

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

JANUARY 25, 2007

There was a meeting of the Waste Management Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday January 25, 2007. Present were Chair Don Eady, Reeve Robert A. Johnston, also present was John Wilson, who will be appointed a member of the Committee following the next Council Meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eady called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Chair Eady welcomed John Wilson, a Horton resident with vast municipal experience to the Committee.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2006 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Eady reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes. Reeve Johnston asked when the Community Improvement Plan would be available for review? The CAO/Clerk said it would be available in a draft format for review by Planning Committee at the February 20, 2007 Meeting.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Prices for Lab Work

Chair Eady explained his idea of having rain water and tap water percolated through samples of earth taken from the Landfill Site, during a screening operation last summer. The water is then to be tested at a Lab. The CAO/Clerk said that he received information from our Lab that they can do this. They would do a full range of MOE requirements, however, he did not get a price, and when he tried to get a price later his calls were not answered.

John Wilson suggested that we also take a sample of the test water and well water, prior to it being percolated through the soil, as a background water check. The Committee agreed.

“Rules” for Segregating Waste etc.

The CAO/Clerk said that he and the Public Works Superintendent were given this task which has not been completed yet.

5. JIM FERGUSON - EMERGENCY PLAN FOR LANDFILL SITE

Jim Ferguson, the Community Emergency Management Coordinator was present. He presented the Committee with an Emergency Response Plan for the Landfill Site and reviewed it. The Plan noted that there may be the need for a farm type pond to be dug at the Landfill Site for a source of water for fighting a fire at the Landfill Site.

Chair Eady suggested the issue of a pond be put on the next Committee Meeting Agenda. John Wilson asked if there would be changes required for the C of A? The Committee thanked Jim for attending and having this information prepared.

Following Mr. Ferguson’s presentation, Chair Eady noted that at one point we had a procedure set up for the Fire Department to call various construction companies, if one was not available to call the next etc, that would assist with fighting a fire at the Landfill Site. The CAO/Clerk was asked to get a copy of this list.

6. JANUARY & FEBRUARY CALENDAR REQUIREMENTS

Chair Eady reported to the Committee that the creation of the Calendar is to assist staff with duties that are required on a monthly basis. For January the following were reviewed:

Budget to Actual for December 2006

The Committee questioned the amount of \$6,515.00 for sand and cover material when there was no cover material purchased during the year, and they also questioned the amount of \$544.00 which was under a category called Septage Treatment Solution, which does not belong to the Waste Management Site. This will be examined by the COA/Clerk.

Chair Eady said he would sit down with the Treasurer to prepare a draft Budget for review by the Committee and then to be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

Revenue for December

The CAO/Clerk informed the Committee that in December we received revenue of \$1,516.00 and we have outstanding invoices for \$110.00 in tipping fees from three companies.

Tipping Fees

The CAO/Clerk reported that he has pulled off, a list of tipping fees, from several neighbouring municipalities' Web Sites. He will have Staff put that into a spread sheet form. Chair Eady suggested that John Wilson assist the CAO/Clerk with this process – he agreed.

Report from CAO/Clerk on Delegation

Chair Eady requested the Organization Chart that was prepared last year be brought to the next Committee Meeting.

Garbage and Recycling Contracts

Chair Eady suggested the Committee examine the idea of writing a letter to property owners suggesting that where two or three neighbours live close together that they put their garbage together as one stop. which would, hopefully, result in the negotiation in the reduction in the number of stops and save the Township money.

John Wilson suggested it may cause more problem that it is worth. You would also have to see if the contractor was open to reducing his pick-up cost

Chair Eady suggested that we think this further, possibly sending a letter to neighbours asking them to volunteer.

Renew Contracts

The Committee agreed to review the contracts in February. Chair Eady asked that the Tender documentation drafted in 2006 for the Re grind Process be brought back to the next Committee meeting as well. There was discussion about increasing the number of years in the Contract.. Also the Compaction and Covering Contract is to be reviewed at the next meeting to see when it is due.

There was discussion about the operation of the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre, John Wilson has not been to the site, the CAO/Clerk was requested to contact Joe Hall, Manager, for a date when we could tour his Site and also sit down and discuss some issues of concern, i.e. industry trends, grants etc.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Two pieces of correspondence from Joe Hall of the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre were reviewed. The first dated December 12, 2006, had a letter attached from the Ministry of Environment where they are instituting a Municipal Hazard or Special Waste

Designation, under the Waste Diversion Act. The Committee members reviewed this letter. The second letter dated January 18, 2007, asked some questions about the current practice of handling hazardous waste.

John Wilson noted that fluorescent light bulbs and tubes as well as used oil filters are listed under the Special Waste Category and questioned how they are handled now? After discussion the following recommendation was put forward.

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, seconded by John Wilson

That the Waste Management Committee recommend to Council that due to the fact that fluorescent light bulbs and tubes contain mercury, and used oil filters contain waste oil, which are both hazardous wastes, that they not be permitted to be deposited into the Landfill Site. These products can be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot in Renfrew.

**Carried.**

8. SIGNAGE AT LANDFILL SITE – NEED TO BE REPLACED OR CHANGE

Chair Eady said he has noticed that some of the signs need to be replaced and some of the writing on other signs is getting hard to read. We need to make new signs, particularly in light of this new recommendation of fluorescent light bulbs and oil filters and we also need a big sign saying No Smoking.

After discussion it was agreed that the Public Works Superintendent would go through the sign inventory at the Site and make recommendations of what needs to be changed or added.

9. TWO BAG LIMIT AT CURBSIDE

Chair Eady said that the Ministry of Environment are funding recycling programs based on best practice procedures and one of the best practices is ways to increase recycling volumes. A way of doing this is to reduce the number of bags which are accepted, free at curbside pickup. This would require more recycling.

There was discussion on the procedure if we went to a two bag limit. Chair Eady suggested that we would have to give every household a second blue box to encourage them to fill it as well, therefore we need to order more blue boxes, once the budget is established. He said there would be a need for a mechanism to permit more bags under certain situations, that would be an exception to the rule i.e. New Connections Ministry. He said we would need Public Meetings before this is implemented. Target Date for implementation would be June 2007. Would ratepayers pay for each additional bag if they take it to the Landfill Site? A policy needs to be developed on this issue.

John Wilson suggested drafting an advertisement that the Township would place in the newspaper informing the ratepayers that the Township is considering a two bag limit in the summer of 2007 and would appreciate written public input. It was also discussed whether to charge \$1.00 a bag for all garbage delivered to the Landfill Site. This would be set out on a separate sheet and given to Bill Yantha to hand out at the Landfill Site. It would have to be marketed as a way of protecting the long range life of the Landfill Site. Chair Eady supported this idea. The CAO/Clerk was asked to develop a document for consideration by the Committee at the next meeting.

John Wilson suggested that we give out garbage cans to protect bags from birds and animals who tear them apart. Chair Eady suggested that we think about this. After further discussion it was suggested offering a rebate through a store for people to buy garbage cans. A rebate card could be put in with the tax bill envelope.

10. DRAFT REPORT ON LANDFILL SITE EXPANSION

Chair Eady said the Township in 2006 authorized the Engineering firms of Golder & Associates and Stantec Engineering to start the study for the expansion of the Landfill Site and the draft Report has been in the Office since last Fall. The CAO/Clerk asked if the Committee wished to have the Consultants invited to the next Committee Meeting? The Committee members agreed to the date of February 12, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.

The CAO/Clerk also asked if the Committee would authorize a letter being sent to the Town of Renfrew asking if they would accept our garbage. He explained that as part of the drafting of the Plan, all neighbouring municipalities were circulated a letter prepared by the Engineers, but signed by the CAO/Clerk asking if they would be interested in accepting our garbage as an alternative to expanding our Landfill Site. The Committee had stated that Renfrew was not to be included in this letter campaign but the Engineers are now saying that leaves a hole in the document that may come back towards the end of the approval process, when a Ministry Official questions why we did not ask Renfrew.

After discussion it was agreed that a letter would be sent to Renfrew.

11. FEBRUARY MEETING – INVITE LANDFILL SITE MANAGEMENT PARTICIPANTS - BEAUMAN, DEDO, LESWAY YANTHA

The CAO/Clerk was authorized to invite the participants to a meeting on February 12, 2007 starting at 8:30 a.m., which would be followed by the Engineers at 10:30 a.m. Chair Eady said there was also a need for a second meeting in February to carry out the concerns raised at this meeting, it was agreed February 22, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. Issues to be talked about have been identified in these Minutes.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

13. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meetings will be February 12 & February 22, 2007 at 8:30 am.

14. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, seconded by John Wilson

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

**Carried.**

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by John Wilson, seconded by Robert A. Johnston

That this Committee meeting be adjourned at 10.50 a.m.

**Carried.**

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Chair

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CAO/Clerk

