

The Corporation of the Township of Horton
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
February 13, 2015

There was a meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Friday, February 13, 2015. Present were: Committee Members: Chair David Bennett, Vice-Chair Jamey Larone, Mayor Robert Kingsbury, Rick Lester and Murray Humphries. Staff: Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk; Rose Curley, Executive/Planning Assistant; and Rod Eady, Public Works Superintendent. Absent: Janet Collins, Public Works Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by committee members or staff.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Rick Lester, Seconded by Murray Humphries.

That the Public Works Committee approves the agenda for the February 13, 2015 meeting.

Carried.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Public Works Committee – January 21, 2015

4.2 Special Public Works Committee – January 29, 2015

Committee members reviewed the minutes of the January 21, 2015 and January 29, 2015 Public Works Committee meetings.

Jamey Larone, Vice-Chair inquired about the new grader the Township has purchased recently and what we have in place for maintenance. Chair Bennett noted that there is a service company (Reuben) located in Pembroke that carries out this type of service. Rod Eady, Public Works Superintendent said that Strongco is always available when we request their service.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

6. DELEGATIONS

None.

7. STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION

7.1 Speed Limit By-Law Review

Committee members reviewed the report on Speed Limit Bylaw. They noted that if a bylaw is put into effect that OPP aren't always available to enforce these speeds. Also, the Province is looking at lowering speeds in Residential areas and accordingly, we would have to carry out the mandate they put in place. The Committee agreed that we should take a "wait and see approach" as to what the Province will implement regarding Default Speed Limits.

Moved by Robert Kingsbury, Seconded by Murray Humphries

THAT the Public Works Committee agrees to leave speed limits as Status Quo.

Discussion:

Vice-Chair Larone asked if we would still be reviewing speed limit requests on a per case basis. The Committee agreed that we would review on a per case basis.

Carried.

7.2 Roads Forecasting 2013-2024 Background Information

Committee members reviewed the Roads Forecasting 2013-2024 charts and report.

- Rick Lester said that he would like the top 5 roads identified for easy reference. He suggested putting the roads in order of priority instead of alphabetically.
- Murray Humphries said a lot of figures are inflated. Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk said that most figures were derived from the asset management plan and that this is used as a tool for establishing a work plan and to determine priority. Rating is what is important. Also, the asset management plan is a “living document”.
- Vice Chair Jamey Larone noted that the Committee has agreed that Thomson Road is a priority. Also, we should look at our gravel budget.
- Mayor Robert Kingsbury said he agrees that the gravel program needs to proceed. We could use this study as a tool.
- Chair Dave Bennett said that he disagrees with the gravel program. He feels we should do main arteries. He noted that Thomsonville streets have had nothing done for 30 years. Because its blacktop, it is not part of the gravel program. If roads have blacktop, gravel stays longer, we need to find a balance.
- Chair Dave Bennett said that we need direction on Thomson Road. As we were not successful with grant applications, the Township will need to fund the project. Engineering costs (in the \$150,000 range) are off the table. He feels that Janet Collins, Public Works Manager could do this work in-house. She could carry out cross sections of culverts, and research costs associated to replace/reline the culvert(s).
- The Committee discussed the scope of the project and potential funds available for this work.

Moved by Murray Humphries, Seconded by Jamey Larone

THAT Thomson Road improvements be designed without using outside engineer services.

THAT the Public Works Committee requests the Public Works Manager to inspect all culverts on Thomson Road and prepare a cross section of each culvert, providing costs to replace/repair.

FURTHER THAT, the Public Works Committee requests the Public Works Manager to provide a cost estimate to repair/repair culverts, added granulars and new asphalt surface on Thomson Road to produce an average cost per kilometer.

Carried.

7.3 OCIF Formula Component Project Report A

Committee members reviewed the report on the OCIF Formula Component Project.

7.4 Horton Corner Advertisements

Committee members reviewed the report regarding Horton Corner Advertisements. After discussion, the Committee recommended that advertisements should be reduced to bi-weekly submissions.

7.5 Krown Rust Protection

Committee members reviewed the report on Krown Rust Protection. Staff are recommending that rust protection be done on an annual basis as part of fleet maintenance.

8. REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORTS

8.1 Transportation Services, Roads - Statement of Revenue & Expense

There was no report for this meeting.

9. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

9.1 Budget Deliberations – final PWC review

Committee members reviewed the draft budget with Jennifer Barr, Treasurer.

Moved by Rick Lester, Seconded by Robert Kingsbury

THAT the Public Works Committee accepts the draft Public Works budget and forwards it to the Finance Committee.

Carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 MTO – Consultation on Ontario's Default Speed Limit
- 10.2 Sarah Smeltzer – Speed of Traffic on Whitton Road (Nov. 3, 2014)
- 10.3 Bill & Kathy Hobbs – Speed Reduction Request (January 5, 2015)

The Committee had discussed this correspondence during the review on speed limits. Vice-Chair Larone asked if a letter could be sent to Sarah Smeltzer and Bill & Kathy Hobbs regarding their requests. Chair David Bennett said that he will be visiting them to discuss their requests.

- 10.4 OGRA Heads Up Alert – Superior Court decision Re: Road Salt
- 10.5 OGRA Heads Up Alert – Appeal not possible Re: Road Salt
- 10.6 OMAFRA – Schedule of Noxious Weeds Changes (Jan. 1, 2015)

Committee members reviewed the above correspondence.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Bennett discussed the need to install a pump on the oil furnace at the garage to help reduce the high heating costs.

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, Seconded by Jamey Larone

THAT the Public Works Committee requests Council to approve the installation of a furnace oil transfer pump for the oil furnace in the Public Works Garage at an estimated cost of \$1,000.00. Funds to come from Building Maintenance account.

Carried.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Rick Lester, Seconded by Murray Humphries

That the Public Works Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY