

The Corporation of the Township of Horton

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

December 12, 2014

There was a meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Friday, December 12, 2014. Present were: Committee members: Chair David Bennett, Vice-Chair Jamey Larone ^(2:15 p.m.), Mayor Bob Kingsbury, Rick Lester and Murray Humphries. Staff: Janet Collins - Public Works Manager and Rose Curley, Executive/Planning Assistant. Councillor Robert A. Johnston was also in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

Chair Bennett thanked Murray Humphries and Rick Lester for sitting on the Public Works Committee. He said that the knowledge and participation at the Committee meetings is greatly appreciated and he looks forward to working with them over the next four years.

3. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None.

4. APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Murray Humphries, Seconded by Rick Lester

That the Public Works Committee approves the agenda for the December 12, 2014 meeting.

Carried.

5. MINUTES

5.1 Public Works Committee – November 24, 2014

Committee members reviewed the minutes of the November 24, 2014 Public Works Committee meeting.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7. DELEGATIONS

7.1 Missy Shorey – 2746 Thomson Road
Speed Limit Reduction ('old' CP Tracks to Lavalee Road)

Missy and Richard Shorey were present before the Public Works Committee to discuss their request to reduce the speed limit in their area of Thomson Road to Lavallee Road from the current speed limit of 80 kph to 60 kph. They noted that they have lived at 2746 Thomson Road for over 20 years and have noticed a significant increase in traffic on their road due to new residential development in their area and along the Ottawa River. They have witnessed several near death incidents, the most recent one being this summer. Committee members noted that they can reduce the speed limit but this would only work if they were able to have OPP enforcement on a regular basis. The OPP are not always available to provide the enforcement needed. Also, road condition plays a big part towards driving conditions.

Chair Bennett thanked Mr. & Mrs. Shorey for attending the meeting with their concerns. He noted that he has just become Chair of the Public Works Committee and he will be going over projects/budget details with staff and the Committee. It could take a few months to reach a decision regarding Thomson Road. We will keep them updated on what is happening and the approach we will be taking. Also, Councillor Jamey Larone is the CPAC committee member and he will ask that the speed board be utilized at this location of Thomson Road. The Shorey's indicated that it should be placed on Thomson Road during the summer months when cottagers use the road.

8. STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION

8.1 Whitton Road – Randy Corbin property (access)

Janet Collins, Public Works Manager reviewed the report on an "access road" located on property owned by Randy and Karen Corbin. There has been some recent construction activity by Mr. Brian Kearns, one of the residents who have use of the access road, which caused conflict between him and Mr. Corbin. Ms. Collins indicated that the Township should use the report is for information purposes only at this time. Action should not be considered until the property owners bring further information and options back to the Township for review.

Moved by Jamey Larone, Seconded by Murray Humphries

THAT the Public Works Committee recommends that Council not make a decision that has implications related to any undertakings by the Township for the closing and/or relocating of the "access road" located on property owned by Randall Chelsey Corbin and Karen Colleen Corbin, until Road User, Brian Kearns, provides the Township with his preferred option.

Carried.

9. REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORTS

9.1 Transportation Services, Roads - Statement of Revenue & Expense

Committee members reviewed the Revenue and Expenditures Report.

10. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

10.1 Sean Enright – 698 Cobus Road

Janet Collins reviewed the above item with the committee and referred to the October 02, 2014 letter that was sent to Mr. Enright requesting that he install a culvert at his entrance at 698 Cobus Road on or before November 30, 2014. After his attendance at the November 24, 2014 Public Works Committee meeting the Public Works committee deferred the date for the culvert installation until a final decision could be made by the incoming Council/Committee.

Committee members discussed the need for a drainage/grading plan at the severance stage for future severances to prevent drainage issues such as this one. The Committee feels that the Public Works Committee should receive a notice of severance from the County so they can provide comments on the proposed severance.

After discussion, the following resolutions were put forward:

Moved by Jamey Larone, Seconded by Rick Lester

THAT the Public Works Committee direct staff to write a letter to Patrick 'Sean' Enright to install a culvert at his entrance at 698 Cobus Road on or before June 30, 2015 and that after that date the Township will consider installing the culvert and charging the cost (i.e. materials, manpower, equipment, and administration) onto his taxes, roll # 47-000-010-04510-0000.

Carried

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, Seconded by Murray Humphries

THAT the Public Works Committee recommends that Council direct the Township Planning Committee to circulate all severance applications to the PUBLIC Works Committee prior to provision of Township comments to the County of Renfrew.

Discussion:

Rose Curley, Planning Assistant said that the Township receives request for planning comments after parties have been circulated "notice of application" She suggested that Renfrew County could be requested to add the Public Works Committee as an agency which would trigger receipt of a copy of the original consent application and maps, not just notice of application.

Chair Bennett asked for a vote to carry the original motion. No-one voted. The motion was lost.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, Seconded by Murray Humphries

THAT the Public Works Committee recommends that Council request that the County of Renfrew include the Township of Horton to be circulated as an agent on all severance applications within the Township of Horton.

Carried.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 OGRA / ROMA Combined Conference

Committee members reviewed the above correspondence.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 VERBAL update of various 2015 Transportation projects

Janet Collins, Public Works Manager gave a verbal overview of current and upcoming projects for the Public Works Department. Following is brief list of projects she reviewed:

- Garden of Eden Road - brushing
- Fraser Road – Townline Road needing reconstruction
- Goshen Road – 2nd lift
- Thomson Road – loss of grant funding
- Repairs to truck box – sandblasting & painting
- Fleet Management/Maintenance
- Curtains for Public Works Garage
- Asset Management
- Grader Purchase/Lease Options
- Crack Sealing – tendering options
- GPS system – purchase and installation

Councillor Larone said that as a member of the CPAC committee he welcomes direction and requests from this Committee. Ms. Collins requested that Councillor Larone bring copies of accident reports provided at the CPAC meetings back to Public Works for information. These reports would be a good reference when they receive requests for signage, stop lights, etc. for a specific area of the Township.

Mayor Kingsbury noted that Price Road needs brushing. Ms. Collins said that this will hopefully be a fill-in winter project for the Public works staff, depending on access/snow. If not it will be completed next summer along with Garden of Eden, portions of Thomson Road, and others.

Mayor Kingsbury also referred to the Cotieville area and noted that ditches are filling in where we installed the big "O" several years ago. Ms. Collins indicated that some people had attached their house drains to the big "O" as well as filling in ditches for ease of mowing. She said that they will go out and investigate in the spring.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY