

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE - July 11, 2011

There was a Meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Monday July 11, 2011. Present were Co-Chairs Glen Campbell and Jamie Larone. Staff present was Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF JUNE 27 2011 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Campbell said the minutes have been approved by Council at the July 5th Council meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising or brought forward.

5. ELECTRICAL AT RINK

Present was David Bennett, Owner of Marshalls who was the general contractor for the Rink Construction. Also present was Bill Patterson and Andy Wright of Valley Automation and Control, the electrical contractors who installed the lighting at the Rink several years back. Chair Campbell reviewed the information contained in the June 27th meeting minutes as well as an invoice received from another contractor who was down to make repairs after 6 lights had burnt out early this winter. This invoice stated several possible reasons for the lights being blown out. David Bennett noted that for two years the lights worked correctly, he suggested if there would have been an issue it would have happened immediately. Bill Patterson noted that with the tri-tap connection if the wire was connected to the wrong tap then the lights would never have worked. Repairing the ballasts and the bulbs are considered wear and tear.

The Committee members discussed various issues that may have been the cause of the lights burning out but answers were provided by the contractor to satisfy these concerns. The Committee members discussed with the contractors the size of the wire and a brief calculation was verbally provided by Mr. Patterson to confirm the size of the wire was adequate. He suggested that the marrettes may have been some of the problem although there hasn't been a manufacturer recall on this product. The new contractor discovered that the marretted connections had melted totally which has caused the lights to fail. Bill Patterson presented two certificates of inspection, one for the tie in of the panel for the lights and the other for the wiring for the lights which indicate in both cases that they had passed code. Dave Bennett says the concern now is that we have agreed there are no code violations. The June 27th minutes of this committee shows that there is and also in the local press this week, Myfm radio particularly, it has been reported that there has been a code violation.

Bill Patterson said he would have hoped that the Township would have allowed them an opportunity to comment first before the information was put into the minutes. The CAO/Clerk drafted a press release while the contractors were present with several changes agreed to. The press release was then typed at the end of the meeting and distributed to MyFm radio and the Renfrew Mercury. The press release stated:

Press Release

RE: Electrical Code violations at Horton Rink

“The Infrastructure Committee for the Township of Horton met with two contractors Monday, July 11, 2011 to give them an opportunity to respond to the reports of sub-standard work and code violations with the electrical wiring at the Horton rink. The contractors reviewed the wire sizing calculations and provided two Certificates of Inspection for the rink lights and the service to the rink change room from the Electrical Safety Authority.

The Committee accepts that there are no code violations with the wiring of the rink lights and are satisfied that there was no substandard workmanship. The Committee Members apologize on behalf of Council to Dave Bennett and Marshalls as General Contractor. “

The Committee also agreed that the minutes of the June 27th meeting concerning Rink/Lighting/Electrical is not accurate and after discussion the following resolution was put forward.

Moved by Jamie Larone, Seconded by Glen Campbell

That upon review with the Sub-Contractor and the General Contractor the materials used for justification of sub standard work and wire size codes issues was misrepresented in the minutes of the June 27th 2011 Building Infrastructure Committee Meeting. The Committee recommends the heading Rink Lights Electrical Problems/Yemen Invoice and the following paragraph be stricken from the minutes and in its place the following wording be inserted.

Rink Lighting Electrical/Yemens Invoice

Committee members reviewed the invoice from Yemen Electric that outlined the outdoor rink and the repairs that they carried out. The Committee agreed that they would invite David Bennett the contractor who was in charge of the rink project to our next Infrastructure Committee Meeting. **Carried.**

The electrical contractors left the meeting.

6. DRAINAGE AT COMMUNITY CENTRE COMPLEX

David Bennett remained at the meeting. Councillor Larone reported that Jeff Schruder, Municipal Infrastructure Manager had called him for authority to purchase the materials for the drainage works as Mr. Bennett had his volunteer crew lined up to put in the drainage this coming weekend. Mr. Bennett said that was the initially the situation, however, his volunteers have begged off for this weekend coming and will do it the following weekend which is the July 23rd weekend. Mr. Bennett suggested that they not proceed with the drainage works until the concrete block wall is available to be put into place at the same time. Councillor Larone agreed to contact Fulton Construction who are making the blocks to see if they are available. Mr. Bennett took shots and the catch basin should be located in a slightly different location than planned and the location of the wall would have to be adjusted. This calculation is that the present area drained will have to handle upwards of 160 gallons of water a minute in a large storm. Councillor Larone reviewed his designed plan for the drainage. Mr. Bennett noted that Jeff Schruder was proposing to add drainage from the Community Center roof which will need a third 4 inch big O to be installed or one 4 inch Big O and one 6 inch Big O to carry the water volumes.

Councillor Larone said that he would meet with Jeff Schruder tomorrow following the Waste Management Meeting in the afternoon. When that meeting is over he will call Mr. Bennett and Councillor Campbell to meet.

7. WHEEL CHAIR LIFT

The CAO/Clerk informed the Committee that a decision will soon be required that the direction that the Committee is recommending for the wheel chair lift. The grant that we have received is for a wheel chair lift to be installed on the stairs leading to the upstairs meeting room at the Community Center. The suggestion made earlier this spring was that we also consider pricing a vertical lift to be installed between the stage and the kitchen door on the opposite side of the building. The reason for this consideration is that it is capable of carrying heavier weight than the chair lift on the stairway. Some of the large motorized scooters are heavier than what the chair lift may carry.

Both Committee members agreed that the program should proceed. The CAO/Clerk was asked to check the meeting minutes in the spring to see what the direction of Council was of re-tendering the project. The Committee agreed that they would meet July 14th at the Community Center and Councillor Margaret Whyte, Chair of the Recreation Committee would be asked to attend. They will make a recommendation to Council at the next meeting on which system to proceed with and if tendering is required.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Fire Department Report On Community Center Generator

Councillor Larone said the Committee still has to carry out an inspection of the garage and the Community Center. They could add inspection of the generator as well. However he said that he could not see this happening this month. Councillor Campbell noted that the generator works now but it would be simpler if we do change the wiring and process of starting it and it will correct another problem we have with the switch in the generator room in the rink building. The Committee agreed to look at this in August and will review and submit recommendations to the Finance Committee for inclusion in the 2012 budget. The CAO/Clerk was requested to inform Allan Cole, Deputy Chief of the Fire Department that the Committee is working on this. Mr. Cole had prepared a report on behalf of the Fire Department on the generator.

9. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that the next Committee Meeting would be September 13th 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

10. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Jamie Larone, seconded by Glen Campbell

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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jamie Larone, seconded by Glen Campbell

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Carried.

Chair

CAO/Clerk