

**The Corporation of the Township of Horton
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

March 12, 2015

There was a meeting of the Public Works Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday March 12, 2015. Present were Committee Members: Chair David Bennett; Mayor Robert Kingsbury; Public Members Rick Lester and Murray Humphries. Staff: Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk; and Janet Collins, Public Works Manager. Absent: Vice-Chair Jamey Larone.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Robert Kingsbury indicated that this item can be removed from the Agenda as there is no longer a need to approve the agenda.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Public Works Committee – February 13, 2015

Committee members reviewed the minutes of the February 13, 2015 Public Works Committee meetings. No comments were brought forth.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

6. DELEGATIONS

None

7. STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION

7.1 Speed Limit By-Law Revision

Committee members reviewed the report titled *Speed Limit Bylaw Revision*, dated March 9, 2015. Following discussion, two amendments were made to the Schedule A of the proposed by-law and a motion put forth.

Moved by Murray Humphries, Seconded by Rick Lester

THAT the Public Works Committee recommends Council adopt the Regulation of Speed Limits By-Law which regulates the rate of speed on various highways within the Township of Horton as revised by the Public Works Committee.

Carried.

Following the discussion and motion, ratepayer attendees David LaRocque and Warren LaRocque were provided an opportunity to speak to an issue they presented at the recent Council meeting held on March 3, 2015.

The LaRocque's expressed concern over the intersection of Garden of Eden Road and Bruce Street for both their own personal safety as well as the safety of their clients travelling to their dealership, George Jackson Toyota. David LaRocque indicated that there had been a few accidents with a number of 'close calls' at the intersection. Mr. D. LaRocque was in a recent collision himself while attempting to turn left from Bruce Street when the other driver attempted to pass him travelling north on Bruce Street. Concerns included: replacement of an amber flashing light (removed during construction and not replaced), limited reaction time, signage, hidden intersection, and site lines (i.e. brushing and bell box).

Mayor Robert Kingsbury noted that he spoke with Steve Boland, County of Renfrew following the Council meeting. Mr. Boland suggested that the Township provide a letter, directed to him, outlining the concerns.

Following the discussion, the Committee put forth a motion:

Moved by Robert Kingsbury, Seconded by Rick Lester

THAT the Public Works Committee recommend Council direct staff to write to Steve Boland to request the County of Renfrew have consideration for the intersection of Bruce street and Garden of Eden Road in relation to:

- Placement of an amber flashing light;
- Improved signage (i.e. hidden intersection);
- Site Lines (i.e. brushing); and
- Reduction of speed limit.

Carried.

7.2 Roads Classification

PWC staff liaison, Janet Collins, reviewed the report in relation to how the road classification was calculated and how it will assist staff in meeting the Minimum Maintenance Standards (MMS).

Rick Lester brought forth his concerns regarding Fraser Road. This road has been calculated to be the highest class of road within the Municipality but serves only a few homes within Horton Township while the majority of homes being served by the road are located in other municipalities.

Following the discussion, the Committee put forth a recommendation.

Moved by Rick Lester, Seconded by Murray Humphries

THAT the Public Works Committee accepts the report and attachments, titled *Road Classification*, dated March 9, 2015, related to Road Classification, for information purposes.

Carried.

7.3 Thomson Road – Estimated Costs *HAND OUT AT MEETING*

A handout was not provided at the meeting as it was determined that it would be beneficial to have a separate meeting to discuss Thomson Road, and further that staff members Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk and Jennifer Barr, Treasurer attend the meeting.

Mr. McLaren suggested that the PWC develop a business plan for the project due to future financial concerns beyond 2015. Mayor Kingsbury stated that a business plan would be beneficial, and further suggested that the PWC may wish to consider borrowing, however depending on the financing the Township may wish to hold a Public Meeting to obtain input from ratepayers. Rick Lester indicated that safety concerns should also be highlighted.

Since the County of Renfrew is likely to tender Lochwinnoch Road reconstruction in 2015, Chair Bennett asked if our Procurement Policy permits the Township to negotiate with the successful bidder for specific work. Mr McLaren, CAO/Clerk indicated that this would be single sourcing which requires justification (i.e. build a case for sole sourcing) and obtain Council approval.

A date and time was set for Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

8. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

None

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 County of Renfrew – Load Restricted Roads

PWC staff liaison, Janet Collins, indicated that the Township has advertised Load Restrictions.

9.2 County of Renfrew – 2015 Capital Works Projects

Chair Bennett asked if the Township was part of the Counties 10 year budget planning. Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk indicated that although we can send requests, the County have consideration for a particular road or structure that deliberations are among County Council and Staff.

Mayor Kingsbury stated that the County of Renfrew required a contractor to remove previously laid asphalt due to premature pavement break-up caused by the use of too much recycled oil/lubricant in the pavement mix. The Committee discussed how/who test asphalt.

9.3 AMO – Case Study: The State of Ontario's Road and Bridges

This document was reviewed by the Committee.

9.4 MMAH – Development Charges Act Proposals

Mayor Kingsbury noted concern over the proposed Development Charges (DC) Act. He indicated that himself and others at County Council are concerned that proposed changes may further restrict rural development such as severances.

9.5 OGRA – Board Highlights

Mayor Kingsbury spoke briefly on his recent attendance at the OGRA/ROMA Combined Conference, and noted that small rural municipalities benefit from having these organizations 'speak' on their behalf.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Member Rick Lester asked about the recently purchased grader. Chair Bennett indicated that the alternator and the assist for the steering column have been replaced and the grader is in working condition. The company where the grader was purchased from paid for the parts, less Township staff hours to replace them.

12. NEXT MEETING

Two meetings were scheduled:

Public Works Committee meeting specific to Thomson Road was scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled Public Works Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 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 9:45 a.m.

Carried.

CHAIR

SECRETARY