

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

April 21, 2009

There was a Special Meeting of the Council of the Township of Horton held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday April 21, 2009, following the Planning Committee Meeting. Present were Deputy Mayor Bob Hall, Councillors Dave Bennett Don Eady and Bob Kingsbury.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. BY-LAW 2009-12 EXECUTE BUILDING CANADA FUNDING AGREEMENT

Council reviewed the Agreement with the Province of Ontario for the Build Canada Funding for the Garden of Eden Road project. The CAO/Clerk was asked if there would be a conflict of interest if local suppliers dealt with any successful contractor?

Councillor Eady noted that the maximum engineering cost permitted is 15%. He was advised that the Public Works Committee have discussed this with our Engineer and 15% was included in the Grant Application but any costs will be billed back to us on an actual cost basis rather than on a percentage of the contract.

Councillor Eady noted that the approval is for \$1,945,000 and understood that we can do the job for \$1.3 million. The CAO/Clerk said the approval is for the \$1.9 figure, however the Public Works Committee is hopeful that the \$1.3 is close to actual, but this will not be known until a contract has been tendered. The financing information that the CAO/Clerk prepared was based on \$1.3 million.

Moved by Dave Bennett, seconded by Bob Kingsbury

**Resolution No. 09-**

That Council pass By-law 2009-12 to execute the Build Canada Funding Agreement.

**Carried.**

4. BUILD CANADA 2 – SELECT PROJECT AS TOWNSHIP’S PRIORITY

Deputy Mayor Hall noted that there is a short deadline to complete this application, being due May 1, 2009. We need to determine a Township priority. He has spoken with the CAO/Clerk about a Broadband Program that is covered under the application process. He is aware that Councillor Eady had presented a Landfill Site proposal, at the Waste Management Meeting and he has learned that Councillor Bennett has suggested some work in Thompsonville, as suggestions for our priority.

Councillor Kingsbury suggested that the Township should have a set of priorities already established so that we do not have to go through this process each time. Deputy Mayor Hall agreed. He added that we must decide which project would have the best opportunity for approval.

Councillor Kingsbury said he informed the Waste Management Committee that he would support the Landfill request. Councillor Eady said the Landfill request is to reclaim the wasted soil that was used with poor compaction. He noted that we will have to cap the Landfill Site and estimated needing 600 loads of soil to do this if we use our own material to put back on the slopes right away through this

reclamation process which will save dollars and additionally save up to four years life on this Site.

He informed Council that on Sunday he met with Brian Dedo, who compacts the waste at the Landfill Site and Ralph Selle who provided screening equipment to do a test project three years ago to discuss costs for this project. They arrived at \$154,000 for equipment and suggested another \$30,000 for other costs for a total of \$184,000 to \$185,000. The work would be done over two years. He said that this is a new project and is on based forty days to do the work but it could take thirty days or it could take fifty. If it took more days we would have to stop when the money is spent.

Councillor Eady said the Engineer has told us the Site reach capacity in 2010 or 2011 and we are in the process of applying for an expansion. Some soil for the capping purpose is already on Site from construction jobs we would need to get environmental approval for this reclamation process and suggested contacting Marc LeSieur at the Ministry of Environment. Councillor Eady suggested that this project may fit into an application area where there may not be many applications.

Councillor Kingsbury informed Council that this is a worthwhile project to save taxpayers dollars.

Councillor Bennett said we would need to get information from the Ministry of Environment to see if we can get an open air permit.

Councillor Eady said there was no problem with the first test which is over a day, the Ministry of Environment were informed and permitted the test to be conducted.

Chair Bennett suggested that the machine and the contractor have to be licensed not the municipality. He supports this project as long as the work can be accomplished within the time frame.

Councillor Bennett discussed the work he suggested in Thompsonville. Over the winter there were several times the grader had to go and scrape off ice that was building up from house drains on Knight Street. There is obviously some concern with hookups from private residences to the existing storm sewer that has to be corrected, plus the street is in need of pavement

Following discussion of the projects the CAO/Clerk was directed to contact Mr LeSieur to discuss what approvals are required for the Landfill site project.

Deputy Mayor Hall reviewed the Broadband suggestion. He noted that over the last eight months there was an attempt, which was unsuccessful, to attract vendors to supply high speed to our area. The Township received approximately 150 letters of support, some of these included people who could work from home, to save our environment. He has spoken with one Internet Provider who would be interested in partnering, subject to a request for proposal. He estimated that to provide towers throughout the whole Township would take \$500,000. The contractor now only has plans for three towers at \$85,000, but is concerned that if we apply for the Grant we cannot guarantee 100% coverage by our population, even with \$500,000 in towers.

After discussion, Deputy Mayor Hall suggested putting the Broadband proposal on hold. Staff will contact the Ministry of Environment to see what the requirements are for the Waste Management proposal. The Staff will look into a design improvement to solve the water problem in Thomson Hill so that we have this project ready.

Council agreed to wait until the Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday April 27, 2009 to finalise our priority.

Staggered Bell – School Broads

Deputy Mayor Hall informed the Council that he was requested by Peter Emon, Reeve of the Township of Greater Madawaska Township, to support a letter that he sent to both the Public and Catholic School Board in Renfrew County. He has reviewed Mr Emon letters and does support them and had drafted a letter of support copies of which he presented to Council for review.

Council quickly reviewed the letter and agreed to support Mr Emon's letter.

Garbage Packer Truck for Landfill Site

Councillor Kingsbury said he spoke with a person who works at Beauman on the condition of the Packer Truck which the Waste Management Committee were considering purchasing for \$4,000. The truck is in very good shape, with one exception, the PTO has to be out before you shift gears. Council did not think this was a problem as the truck is not to be traveling on roads.

15. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Don Eady, seconded Dave Bennett

**Resolution No. 09-**

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

**Carried.**

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Don Eady

**Resolution No. 09-**

That this special Council meeting be adjourned at 7:40 pm

**Carried.**

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Deputy Mayor Hall

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CAO/Clerk