

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

May 25, 2009

There was a meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Township Council held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Monday May 25, 2009. All members of Council were present with the exception of Deputy Mayor Bob Hall.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by members of Council.

3. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

4:01 **PUBLIC WORKS**

Minutes of May 19, 2009

Chair Bennett, chair of Public Works Committee, reviewed the May 19, 2009 Minutes. Councillor Eady questioned the amount of \$14,565 quoted by Stantec to size the culverts on Garden of Eden Road. Councillor Bennett said that the creek that is subject to the Department of Fisheries & Oceans review, crosses the road five times and this quotation is to properly size these culverts. He added that we will be changing the concrete culverts to steel culverts, although there is a potential that the fish habitat would require concrete, but steel culverts are five times cheaper than concrete.

Councillor Eady asked if the concrete culverts are completely done ?

Councillor Bennett said two of the five are in good condition, the others are cracked, and it would cost more to evaluate the life expectancy of these culverts.

Councillor Eady discussed the Snowmobile Club's right to use the CN Trail. The CAO/Clerk reported that there is a long standing agreement with the Snowmobile Club for use of the CN Trail as a snowmobile trail in the winter months. They provide us as a named insured and they place concrete blocks at the intersections of Township roads.

Councillor Eady asked if the Road Closed sign is still on the trail near Gillan Road, between RONA and the former Alfalfa Dehydration plant? Staff are to check this out.

Councillor Bennett reported that Bell has cut out several big trees on Ruttan Road and these logs are now gone. He asked if we gave permission? Councillor Eady suggested we call the OPP if we did not give permission as taking the logs should be treated as a theft, these trees were assets to the Township of Horton. The CAO/Clerk was requested to investigate and report back to Council.

4:25 **WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

May 21, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes

Councillor Eady, chair of the Waste Management Committee reviewed the May 21, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes. Councillor Eady referred to the Solar Electrical System that will be required to provide enough energy for a block heater on the new Packer Truck in the winter time. Councillor Bennett suggested that a top end Canadian Tire Solar system at a cost of \$300 should be sufficient.

Councillor Eady noted that the Committee is on the look out for a used set of truck scales. Councillor Bennett said there is a set of scales in the current issue of the Equipment Trader for \$7,000. You would need four concrete piers at approximately \$6,000 to set the scale on and it would have to be certified by the Federal Weights and Measures.

Councillor Eady asked if the scales would benefit other Township Departments? He believes that in the near future a scale will become important at all Landfill Sites. Councillor Bennett will pass on the Equipment Trader information to Councillor Eady.

Councillor Eady discussed the Public Meeting for the expansion of our Landfill Site scheduled for 7:00 pm Tuesday June 2, 2009. He suggested that if someone attends the meeting and has concerns about what the Township proposes that they be given the opportunity to speak one on one with the engineer, who will be present.

After discussion, the Council Members agreed, if there were concerns raised that could not be dealt with, that arrangements would be made for a special meeting with the engineers to deal one on one with the members of the public about their concerns.

Councillor Eady noted that there is \$14,000 in the budget for grinding the waste, however, this year several large buildings have been torn down and brought into the Landfill Site to be ground, so the Contractor will be facing a larger volume of material. He suggested that we allow an additional \$2,000, if the Contractor requests it for extra grinding. He added that there would be extra tipping fees already received in revenue to offset this cost. Council had no objection.

Councillor Eady reviewed the Biodegradable Bag Study that he is implementing. He requested Renfrew Rentals and RONA be involved.

5:05 **FIRE COMMITTEE**

May 20, 2009 Committee Meeting

Councillor Bennett, chair of the Fire Committee, reviewed the Minutes of the May 20, 2009.

5:10 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Final 2009 Budget

The CAO/Clerk presented the final draft of the 2009 Budget that will be presented to the Public at our June 2, 2009 Council Meeting. This budget is an increase of \$10,379 onto our taxation of last year of \$1,236,001 which is a .008% increase.

Draft Tax Rate By-law

The CAO/Clerk presented the draft Tax Rate By-law that will be presented to Council at their June 2, 2009 Council Meeting. He noted that because of reassessment, the 2009 taxes a property with \$100,000 assessment will pay have dropped by \$79.56, which is a 6.3% reduction. A \$100,000 property paid \$1266.61 in 2009 and it will pay \$1187.05 in 2009.

Councillor Eady asked for a breakdown on the cost of borrowing for the loans to construct the Office Addition and Rink Change Room

The CAO/Clerk said he will have that information at the Council meeting.

5:17 **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

May 21, 2009 Recreation Committee Meeting

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation Committee reviewed the May 21, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes. Councillor Kingsbury reviewed

the need for more volunteers to assist in the staffing of licensed events like Stag & Does. The Committee is considering a damage deposit because of a recent incident at Stag & Doe and they have agreed to strengthen the Rental Agreement.

Councillor Kingsbury reviewed the RINC Grant application, and noted that there was a change suggested today. The CAO/Clerk received a call from an Industry Canada representative who was reviewing our Build Canada application for the Expansion of the Community Centre for Storage, for the Rollup Stage and for Hydronic Hot Water Heat, it was suggested that we use this project under the RINC Funding Program as it would be a better fit. The CAO/Clerk reviewed this with Councillor Kingsbury and Mayor Johnston earlier today, and it was agreed that we would proceed with the cover on the rink being priority one and the expansion of the Community Centre being priority two.

The CAO/Clerk also reported that he has been contacted by the Reeve of the Township of Greater Madawaska who is applying for a RINC grant to put a cover over a rink in Calabogie and expressed an opportunity to joint tender the program. The Committee will consider this if we receive approval for our grant application.

Councillor Eady noted that we need three phase hydro at the Community Centre, if there is ever any consideration of artificial lights at the Community Centre. There are other areas in the Township that need access to three phase power for industrial and commercial development. He suggested that prices be received from Hydro One for installing three phase power at the Community Centre, for an industrial area on Pinnacle Road and for the Landfill Site area. We need a designated area for industrial growth, he suggested.

After discussion, the CAO/Clerk is to invite a representative of Hydro One to a meeting of Council to review our requirements.

5:40 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

May 19, 2009 Committee Meeting

Councillor Bennett, chair of the Planning Committee reviewed the May 19, 2009 Committee Meeting minutes.

5:50 **HUMAN REOURCES COMMITTEE**

There was no Human Resources Committee meeting during the month of May.

5:51 **LIME STABILIZATION COMMITTEE**

Report on Activities to Date

Councillor Bennett, chair of Lime Stabilization, reported that the pumps to pump the sewage out of the holding tanks into the spreader are now in and he has arranged a meeting with Garnet Headrick and Jeff Schruder for Wednesday May 27, 2009 to work out a plan to install the pumps and the plumbing.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Municipal Infrastructure Manager's Responsibilities

The CAO/Clerk reported that he and Councillor Kingsbury had discussed this item in April and it was on the Agenda for the last Committee of the Whole meeting but the meeting ended before this item could be discussed.

Councillor Kingsbury said he was concerned that we may be saturating the Infrastructure Manager with additional work. We need to define the responsibilities of his position.

Councillor Eady suggested that this be taken to Human Resources Committee. After discussion Council agreed that this be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting and that the job description that was originally drafted be reviewed.

Councillor Eady noted that in the recent hiring of the Recreation Program Manager that the use of the County Human Resources staff was of great assistance and that we should use this service in the future. Additionally if someone has to be relieved of their position that we use the County and our Township lawyer as well.

As it was now 6:00 pm and some members of Council had to leave, the Committee members agreed to leave "Issues at Council Table not Outside" "Deputy Mayor Position" and "Spending limits by Committees without Council Approval" for the next meeting. They did review the draft press release on a statement made by Ontario Landowner Association Members. Councillor Kingsbury said he requested this be prepared to set the record straight on information that was quoted in the local Renfrew newspaper of a Landowner representative which suggested that the Township of Horton Council requested that charges be laid for a blockade back on June 23, 2008. The Committee reviewed a draft of a press release and agreed that it be submitted under Mayor Johnston's name at the start of the June 2, 2009 Council Meeting.

5. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be June 29, 2009 at 4:00 pm. This being the fifth Monday of the month, Council members who usually leave at 6:00 pm to attend evening meetings will be able to stay longer. The Committee requested that sandwiches be brought in so that they can finish the agenda.

6. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Dave Bennett

That the Committee pass this confirming resolution to cover any actions or directions given during the open portion of this Committee of the Whole Meeting which are minor in nature and which were not set out in By-law or Resolution.

Carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Don Eady, seconded by Dave Bennett

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk

