

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

LIME STABILIZATION OF SEPTAGE COMMITTEE

April 23, 2008

There was a meeting of the Lime Stabilization of Septage Committee held in the Horton Community Centre on Wednesday April 23, 2008. Present were chair Dave Bennett, David Brown, Bruce Golden, Robert A. Johnston, Reg Laventure, Tom Reid, and George Thompson. Staff present were Jeff Schruder Municipal Infrastructure Manager and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2008 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Bennett reviewed the March 7, 2008 Committee Meeting Minutes, which had already been approved by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Jeff Schruder presented a copy of the revised spreading Site for the treated septage on the Tom Reid farm, following a recent visit with the Ministry of Environment Officials from Ottawa. This Site Plan shows a low area that is to be avoided.

George Thompson asked if the Committee is to carry out a full set of parameters for water testing this Spring? The cost of the full set is in the \$2,000 range. The Committee agreed to discuss sampling later, under No 8 on the Agenda.

David Brown suggested the Committee ensure that the liquid is incorporated into the ground when it is field spread. He suggested to do this to protect the waste from an unexpected rain, that was experienced last summer.

Chair Bennett suggested the outcome of the Study would determine if incorporation was required in the future.

Tom Reid said that some of the treated area will be incorporated under his farm practices, any applied to the grain stubble in the Fall will be tilled down right away, however, the Spring spreading will be done on alfalfa plants. He added that he believes that the soil is adequately buffered, if we keep away from the low areas.

David Brown registered notice of his objection to the practice of application that does not employ incorporation into the soil

Chair Bennett said that his contact in Michigan, who has an extensive Lime Treatment Operation going in that State, informed him that incorporation is not always the way to go. Reg Laventure added that the rays of the sun would help break down the waste that was lying on the ground.

George Thompson agreed, tilling is not always practical.

David Brown said his reasoning for incorporation is to control odour. He had previously left a report with the CAO/Clerk on how other municipalities in the States have dealt with this issue.

Chair Bennett said that he hopes all odor will be controlled through our process.

5. EQUIPMENT AND COSTS TO CONSTRUCT FACILITY

Chair Bennett presented a Materials and Equipment List for the completion of the Project Facility totaling \$77,836.10. He reviewed each item. The Committee had previously

passed a resolution setting an upset limit of \$5,000 for him to find a garage building to be located on the Site. He has researched this and nothing is available. However, a 12 x 72 older Mobile Home is available free, but would take some remodeling to accommodate to our needs, i.e. cement slab, the floor removed in the area that would be the lime and slurry mixing area.

Chair Bennett pointed out that included in the quote is \$32,000 for twelve weeks work of a foreman at \$35 per hour, and two labourers at \$14 per hour, plus benefits. He is suggesting that our neighbour at the Office be offered the foreman position as he has extensive experience and knowledge in this type of work and he is currently between contracts.

Chair Bennett discussed pumps. He was able to find pumps that have been remanufactured in the States at \$1,443.05 each. In the \$77,000 price he has included for two. He asked about a spare as parts may not be readily available for quick turnaround to repair a pump if it breaks down. The Committee supported this idea.

Chair Bennett reviewed each item in the list which is attached to these Minutes.

He informed the Committee that we have received \$94,000 in revenue made up of \$84,000 from the MOE Grant from the County and \$10,000 towards the concrete tanks from the Community Futures Grant. To date we have spent \$39,472. on this project, leaving \$54,527 unspent.

When the Township when applied for this project it set out a contribution which has not yet been included in the project. We would need \$40,000 more to complete the project and operate the program. George Thompson confirmed that this money is required as the project now is not the project that we thought when we were starting, changes have been made through MOE requirements.

Moved by George Thompson, seconded by Bruce Golden

That the Lime Stabilization Committee approach the Ministry of Environment for additional funding in the amount of \$40,000 to offset increased costs for equipment and operating costs due to delays in system design and approval requirements by the Ministry.

Carried.

Mayor Johnston reported that Bonnechere Valley is also applying to the Ministry of Environment for additional funding in a much larger amount for their Geotube Project.

George Thompson believes that the Ministry will either give us funds or they will cancel the whole project as he believes that the Ministry was too quick in announcing treatment of septage and they may be rethinking this whole situation. He added that the Ministry of Environment has a proposal on their EBR that all septic systems be pumped out every two to three years. This cost will be downloaded to municipalities.

Chair Bennett suggested that this funding request might take 120 days for approval and we should start the project while we are still waiting for funding approval.

Reg Laventure stated that the Township committed to the program and to their donation in good faith but due to circumstances, unforeseen at the time, which include changes in standards we need to apply for the funding. George Thompson added that lots of operation costs are to come. Chair Bennett asked for resolutions for the employment of staff to construct the facility and for the mobile home.

Moved by Bruce Golden, seconded by Reg Laventure

That the Lime Stabilization Committee recommend to Council that the Township offer a foreman position for the construction of the Treatment Facility to Garnett Headrick at \$35 per hour, plus the Township employ two labourers at \$14.00 per hour plus payroll costs for the construction of the Treatment Facility.

Carried

Moved by Jeff Schruder, seconded by Robert A. Johnston

That the Township receive the donation of a used mobile home, to be renovated into the office and storage building for the Treatment Facility.

Carried.

7. CHANGE THE SITE PLAN APPROVAL UNDER OUR C OF A APPROVAL

Chair Bennett informed the Committee that he would like permission to rotate the facility on the Township's property in such a manner that will permit construction of additional berms across the front of the property and down the side of the property. In addition the proper size building should be shown, now that we have agreed to accept a former mobile home. A change will require an amendment to the Certificate of Approval.

Moved by Tom Reid, seconded by David Brown

That the Lime Stabilization Committee agree to amend the Site Plan for the Waste Receiving Site by rotating the facility to permit more earth berming and to change the building size.

Carried.

8. ARRANGE FOR SPRING WELL AND STREAM TESTING

Chair Bennett asked, that due to our finances, would the Committee support continuing with the testing of wells and streams in the Spring, or put it off. George Thompson suggested even with our financial situation it would better to proceed with the testing as it will give us a better benchmark of the background testing. Reg Laventure supported these comments.

Moved by Reg Laventure, seconded by Tom Reid

That the Lime Stabilization Committee agree to carry out the 2008 Spring Well Water Testing Program.

Carried.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

The CAO/Clerk asked if this was an opportune time to arrange for a Public Meeting now that our Certificate of Approval has been received and that construction commencement is imminent. Chair Bennett noted that we have had two Public Meetings. A meeting now without any more data would not provide new information to the public. He suggested that the Committee wait until testing is completed in year one so that there is information to present and discuss. He suggested this Public Meeting be held between the first and second year testing. Mayor Johnston concurred.

10. NEXT MEETING

The Committee discussed the need to call a next meeting. It was agreed that the meeting would be called by the Chair when quotations were called for approval.

11. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Reg Laventure, seconded by Bruce Golden

That the Committee pass this confirming 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by David Brown seconded by George Thompson

That this Lime Stabilization Committee meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m

Carried.

Chair

CAO/Clerk