be erected at this intersection sometime this week.

- **stage cost at Community Centre**

Chair Campbell reviewed the quotes and options for stages for the community centre. He also reviewed the time required by Public Works staff over the past year that was used to set up and take down the stage at the community centre.

Chair Campbell handed out the speed sign report that he received at the last CPAC meeting and reviewed it with the Committee.

5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations for this meeting.

6. MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER'S REPORT

The Committee reviewed the monthly Municipal Infrastructure Manager's report. Committee members referred to the work being done by Aura Cable. Several concerns were expressed about whether or not they have permission to install the cable along the roads. Also, a resident has phoned Council with concerns about the late hours they are working. Apparently, they were installing cable as late as 10 p.m. one evening. Mayor Eady called Steve Boland at Renfrew County Public Works and was told that to his knowledge this company has not had any contact with the County. The Committee requested Jeff Schruder, Municipal Infrastructure Manager to contact Aura Cable and ask them to cease work until proper permits are obtained.

7. PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Rod Eady, Public Works Superintendent was not present due to the stormy weather and winter work commitments. The Committee reviewed the monthly Public Works Superintendent's report. Rick Lester referred to the hours worked by Public Works staff to clear the road at Aaron Barr's on Eady Road in order that the OPP could go into investigate the fire/remains at this property. Chair Campbell said that the OPP are expecting an invoice for this work. It will be billed back to us on the police invoice but this is the preferred process used by the OPP.

8. PINNACLE ROAD IMPROVEMENT REPORT JEFF SCHRUDER

Jeff Schruder, Municipal Infrastructure Manager reviewed the Pinnacle Road report with the Committee.

Moved by Rick Lester, Seconded by Murray Humphries

Subject to Resolution No. 12-04, the Public Works Committee recommends that Council approves Stantec's quote of \$1,719.00 to plot the elevations.

Carried.

9. REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2011

The Committee reviewed the Revenue/Expenditures report for December 31, 2011. It was noted that there could be a potential surplus for 2011. Mayor Eady wondered about possibly putting more money in reserves for capital expenditures.

10. DRAFT 2012 PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET

The Committee reviewed the draft Public Works Budget by line items. Chair Campbell noted that the draft budget is at 17.1 percent over the 2011 budget. After review and input by the Committee, the draft budget stands at 9.2 percent over the 2011 budget.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Cunningham Swan - Winter 2011 Newsletter re Duty of Reckless Drivers

- County of Renfrew – 10 year Capital Plan – Lochwinnoch Road moved up

This letter was formal notice that Lochwinnoch Road has been moved up to 2014, 2015, 2016 in the County 10 year Capital Plan.

- Horton – correspondence to neighbours at Lochwinnoch & Early Roads

The Committee reviewed the above letter and noted that they appreciated staff sending a letter to these residents to advise them of the safety measures being implemented at this intersection.

12. COUNTY OF RENFREW – PROPOSED NO PARKING BY-LAW – TOWNSHIP TO ENFORCE

Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk reported that the county has passed this by-law. The by-law includes all County Roads in Horton Township. If there are problems identified, such as parking along the road, etc., the Township could request that signs be erected. The policing of these signs would be the responsibility of the Township.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

14. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Rick Lester , seconded by Jeff Schruder

That the 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.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jeff Schruder, seconded by Murray Humphries

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary