

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

May 21, 2009

There was a meeting of the Waste Management Committee held in the Horton Council Chamber on Thursday May 21, 2009. Present were Chair Don Eady, Mayor Robert A Johnston, Councillor Bob Kingsbury, John Wilson, staff present were Jeff Schruder Infrastructure Manager, Rod Eady Public Works Superintendent, Rose Curley Administrative Assistant and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk .

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2009 MEETING

Chair Eady briefly reviewed the Minutes of the April 16, 2009 Committee Meeting which had already been approved by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Councillor Kingsbury asked if there was any information about the rest of the Valley Inn Suites building being torn down and taken to our Landfill Site? He was advised that the demolition of part of the building has taken place and the rest of the building will remain standing.

John Wilson asked if Council approved spending limits that committees can make without Council approval. He was advised that they did not yet and the Committee agreed to have this discussed as part of the Committee of the Whole Council Meeting on May 25, 2009.

John Wilson noted that there was some concern expressed with starting the Packer Truck over the winter, he suggested that an inline heater be put into the coolant system. Jeff Schruder said that there is no power there to do this. After discussion Jeff Schruder was asked to get prices on providing power to the Site and also on Solar power for this purpose.

Jeff Schruder reported that he spoke with Barry Johnston of Johnston Gravel concerning insulation costs for used scales and he was told that \$40,000 would be the budget cost.

E-Waste Inspection of our E-waste Depot Facility

The CAO/Clerk reported that inspection will take place, on Wednesday May 27, 2009 at 10:00 am, of our E-Waste Facility as part of our application to become a Receiving Site.

Bear Wise Application

The CAO/Clerk reported that the application was submitted. There have been two different requests back from the Ministry of Natural Resources looking for additional information. No word on a decision has been made.

Draft Letter to Marc Le Sieur re 2009 Operation Plan Recommendation

The CAO/Clerk presented a draft letter to Mr Le Sieur in response to the recommendations set out in 2008 Operating Report that will be carried out in 2009.

Chair Eady discussed Mr Le Sieur's appointment at the meeting later on and the Committee together created a list of ongoing activities at the Landfill Site in order to reduce the volume of waste entering the Site.

Chair Eady also noted that during a recent inspection of the Site he noticed a large quantity of bale wrap from farmers and asked if this product can not be recycled? Mayor Johnston reported that at one time Barron Disposal did recycle this. The CAO/Clerk was asked to call Barron Disposal. He left the meeting and contacted Barron Disposal and reported that in the past they did do this under a program with OMAFRA, however that program has ended and they do not know who does it now.

Chair Eady noted that there seems to be a quantity of steel working its way back into the Re grind Pile that should not be there, for example a chrome kitchen set was there.

Rod Eady said that he had received compliments on the Free Dump Days from people who were pleased to have students assist them unload their vehicles.

Chair Eady said he has spoken with Milt Stevenson who expressed concern with the expansion of our Landfill Site, particularly with surface water runoff and he was going to walk the Site to see where the water flowed. Chair Eady suggested that the neighbours be given the opportunity to speak one on one with the Engineers, if they so wished. The Committee agreed.

Concerning the baled wrap the Committee suggested that Mayor Johnston speak with his contacts at the Federation of Agriculture to see if there are any recycling programs.

## 5. DELEGATIONS

9:30 Marc Le Sieur– MOE

Chair Eady welcomed Mr Le Sieur to the meeting at 9:30 am. He informed Mr Le Sieur that the Township has put a number of programs into effect to reduce waste entering the Site. We segregate tires and ship them out, we established an E-waste Depot last year, we participate in the Household Hazardous Waste Depot with Renfrew, we have a blue box program and a two bag garbage limit, we have a reuse program at the Landfill Site, we segregate scrap steel, we have a Re grind Area for clean brush and wood to use as cover and to reduce the volume of other waste, we have installed a fence as requested on the Landfill Area to catch windblown garbage and we have a Garbage Packer on Site now to hold the garbage that is collected at the Site on Saturdays. The Landfill Site is a well run facility, but as always improvements can be made, as we were asked to make last year.

Chair Eady asked about farmers bale wrap plastic – there was a Recycling Program but it has stopped. Did Mr Le Sieur know of any programs?

Mr Le Sieur said he was not aware of any program and wondered if Beaumen would take the plastic, and suggested that we check with them.

Councillor Kingsbury said this was discussed at a recent Joint Recycling Meeting and they were informed that Beaumen does not accept the plastic as he has no way to dispose of it.

Mayor Johnston said he will discuss with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture Members at a meeting last this month.

Mayor Johnston said he has heard that the blue box program will be scrapped by the Province as there are no markets. Marc Le Sieur said he has not heard this and it would not be factual. He added the Ministry is proceeding with other programs, E-Waste Collection, Tire Collection, Household Hazardous Waste Collection etc.

Chair Eady suggested that the OFA be asked to write Waste Diversion Ontario setting out a need for such a program.

Chair Eady discussed future possibilities of waste being shipped from the Landfill Site to the Plasco Incineration Test Project in Ottawa, run by Rod Bryden.

Mr Le Sieur said this would be considered exporting waste. You would have a dual facility one for Landfill Site and one for Transfer. A C of A Amendment

would be required and we would have to ensure that we have a licenced company to ship the waste to. The Transporter moving the waste would have to be licensed. Mr Le Sieur said he will check into the C of A for Plasco to see if they accept waste from outside the City of Ottawa.

Chair Eady informed Mr Le Sieur that we regrind wood products for daily cover. Last year we were advised to put all the regrind waste on top of the Landfill Site, where other years we were permitted to store it where it was ground and use from the pile as required – could we do this again?

Mr Le Sieur said he did not see a problem doing this, it is not necessarily an issue with him. He cautioned us to watch for odour.

John Wilson asked if there was any opportunity for the Township to use leaf and the yard waste, where we could put it alongside roads to grow vegetation etc.

Mr Le Sieur said that compost sold to people is handled in a different way, however, our waste has to stay on site, it could be used as daily cover, or final cover on slope for beautification of Site etc. We could use it on berms, to revegetate the top portion of berms. However, we cannot build a berm out of the compost.

Chair Eady reviewed the Township's proposed plan to study biodegradable garbage bags. We want to set up a small area in the Landfill Site where garbage placed in compostable bags will be landfilled. We will work with approximately twenty-five homes to accept all the garbage they produce in compostable bags. We will monitor the program, we will supply the bags and the composting equipment. We would have a separate garbage pickup so that only compostable bags of garbage will be collected and placed in a separate area of the Landfill Site, compacted and covered and in several years we will open the area to see if the bags have broken down and if there is any concern with the waste, to compare it with tests we have done in other areas of the Site.

Mr Le Sieur said strictly speaking any changes need a C of A Amendment but he sees no problem with this small pilot project to use an area of the Site for a test.

#### Infrastructure Stimulus Program

Chair Eady noted that the Township has applied for an Infrastructure Stimulus Grant for Reclamation of our Landfill Site. He would hope that we can take enough earth from the Site to use it for all or most of the final cover. In addition it would create three to four years of Landfill space at the same time.

Mr La Sieur said he forwarded the CAO/Clerk's email to the head office for comments and the response has been received. An amendment of the C of A would be required. The equipment used for the screening would have to be approved and licensed for air and noise approval. Approvals Branch has been prepared to an influx of amendment applications as result of these Infrastructure Programs. He would suggest a three to four month turnaround time, which is quicker than a regular approval for a C of A amendment. He believes that the Stimulus applications for C of A amendments will be flagged, so that they will be dealt with separately.

Head Office noted since an additional space will be gained this might reduce our expansion say 10,000 cubic metres of space gained reduce our 40,000 metre expansion to 30,000 metres. Volume gained would count towards the 40,000 metre expansion. However, he will continue discussion as what we will be doing will be reclaiming already approved capacity which maybe different. He asked how much waste we would recover from this program.

Chair Eady said he believed that we could recover 60% of the Landfill Site. Mr Le Sieur said what we proposed may be something new and it would be a ground breaking proposal. He would support it at the local office. The Approvals Branch may have some issue and would want to work through. He will go back to the office and see what would be involved.

Chair Eady noted that we may not be successful with this intake but there will be future intakes that we can apply for.

Rod Eady referred to a local television program which he saw recently about this type of project happening in the States.

Mr Le Sieur said the regulation change that permitted the 40,000 cubic meter expansion also included Landfill Mining.

Chair Eady asked Mr Le Sieur if we were not successful with the Stimulus application could we carry out a two day project to show how the process would work. Would he be interested in seeing the process?

Mr Le Sieur said he would be interested in seeing the process but we would have to use a contractor with proper approvals. He suggested we contact our Re grind Contractor, Fast Eddie, to ensure that he has proper approvals this year to operate his Re grind equipment.

Councillor Kingsbury reported that we have attempted to implement all suggestions that Mr Le Sieur made last year and are continuing working on these this year, adding that it is nice to have opportunities to discuss our issues.

Mr Le Sieur asked how the expansion study was proceeding.

The CAO/Clerk reported that the draft document is available on our Web Site and it has been received by the Township. A Public Meeting has been scheduled for June 2, 2009. Notice has gone to the neighbouring property owners with the Public Meeting date and time plus an advertisement is in the newspaper.

Mr Le Sieur said he would get back with answers to the questions raised from the Township today.

## 6. MONTHLY CALENDAR

### Actual to Budget Report

The Committee reviewed the Budget to Actual Report as of May 20, 2009. Chair Eady questioned the seemingly low amount of tipping fees. An examination of the accounts were made and determined that invoices have not been billed out for the recent construction demolition debris that entered the Site.

### Public Works Report on Property & Equipment Maintenance

Jeff Schruder reported that a tire has been replaced on the Packer Truck, with a used tire on site. Jeff Schruder was asked to get the best price for disposal of the old dump truck for scrap.

### Hazardous Waste Date

The Hazardous Waste Depot has opened at the Renfrew Landfill Site as of May 19, and runs until Saturday August 22, 2009.

### Sent out Letters to Adjoining Properties on Annual Engineer's Report

The CAO/Clerk reported that this is done.

### Meet with all Personnel Regarding Waste Management

Chair Eady noted that this was done earlier in the year.

### Invoices, Revenue and Receivables

The Committee reviewed.

### Review All Safety Courses and Safety Equipment

Jeff Schruder noted that there will have to a safety and training course carried out if we are successful with our E-Waste Depot Collection Site.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

### Michael Welch

The Committee reviewed his correspondence of April 24, 2009. The CAO/Clerk was authorized to respond to the questions and concerns in the letter and to request a date and

time to get the front load Bear Wise Container on a loan basis to have other campground companies use it, until such time as Mr Welch requires it for his own business.

Toronto Star Articles on Banning Bottled Water

The Committee reviewed the letter.

AMO Used Tire Program

Chair Eady noted that the program is to start in September. He suggested that we wait to ship tires until we see if we can use this Program. The CAO/Clerk said he would apply for a Collection Site, once that information became available. John Wilson cautioned the Township in getting involved in this

Justine Saumure – Organic Collection (forwarded from Council Meeting)

John Wilson reported that Justine is a neighbour and he spoke with him last evening. The Committee agreed to invite Mr Saumure, who is a high school student, to attend our next Waste Management Meeting, either June or July, whichever works best for him, to discuss his concerns about organic waste collection.

8. **LANDFILL EXPANSION STUDY**

Letter to Neighbouring Property Owners

The Committee Members reviewed a draft letter sent to the property owners within 500 metres of our Landfill Site informing them of the expansion plan and with an invitation to a Public Meeting on June 2, 2009.

Public Meeting June 2, 2009, during Council Meeting

The Committee reviewed a copy of the advertisement that will be placed in the Renfrew Mercury advising the public of the meeting date and time.

9. **BIODEGRADABLE GARBAGE BAG STUDY**

Chair Eady noted that it was good news that MOE would support our test and we would wait for Mr Le Sieur's comments before proceeding.

Chair Eady asked each member to get a list of three or four names to the CAO/Clerk by the end of May, and he will provide them with compostable garbage bags, compost pails, which are between \$4 and \$5 at Canadian Tire, so we can provide the proper tools and equipment for the participants. He suggested that the participants be required to have their own garbage pail, but noted that composting would not be mandatory. We would have to hold a meeting with the participants to discuss the plan and demonstrate the collection. A Public Meeting will be held in the Community Centre. The Committee agreed to tentatively, schedule a Public Meeting for June 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm, providing notification is mailed out by June 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

10. **JOINT RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

Chair Eady reported that the Committee met at the Horton Community Centre on May 11, 2009. Questions were answered by Rick Findlay, the consultant who wrote the report that has been produced with assistance from Waste Diversion Ontario. The next meeting will be held June 5, 2009 at 9:30 am at the Horton Community Centre and all Council Members are invited to attend again.

11. **INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUND**

The Committee received a copy of our application for the Earth Reclamation Project under the Infrastructure Stimulus Program for review. This application was made on May 1, 2009.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

The CAO/Clerk presented a copy of information from the Federation of Municipalities of Ontario on a Program called Share It which is to recognize and reward Canadians leading the charge on sustainable behaviors starting with reusable bags. There is a Web Site which the Municipality can register onto for any activities we are doing and he suggested that we advise them of our program with Sterling's last year, when coupons were given for reusable bags. The Committee agreed.

13. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be June 18, 2009 at 5:30 pm in the Horton Community Centre, prior to the Public Meeting at 7:00 pm for Biodegradable Bag Study.

14. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, 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.**

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by John Wilson seconded by John Wilson

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 11:36 am.

**Carried.**

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Chair

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CAO/Clerk