

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

October 05, 2009

There was a Meeting of the Committee of the Whole held in the Municipal Chambers on Monday October 5, 2009. All members of Council were present.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
There was no declaration of pecuniary interest by Members of the Committee.
3. **COUNCIL MEETING**
There were no Council Meeting Minutes to review.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - August 31, 2009

The Committee reviewed the Committee of the Whole Minutes of August 31, 2009. Councillor Kingsbury asked what the County commitment was to the job they carried out on Thomson Road? Mayor Johnston, and Jeff Schruder Infrastructure Manager, informed the Committee that the County will continue to watch for degradation of the road and will look after any failures next Spring. The County accepts responsibility.

PUBLIC WORKS – September 8, 2009

Councillor Bennett, chair of Public Works reviewed the September 8, 2009 Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes. Councillor Kingsbury gave a brief review of the onsite meeting on Price Road with Michael Rouble and Agnes Walker, held earlier this morning, at the Public Works Committee Meeting.

Mike Rouble had suggested that all that was needed to fix the road was big equipment and purchase property to realign the hill onto Highway 60. The second suggestion was to put a gate across both ends of the road at Highway 60 and the Fulton Pit entrance, giving Fultons and Walkers a key. They thought that would be sufficient.

Jeff Schruder was asked by the Committee to prepare a costing for review at the next Committee Meeting on the cost of reconstruction.

Councillor Bennett reported that Dave Darch, County of Renfrew Engineer, was at the meeting earlier today and commented on David Brown's concern on packing of shoulders on County Roads after grading. Mr Darch is proposing that the County carry out a master traffic plan over the next several years which will review use of shoulders by cyclists and pedestrians.

Mayor Johnston informed the Committee that he had noticed some survey marks on Johnston Road and asked if the ditching is close to being started?

Jeff Schruder said yes and he has set some elevations and has arranged to rent the Admaston/Bromely Bush Hog that is mounted on their excavator to do the brushing.

**INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER and
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – September 2009**

The Committee Members reviewed the Infrastructure Manager and Public Works Superintendents' reports for September 2009.

Mayor Johnston informed the members of the Committee that the Welcome Sign posts have now been installed and the signs will be put on the posts October 17, 2009.

Jeff Schruder reported that work on the Septage facility is wrapping up and final work scheduled over the next ten days, then training and receiving of the waste will be in order. Jeff reported on the Volley Ball Court construction. Several loads of sand and one post are still required.

Councillor Eady asked if the Landfill Site is ready to receive the hydro connection? Jeff Schruder reported that the trench has been dug and conduit placed in the line and is now buried. Tender for connection of the service closes tomorrow.

WASTE MANAGEMENT - September 10, 2009

Councillor Eady, chair of Waste Management reviewed the September 10, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes. Mayor Johnston asked if Fast Eddie has started grinding at the Landfill Site?

Jeff Schruder reported that the equipment is on the Site, but he has had two breakdowns in the last two week with his equipment.

Councillor Bennett asked what weight should we put to the statement that Beauman Waste Mangement had on the radio recently that they will be gone at the end of the year. Mayor Johnston reviewed the information from the Joint Recycling Committee Meeting held recently at McNab/Braeside.

Deputy Mayor Hall asked if we had a backup plan if Beauman ends the contract? Councillor Eady said he did carry out some work on Horton collecting its own products and taking the material to Pembroke and area. Our only other option is to take it to a company in Ottawa.

Councillor Kingsbury said he was speaking with Bill Yantha, Landfill Attendant, who expressed a need to put up a ramp between the two WEE waste buildings. Councillor Eady suggested that Mr Yantha is to write down any suggestions like this on the Memo Book given to him, to give to the Committee. There would have to be quote sought and would have to be made sure it would not interfere other operations at the Site i.e. snowplowing.

FIRE COMMITTEE – September 18, 2009

Councillor Bennett, chair of Fire Committee, reviewed the September 18, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes. He informed the Committee that a letter was received, today, from the Deputy Fire Chief submitting his resignation effective November 30, 2009.

Councillor Eady noted in the Minutes, that there was suggestion to increase the reserve fund to purchase a new Fire Pumper Truck. Councillor Bennett said this would be a first line pumper truck and could not be a second hand unit. Councillor Eady agreed now is the time to start increasing the reserve. He asked for an update on the cost of replacing the other fire vehicles, so we can adjust our annual reserve budget accordingly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Hall, Chair of Finance Committee reviewed the Financial Report. Councillor Kingsbury pointed out several items in the Financial Report where expenditures were made when there was no budget allotted. The CAO/Clerk was to check with the Treasurer and report at Council Meeting October 6, 2009.

The Committee reviewed a request from a ratepayer, who had experienced financial hardship, who requested that his interest recently paid on his outstanding tax arrears be applied to 2010 interim taxes. The Committee referred to other precedents, where similar requests had been denied and agreed they could not support this request.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – September 23, 2009

Councillor Kingsbury, chair of Recreation Committee reviewed the September 23, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes. He asked the Public Works Department to pick up the double door cooler from Doug Campbell, which was part of the catering supplies from Campbell Catering left in Dave and Judy Campbell's house, which he donated to the Municipality. The Recreation Committee believe that the unit is not working, but part of the deal was to remove it. It will be taken to Lesway's Scrap Yard.

The CAO/Clerk was to check if it was possible to put a link on our Township website for a news website that Tim MacDonald is preparing for the Horton Community Centre. The first quote received by Staff was that it would cost \$200.00.

Councillor Eady said that he noticed that the Committee supported having two dances in December, the regular third Friday of the month plus the Township Appreciation Dinner and Dance for Volunteers and Staff. He reported that he thought it was a win-win situation in the past when the third Friday Dance was moved up two weeks so that the same band would accommodate both groups.

Deputy Mayor Hall suggested that an Appreciation Dinner be held in the summer rather than in the Fall.

Rink Cover

The CAO/Clerk reported that the final quotes are to be received for the Council Meeting, noting that it is difficult to compare the quotes between the canvas cover companies and the steel building company.

Deputy Mayor Hall said that he supported the steel structure as a better investment for the Municipality. Councillor Eady said he supported the steel building but his concern is how do we pay the financial cost back. We need a plan of fund raising and rentals. Deputy Mayor Hall said he is prepared to promote extra ice time available for use by Renfrew Minor Hockey at the Community Centre once the rink cover is in place.

Councillor Eady said there has to be another way other than taxes to pay for the borrowing costs. If we are not getting the useage we should not build the cover. He informed the Committee that he had contacted Tim Kluge who is a fund raiser with major departments in Ottawa, who is willing to speak with the Recreation Committee to discuss possible fund raising opportunities that he would be familiar with.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – September 15, 2009

Councillor Bennett, chair of Planning Committee reviewed the Minutes of the September 15, 2009 Committee Meeting. The Committee discussed the Site Plan Agreement for Harold Deacon and the September 30, 2009 deadline to carry out the possible requirements set out in the draft site plan in order to reduce his \$5,000 site plan security. Chair Bennett reported that several neighbours are expressing concern that Council is too tough on Mr Deacon. Mayor Johnston agreed to check with several other neighbours that he knows to get their comments. Mr Deacon is to be invited to the October 20, 2009 Planning Meeting.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE – September 23, & 30 2009

Deputy Mayor Hall reviewed the Minutes of the September 23 and September 30, 2009 Committee Meetings.

LIME STABILIZATION COMMITTEE

Chair Bennett noted that as referred to in the Public Works Meeting the facility is getting close to completion and we can start accepting waste shortly. He pointed out that the second test is taking place on leakage, the first test with water

indicated that there were some cracks which have been repaired. The second test is ongoing.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING COMMITTEE

There was nothing to report.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Draft By-law – Accessibility Customer Service Standards and Policy & Schedule "A"

The CAO/Clerk presented the draft Accessibility Customer Service Standards & Policy, which was prepared over the summer by Katie Lunney, summer student, for which the Township received funding to complete this project. Council will be requested at their meeting tomorrow to consider a by-law adopting the Plan and the Schedule A being Training Policy.

6. NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Committee agreed that there will not be a Committee meeting prior to the Council meeting November 3, 2009 but instead the next meeting will be November 30, 2009, before the December Council Meeting.

7. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

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.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Hall, seconded by Dave Bennett

That this Committee of the Whole Meeting be adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk