

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

LIME STABILIZATION COMMITTEE

December 27, 2007

There was a meeting of the Lime Stabilization Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday December 27, 2007. Present were Chair Dave Bennett, David Brown, Robert A. Johnston, Reg Laventure, Tom Reid and George Thompson. Staff present were Jeff Schruder Infrastructure Manager and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

2. MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2007 PUBLIC MEETING & COMMITTEE MEETING FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEETING

The Committee member reviewed the June 14, 2007 Public Meeting and Committee Meeting Minutes.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

4. BRIEF REPORT - GEORGE THOMPSON ON OASIS MEETING IN HUNTSVILLE

First, Mr. Thompson informed the Committee that he and Jack Rennee who helps him sample water in his Mobile Home Park have completed the first phase of water testing for the field spreading. He has reviewed the Reports and does not see too much out of line. There were some variances, it will be a good starting point. He asked when we will be deciding on the first testing in 2008? Tom Reid suggested doing a Spring test to get a good picture of the water quality. After discussion the Committee agreed to do a test in May 2008 again and to do a scheduled test when required after the first field spreading in 2008.

Mr. Thompson also reviewed a meeting held by OASIS (Ontario Association of Sewage Industries Services) held in Huntsville this Fall. He will provide pictures of screen boxes he has taken. There was not too much discussion on Lime Stabilization, however, he did see samples of composting and noted that there were some odour problems with this, a Reed Bed of which there were no answers and a Lagoon. He expressed discouragement with the lack of progress on the issue of treatment of Septage. He suggested that we are as far ahead as anyone in Ontario. He noted that as there is no treatment established, at this point he hopes that the legislation will not force treatment of septage in the next six months, as no one will be ready

5. UPDATE ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FOR FACILITY AND FIELD SPREADING

The CAO/Clerk reviewed the request for further information received October 31, 2007 from Moshen Keyvani of the Approvals Branch of the Ministry of Environment. Some of the questions have been answered, some still require input from the Committee and from Michael Payne, Nutrient Management Specialist for, OMAFRA. It was noted that the time lines are now outdated as the project was thought to start in 2006, 2007 and be completed in early 2008. However, it will not be completed until 2010. It was noted that the Agreement between MOE and the County of Renfrew, which the County has passed down to us has outdated time lines as well. The CAO/Clerk said he will work on revision of the application by completing the questions in the first week of January.

7. PAYMENT FOR CONCRETE TANKS

The Committee agreed to proceed and pay for the concrete tanks out of the 2007 Budget with delivery to be received in 2008 as required.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

George Thompson said when he was appointed to the Committee he understood that the Committee was volunteer, however, people around the table have no remuneration offered

to them and they have over the course of the year come to meetings when they could have been looking after their own businesses. He believes that there should be some incentive for members to take time from their own day to day work to do the Committee's work. He noted that the funds are coming from MOE and the project is really for the Province. Expenses and time should be reimbursed. He contacted Zig Mintha of Bonnechere Valley Township concerning their committee and they are all paid staff – no volunteers. He added that because there is a Provincial tie-in to this project there should be remuneration.

Mayor Johnston agreed that in this case Council invited these members to sit on the Committee, where under the Recreation Committee for example the members approached the Committee with projects and ideas and were invited to sit at the committee level. The Committee agreed to recommend to Finance Committee that the Lime Stabilization members receive the meeting stipend other committee members receive.

Chair Bennett informed the Committee that an opportunity to purchase a relocated building came and went as he did not have authority to spend the \$4,000 it would cost to have it delivered to our Site. He requested preapproval of an amount of money so that if another building comes up he has authority to purchase it.

Moved by David Brown, seconded by George Thompson

That the Lime Stabilization Committee recommend to Council that a \$5,000 upset limit be established for the purchase of a used building to be relocated to the site, if and when a building becomes available.

Carried.

9. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be at the call of the Chair, several months from now.

10. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Reg Laventure, seconded by David Brown

That the Committee pass this confirmation resolution to validate 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Tom Reid, seconded by George Thompson

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Carried.

Chair

CAO/Clerk