

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

SEPTAGE DISPOSAL

FEBRUARY 16, 2006

There was a meeting on Septage Disposal called by Councillor Dave Bennett. Present were George Thompson, a local Septage Hauler and Horton's Water and Nutrient Management expert and the CAO/Clerk. The meeting started at 9:00 a.m.

Councillor Bennett asked Mr Thompson if the Township of Horton pursued a different avenue other than Reed Bed as the solution for septage would Mr Thompson continue his pumping business and would he be interested in assisting the Township with a solution. Mr Thompson said that he would be interested in assisting the Township but he would not accept any of the waste on his farm. He believes that this is going to be a concern in the future, whereby the ratepayers have been told by the Province that field spreading septage is bad. We now know that the field spreading is not bad, it is the untreated septage that is bad. So in the future, field spreading of treated septage will be permitted. He expressed concerns over liability because there could be potential actions caused by people when they see field spreading taking place. He suggested that the Ministry of the Environment personnel become a leader in promoting the field spreading of treated septage to assure the public that it is a safe and environmentally friendly solution.

Councillor Bennett discussed alternatives ranging from lime stabilization to storing the pumped septage in a large tank until there was a full transport load to go to the city sewage plants in Ottawa, to trench methods. The Municipalities could install a tank at the Landfill Site and a large septic system for the effluent to be disposed of. The waste left would then be put into a compost tank and the compost used either in the Landfill Site or possibly field spread.

Mr Thompson said he was willing to work with the Township to find other solutions to the treated septage issue and supported our endeavor to find other alternatives.

Councillor Bennett declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Councillor Dave Bennett

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CAO/Clerk