

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

STUDY COMMITTEE

LIME STABILIZATION OF SEPTAGE

FEBRUARY 08, 2007

There was a Meeting of the Lime Stabilization Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday 8 February, 2007. Present were Chair David Bennett, Reeve Bob Johnston and Committee Members David Brown, Bruce Golden, Reg Laventure and George Thompson.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:55 p.m. as all the members were present.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Chair Bennett introduced the members

4. REVIEW

Chair Bennett reviewed the path the Township had taken over the last twelve months to comply with Provincial Regulations. The Township has volunteered to do a pilot project for the County of Renfrew and at present there is a 24 – 36 month window to do this Lime Stabilization Trial. There is a Futures Grant of \$10,000 available towards this project, and \$50,000 from the County of Renfrew. To avail of the Futures Grant this Committee must authorize the purchase of holding tanks before February 28, 2007. If at the end of the 24 month trial period, the Township does not continue with Lime Stabilization of Septage, the tanks remain the property of the Township.

David Brown questioned the alternatives such as composting, and suggesting inviting a gentleman from Ottawa to come and speak to the Committee, and also referred to Dr Evans of the University of Guelph. David promised to bring supporting information for the Committee.

David Brown asked about the legalities and Chair Bennett assured him that the Township Liability insurance covers all possibilities. The Township has just renewed their policy, the Insurance Company is aware of the program and there are no additional costs.

George Thompson said that there is no information available today on field spreading, in two years we will have information from these tests.

5. ROLL OF THE COMMITTEE

David Brown thought that this Committee would study different methods of septage before focusing on Lime Stabilization.

Chair Bennett explained that this Committee was formed to study Lime Stabilization over the next twenty four months, but they would also be happy to review other methods with supporting documentation. If the Lime Stabilization tests are negative at any time the project will stop to investigate. Chair Bennett asked for a show of hands to move ahead with Lime Stabilization. The members were in agreement.

6. QUOTATION FOR UNDERGROUND TANKS

The Township has received quotes for the purchase of the three tanks necessary.

McGregor Concrete, Beachburg	\$20,437.92
Anchor Concrete Products Ltd, Kingston	\$17,917.20

The Township would be responsible for unloading, which will require renting a crane at a cost of \$2,500 to \$4,000.

Moved by George Thompson, seconded by Bruce Golden

That this Committee recommends to Council the purchase of tanks from Anchor Concrete Products Ltd at a cost of \$17,917.20.

Carried.

Chair Bennett reported that the Ministry had originally requested a Nutrient Management Plan be completed but are now requiring an Environmental Assessment be completed on the location of the tanks and on the host farmer's land. The Ministry of Environment will absorb most of the costs for the Study.

7. LEGAL OPINION TO ZONE PUBLIC WORKS YARD AS DISPOSAL INDUSTRIAL TO PROCESS SEPTAGE

The Township had sought a legal opinion on the zoning of the Public Works Yard. Even if the zoning was changed we would still have to do an Environmental Assessment (EA). It is presently zoned as a community facility but could be rezoned to Waste Disposal Site. Rezoning is costly. The Committee agreed to do the Environmental Assessment first.

Moved by Reg Laventure, seconded by Bruce Golden

That the Township move forward with the Environmental Assessment and leave the zoning as Community Facility.

Carried.

Dave Brown asked about the host farmer? A commitment will be needed by May 2007 although it is unlikely that we would be ready to spread before September or October 2007 at the earliest.

George Thompson offered, as a last resort, if unable to get a host landowner, a piece of property that they have certified, but never used, for spreading.

Dave Brown asked if all neighbours will be notified? Chair Bennett assured him that there will be at least three public meetings to inform people of what is happening. Tony Ho of the Ministry of the Environment has indicated that it will take 120 days for the Environmental Assessment for the pilot project.

George Thompson commented that to continue after the Trial a full EA would be needed which would take about twelve months to complete. This Study is for twenty four months with twelve months to prepare the documentation. We must have the process in development by 2007 to avail of the grant monies. The Township has received from the County of Renfrew \$42,500, the balance to be paid when the project is on stream. The \$10,000 Futures Grant will be issued thirty days after the paperwork is submitted, there will be a 15% hold back.

8. NEXT STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet again on Thursday February 22, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

5. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Dave Brown, seconded by Reg Laventure

That this Committee pass this confirming resolution to validate any action 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.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bruce Golden, seconded by George Thompson

That this Committee Meeting adjourn at 5:18 p.m.

