

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

December 11, 2008

There was a meeting of the Waste Management Committee held in the Horton Community Centre on Thursday December 11, 2008. Present were Chair Don Eady, Mayor Robert A. Johnston, and John Wilson. Absent was Councillor Kingsbury. Staff present were Jeff Schruder Municipal Infrastructure Manager and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eady called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2008 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Eady reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes, which had been received by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

John Wilson asked if the OPP would be attending the Meeting, the CAO/Clerk said no, he will attempt to have an officer at the next meeting.

Chair Eady asked Mr Schruder if he had contacted Fast Eddy?

He reported that he has, Fast Eddy is working on building a grate for the grinder and has invited us down in the Spring to see it, or he will come to a meeting of our Committee.

Chair Eady suggested that we visit his operation and Landfill Site, where he grinds non cover material to reduce space and also grind wood for interim cover. Jeff Schruder noted that we could do this as well. Chair Eady asked for a visit to be arranged in late January or early February before Committee members go on vacation.

Chair Eady asked if Jeff Schruder had any information on cameras for outdoors?

Mr Schruder says he has a friend who will lend us his camera to show us what the camera will do, once hunting season is over.

5. MONTHLY CALENDAR

Budget

Chair Eady reviewed proposed amendments to the Draft Budget. Reserves reduced by \$5,000 to \$25,000, Salaries reduced to \$11,000, providing that we change the hours of the Landfill Site, Floating Holiday reduced to \$120.00, Holiday pay reduced to \$650.00, tipping fees increased to \$16,500 and add a new line called Bio-degradable Bag Study \$4,500.00. The proposed bottom line is \$199,917.00.

Public Works Property Maintenance

Jeff Schruder informed the Committee that everything is ready for the winter. Chair Eady informed the Committee he spoke with Bill Yantha, Landfill Attendant, about the need to hire an additional attendant and asked Jeff Schruder to prepare a Site Plan Map which would be handed out to people when they enter the Landfill Site showing where to place the garbage. As a test this may reduce the need for a second person. He will also draft some wording to be put on the bottom of this plan.

Jeff Schruder also informed the Committee that he spoke to Bill Yantha and they commented that in the winter time there is no need for additional help but in the summer possibly a student could be hired to assist.

Mayor Johnston discussed Bill Yantha's hours at the Landfill Site and hours with the Public Works and at the Rink.

Measure Space Used by Engineers

The CAO/Clerk has received a response from Gerry Lalonde from Stantec saying that the elevations are being carried out this week and he will not have any information until January.

Calendar and Cards in Mail

The CAO/Clerk presented a copy of the 2009 Calendar and of the 2009 Access Cards for the Committee's information.

Put Together Changes & Prepare Waste Management Guide for Meeting

Chair Eady said this is the monthly duty calendar that is to be reviewed and updated if required. It was agreed that this would be reviewed at the next meeting.

Invoices, Revenues and Receivables.

The CAO/Clerk presented a report that was prepared showing that all receivables with the exception of \$ 37.00 has been received and there are no further tipping fees since November, received at the Office.

Actual versus Budget Review

The Committee carried out a brief review of the actual expenditure and revenue versus the 2008 Budget numbers

6. **BIO-DEGRADABLE BAGS**

Chair Eady brought in samples of three bio-degradable bags, a small kitchen catcher, a bigger kitchen catcher and a 30 gallon garbage bag. He has used these bags for several weeks and John Wilson has used them for one week.

Mayor Johnston asked will they stand up at the curb?

John Wilson expressed caution that if the bags got wet they may not have the strength. Chair Eady stated over time the landfill Site has turned into a large compost pile. Several years ago we did a screening test and many thousand garbage bags came out one of the screen, causing problems to the equipment. If there were no garbage bags the whole Landfill Site could be screened totally. He suggested that we carry out a Study to see how the bags work, both to hold garbage and to break down in the Landfill Site. He suggested that cost wise bio-degradable bags would be more expensive than regular garbage bags. There was a possibility that we could get funding from WDO (Waste Diversion Ontario) for this "best practice" and we could possibly make a deal on costs if a large order was placed. John Wilson suggested with pickup weekly the bags would stand up, however, if there was a longer wait the bags might start to deteriorate.

Chair Eady said his goal is that when the Township starts into the expanded area we have a rule that only bio-degradable bags would be accepted, but before this we must have a test with results to be reviewed. Chair Eady also discussed the need for recycling of organic material which is possible using one of the small bags and a small kitchen catcher pail. He would want to see long term results and to do this he proposes a selection of twenty five households in Horton to conduct a test to keep track of their waste volume. There would have to be a special pickup by staff of these bags and placed into a separate area of the Landfill Site which will be covered and turned occasionally and dug up to see how the bags break down. He proposed a budget of \$4,500 to cover the Study, which is added to the budget discussed earlier. As part of this Study we will supply the bio-degradable bags and a compost pail and special pick-up every week.

John Wilson asked if this special compost area at the Landfill Site would be susceptible to bears. Chair Eady suggested that he and John Wilson put together a guide and a questionnaire for this Study. Chair Eady suggested that Council members be given the first opportunity to use these bags as part of their normal waste procedures. They can carry this out for a month to see if we should continue with twenty more families. Chair Eady suggested that before we start with twenty additional families that we invite Beauman to a public meeting to put on a demonstration on blue box material that is recyclable to show people what can be removed from the waste stream.

The Committee agreed that Chair Eady and John Wilson draft up a study program.

7. **DRAFT RESOLUTION ON COST RECOVERY FROM MAJOR FAST FOOD STORES TO CLEAN UP LITTER**

Chair Eady said that Councillor Bennett made a suggestion at the last Council Meeting that the Fast Food Restaurants be charged a levy to cover cost of cleanup of garbage thrown out along roadsides. A resolution would have to be drafted and circulated to all municipalities. The CAO/Clerk reported that it is possible through AMO for a broadcast of email and fax to all municipalities of our resolution for between \$299 and \$399.

John Wilson asked if the Township should be a leader first and request restaurants in Renfrew to pay for roadside cleanup. We would need to develop a plan on how to approach the businesses. Chair Eady questioned if it would be possible to hold a meeting and invite the owners of restaurant businesses in Renfrew to come and discuss our concerns.

Chair Eady noted that this was not Councillor Bennett's suggestion though which was to send a resolution to the Province where they would put in a tax or a charge on Fast Food Restaurants. After discussion John Wilson suggested that this issue needs to have a meeting of its own to discuss the issues and we could also discuss the Bio-degradable Bag Study at that time. Chair Eady agreed and suggested that Councillor Bennett be invited to attend this meeting. After discussion the Committee agreed to add this to the Agenda for the next meeting. The CAI/Clerk to draft a resolution for review.

8. HOURS OF OPERATION OF LANDFILL SITE

Chair Eady said he has asked Bill Yantha to keep track of all vehicles that come into the Landfill Site after 4:00 p.m. on the two days a week that the Site is open and in the last three week it has been an average of three cars per day, have come into the Landfill Site after 4:00 p.m.

After discussion the Committee agreed to recommend that the Landfill Site hours be reduced :

November 1 to March 31 –	Tuesday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
	Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m.
April 1 to October 31	Tuesday 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
	Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:40 p.m.

Chair Eady noted that the Township has just completed preparation of the 2009 Access Cards and Calendar which show the old hours and noted that changes will have to be made. The CAO/Clerk suggested that labels could be printed and put over the printed hours. Chair Eady suggested that Bill Yantha could help or he could have a co-op student assist.

The CAO/clerk was asked to canvass the Council Members for this input into this suggestion so that work can proceed on mailing out the cards and calendars before Christmas. The Committee Members supported the change in hours.

9. REPORT ON JOINT RECYCLING COMMITTEE ON BEAUMAN PURCHASE

Chair Eady reported that the Joint Recycling Committee met at the Horton Community Centre in November. They agreed to go ahead with the Study on a Business Plan and have hired a consultant. Horton's share will be between \$750 and \$1,000. WDO have provided a grant of fifty percent of the cost of the business plan. Horton's share to purchase the Recycling Operation would be approximately \$80 per resident over five years. Chair Eady suggested that Horton Township would pay our share of the purchase from the Waste Management Reserve Funds. He noted that the next meeting of the Committee will be Thursday December 18, 2008 at the Horton Community Centre. He suggested that it would not be until at least 2010 before any purchase will be complete.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Provincial Development of Used Tire Stewardship Program

The Committee briefly reviewed information on the Provincial Request that a Used Tire Stewardship Program be developed by WDO.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

12. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed to meet on their regular date of January 15, 2009.

13. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by John Wilson, seconded by Robert A. Johnston

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.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jeff Schruder, seconded by John Wilson

That this Committee meeting be adjourned at 10.28 a.m.

Carried.

Chair

CAO/Clerk