

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

April 17, 2008

There was a meeting of the Waste Management Committee held in the Upstairs Meeting Room of the Horton Fire Hall on Thursday April 17, 2008. Present were Acting Chair Bob Kingsbury, Mayor Robert A Johnston, John Wilson, staff present were Rod Eady, Jeff Schruder and Mackie McLaren.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Kingsbury called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest from the Committee Members.

3. MINUTES OF: MARCH 27, 2008 REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2008 SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Acting Chair Kingsbury reviewed the meeting minutes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

John Wilson asked about the Re grind Tenders. Jeff Schruder responded that Fast Eddie's quotation was accepted by Council and notice of the decision was forwarded to Mr. Ed Como, but no response has been received from him about when he will do the work.

Acting Chair Kingsbury asked when he might expect the E-Waste Depot to be established at the Landfill Site? Jeff Schruder said that it is in the plans for next week.

5. APPOINTMENTS

8:45 Mrs Sterling – No Frills Grocery Store

Mrs Sterling was not able to attend this meeting as she did not have all the details lined up to make a presentation. She will be invited by John Wilson to attend the next meeting to be held May 15, 2008.

6. TWO BAG LIMIT – REVIEW COMMENTS FROM APRIL 15, 2008 PUBLIC MEETING

Councillor Dave Bennett was present for this discussion. The CAO/Clerk reviewed the notes from the April 15, Public Meeting on Two Bag Limit, as the Minutes had not yet been typed. Acting Chair Kingsbury briefly reviewed the outcome of the meeting.

Councillor Bennett expressed concern that with a two bag limit, households could be putting out less than two bags on an average basis but once or twice a year they have to put out more and they will be caught even though they are doing their share of recycling.

Mayor Johnston said that he has thought about Councillor Bennett's comments at the Public Meeting, and believes that the only solution to his suggestion is to give out tags for two free bags per week, so that every bag would have a tag. Mayor Johnston also explained to the Committee, a conversation with an acquaintance, who takes the waste to the Landfill Site and he was able to explain how this cost doubled to the Municipality and the person accepted this. Mayor Johnston added that he is for banning recyclables to be received at the Landfill Site. Mayor Johnston said that he conscientiously puts all recyclables and cardboard out for recycling and believes that a family of four can meet the two bag limit. Councillor Bennett said that the age of the children depends if this is possible, i.e. diapers will require more bags.

Acting Chair Kingsbury said that on his roadside survey of 140 houses. 120 met or were less than the two bag limit. The majority are doing this now, why not encourage people to try this for a year, as the Committee is recommending a review after twelve months.

Mayor Johnston said that he wants more education at the Landfill Site about the extra cost of people bringing their recycables to the Landfill Site rather than using curbside collection.

John Wilson asked if there should be a limit to the size of the garbage bags? He added that he spoke originally about sending out 104 tags, two bags per week, but supports the proposal of two bags plus \$1 per tag for up to two additional bags.

Councillor Bennett asked about going half way, two bags are permitted free but extra free tags would be available to the ratepayer when required.

Acting Chair Kingsbury noted that during the presentation, the Committee stated they would consider an application from people for consideration for more bags on an individual basis.

Councillor Bennett asked where does industrial garbage collection stand? Acting Chair Kingsbury said he spoke with other municipalities recently and they charge the industrial users the same rate as the residential. In our case that would be four bags, two bags free and two bags with tags per week.

Councillor Bennett said that he thinks the Committee should look at the way containers are set down by the garbage contractor after they are emptied, as on windy days four or five containers can be seen blowing on the road between Renfrew and his home.

Mayor Johnston described his experience with a garbage can and lid. Acting Chair Kingsbury asked the CAO/Clerk to write to Beaumans about the placement of cans and also about empty dry paint cans that are put in recycling bins that are not picked up

Moved by John Wilson, seconded by Rod Eady

That the Waste Management Committee recommend to Council that Council institute a two bag limit at the curb for every household free with the cost to add a third or fourth bag at \$1 per bag, tags available at the Municipal Office. Further that the Landfill Site receives two free bags of garbage from a residence plus tagged bags for bags three and four. This will be reviewed in one year.

**Carried.**

7. JOINT RECYCLING – SHARE OF STUDY COSTS OF BEAUMAN RECYCLING PLANT

Acting Chair Kingsbury informed the committee that the Joint Recycling Management Committee wishes to investigate Beauman's business at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

Moved by Rod Eady, seconded by Robert A Johnston

That the Waste Management Committee recommend to Council that they agree to the apportionment of \$641.49 as Horton's share, based on households for a business review of Beauman's Recycling Company.

**Carried.**

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee reviewed the following correspondence:

Golder Associates – new staff appointments  
AMO - WEEE program plan  
Clarence Creek Recyclers - 2008 tire recycling costs

Moved by John Wilson, seconded by Rod Eady

That the Waste Management Committee recommend to Council that they accept the quote for 2008 tire recycling costs from Clarence Creek Recyclers at \$2.00 per tire up to a light truck size. These prices are the same as 2007.

**Carried.**

The CAO/Clerk was asked to get a cost from this recycling company for a two or three year contract.

Stewardship Ontario \$5,108.13 – Final 2007 grant  
Solid Waste & Recycling Magazine news article on “who should pay cost of waste management”.

Moved by Rod Eady, seconded by Jeff Schruder

That the Township of Horton support the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, discussion paper on the fiscal imbalance of the operation of blue box system in Ontario.

**Carried.**

9. STAFF REPORT ON LANDFILL SITE OPERATION

Rod Eady reported that Jeff Schruder, Brian Dedo and he met at the Landfill Site to discuss the spring compaction of the waste brought in over the winter. He noted that there are lots of regrind materials and more building up quickly to be ground. They have agreed that they will shove the regrind to the front and use it for berming material with topsoil saved, up on the side of the second lift. They invited Acting Chair Kingsbury to tour the Site. It was suggested that Gerry Lalonde of Stantec be contacted about the location of the ramp shown on their Site Plan.

Jeff Schruder informed the Committee that we have sold two timbers at \$75 a piece. Acting Chair Kingsbury asked the Public Works to empty the Storage Building and take materials to the Renfrew Household Hazardous Waste Depot when it opens in May. And for the Site to be prepared for an expected Annual Inspection from the Ministry of Environment this Spring.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Acting Chair Kingsbury asked if there was work available to create a full time position between the various departments for Bill Yantha? He may be leaving his second job and would have to find a full time job if this is not available to him. Acting Chair Kingsbury will contact Mr. Yantha to advise him the Committee is considering this suggestion,

Rod Eady asked how we are going to get people educated to purchase a garbage can rather than leave garbage in bags, as the birds are breaking the bags apart, and they leave a mess on the road as the owner never picks up the scattered garbage. Acting Chair Kingsbury suggested that we have an advertising campaign where the Committee strongly urges people to use garbage cans, broken bags will not be picked up and will have to be rebagged.

11. NEXT MEETING

The Committee will meet at their regular scheduled time of May 18, 2008 at 8.30 a.m. at the Horton Community Centre.

12. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by John Wilson, seconded by Rod Eady

That the Committee pass this confirming resolution to validate 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.**

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Robert A. Johnston, seconded by Jeff Schruder

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

**Carried.**

