

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

February 12, 2009

There was a meeting of the Waste Management Committee held in the Horton Community Centre on Thursday February 12, 2009. Present were Chair Don Eady, Robert A. Johnston and John Wilson. Staff present were Jeff Schruder Infrastructure Manager, Rod Eady Public Works Superintendent and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest expressed by members of the Committee.

3. MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2009 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Eady reviewed the January 15, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Rod Eady said he has contacted the Tourist Operators who have the Bear wise Containers. The new owner of Stoni-Ridge does not want to give up his bins, even though he is no longer in business. His reasoning is that he plans to be in the campground business in the future. The Committee left this to be resolved by the CAO/Clerk and the Public Works Superintendent. Rod contacted all other Campgrounds successfully, with the exception of Timberland Campground where he left a voice message.

John Wilson asked if the compactor truck out near Burnstown was still available and Rod Eady reported that he checked after the last meeting and it is gone.

Fast Eddie – Visit to see Grinder Alterations.

John Wilson asked about Fast Eddie? Don Eady reported that he spoke with Eddie Como and he was advised that Mr Como purchased a used machine last year and based on information from another machine in Florida, he is changing the knives which should grind the material finer. He confirmed that there should be no timing issue this year in order to meet our deadline.

Jeff Schruder added that in his conversation with Mr Como he had paperwork on the alterations he is doing to his machine that he can send up. Chair Eady asked for this to come ahead.

Chair Eady also informed the Committee that Mr Como is getting a tub grinder and would grind clean wood (no paint, no nails etc) that he would then buy back the ground material from us.

Update on Landfill Site Expansion Study

The CAO/Clerk presented an email from Kris Marentette of Golder Associates which set out that the Golder portion of the plan is almost at draft stage. The Stantec part of the Expansion Study is waiting for 2008 data on the operation of the Landfill Site. The total Report should be here in draft form by the end of March. Chair Eady asked the CAO/Clerk to contact the Engineering firms to see if they could have the draft reports submitted in draft form for our next meeting on March 19, 2009 and to provide a financial cost update on the study.

5. DELEGATIONS

8:40 Bill Yantha & Nelson St Michael

Chair Eady said once a year the Committee tries to bring in our Landfill Staff to review the operation of the Landfill Site. Present were Bill Yantha, Nelson St. Michael and Brian Dedo, Contractor for compaction and covering.

Bill Yantha said people are asking for the opportunity to purchase the bag tags at the Landfill Site. They can not get into the Office during office hours. Bill suggested that he have a minimum of ten tags at a time.

After discussion the Committee agreed with his request.

Nelson St. Michael suggested that he be given a list of all our fees for the operation of the Landfill Site, as people ask him questions, not all the information is on the Board. The Committee authorized that this list be prepared.

Bill Yantha noted that people are also asking for Recycling Calendars. A supply will be given to Mr Yantha to give out as required. Bill noted that the lock on the gate is done. Rod Eady said a new lock has been purchased and additional keys are on order.

Chair Eady asked Mr Yantha if he is still using the duplicate Memo Book to record complaints. Bill said it is full and has not been replaced. Chair Eady requested that Bill be given another book, so that concerns and complaints can be brought back to the Committee

Nelson St Michael suggested that the ramp will either have to be raised or the truck lowered so that people can throw their garbage into the truck as the back of the truck is higher than the ramp is now.

Brian Dedo noted that the truck is in need of major repairs.

Chair Eady suggested that we contact the former owner Roy Roseburgh to see if he has any suggestions or parts for the vehicle. It was noted that the truck is now loaded with garbage up on top of the pile, someone will have to take the backhoe and empty the box. Brian Dedo said he will bring some tools on the next good day.

Chair Eady thanked Bill and Nelson for attending and expressing their concerns and opinions on the operation of the Landfill Site.

9:00 Brian Dedo and Ralph Selle

Brian Dedo, the Contractor for the compaction and covering and Ralph Selle, who has provided a test of screening waste for the Landfill Site were present. Chair Eady asked Brian Dedo if he had any concerns with the covering. Brian said that everything seems to be working well.

Rod Eady asked if there was any way the Township could stockpile the regrind produced this year, to see where we are with the top lift/expansion in 2010. It would be nice to use this material to create a berm on the back of the final lift. Chair Eady suggested discussing this with Marc Lesieur, MOE. Brian asked to be at this meeting.

Chair Eady welcomed Ralph Selle to the meeting. Several years ago Mr Selle supplied a Screening Plant with a four inch screen for a test project. He screened out earth from the garbage in a one day test. He hoped that we could screen more of this material to get clean earth to be used as final cover material, as we will need approximately 8,000 cubic metres – 500 truck loads of material for final cover. We will have to prove that this material is suitable for final cover. He asked if we could put a two inch screen at the start of the process if that would screen out more product?

Mr Selle said the amount of garbage bags dictates that we cannot go smaller than a four inch screen. That test showed a big problem with plastic sticking to the screen, and we had to use a torch the last time, to melt the plastic off as it was on too tight.

Chair Eady asked if Mr Selle could rescreen the material with a two inch screen and Mr Selle said that would work.

Brian Dedo suggested rescreening last year's regrind as there are lots of fines in this product.

Chair Eady asked that we invite Marc Lesieur to our next Committee Meeting.

Ralph Selle was asked to consider a small pilot project again, and he was willing to come back. The Plant would have to be cleaned every day – we need a good clean spot to work to burn the screens. He suggested that we do this test at the driest time of year.

Chair Eady discussed our Procurement By-law and the possible need to seek quotations. Mr Selle said we need a Screening Plant, a hoe and Brian Dedo's dozer. It was agreed that Jeff Schruder, Rod Eady, Brian Dedo and Ralph Selle would put together a plan on how we can carry out another study for one day, one week, etc. They would then report back at the March 19 Committee Meeting. The Committee agreed that it would be better for Marc Lesieur to attend the April Meeting, once we see what this plan is. The CAO/Clerk was asked to pull out a copy of the soil test results from the last testing.

Chair Eady thanked Mr Dedo and Mr Selle for their input.

OPP May Have an Officer Drop in to Discuss Trespass and Littering

There was no delegation from the Ontario Provincial Police.

6. COST OF LITTER CLEANUP FROM FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS

It was noted that Councillor Bennett was to be present and he will attend later on in the meeting. The Committee agreed to come back to this item when Councillor Bennett is present.

7. MONTHLY CALENDAR

Review each Month's Activities on the 2009 Calendar

The Committee reviewed the twelve months of activities on the calendar, some suggestions were made by staff which was incorporated into the monthly activities.

February Calendar

Public Works to Maintain Property & Equipment

Jeff Schruder said the biggest concern is the truck engine, we are having trouble with the timing mechanism and there will be a report at the next meeting.

Schedule Regrind Dates

Chair Eady asked that the regrinding be carried out as soon as possible after the second free access day, which would be June 27, 2009. The Committee then asked that it be carried out before July 1, 2009.

Review Garbage and Recycling Contracts

It was noted that these contracts have been extended by Mr Menard of Beaumen's, pending the possible sale of his business.

Invoices and Revenue for the Month

The Committee reviewed a report on the invoices submitted and the revenue received for the month of February 2009.

Review Landfill Covering & Compaction Contract

Chair Eady noted that these contracts have been extended as per the clause in the Agreement to June 30, 2011.

8. TIPPING FEE REVIEW

Jeff Schruder presented a Report on the Tipping Fees of neighbouring municipalities. The only discrepancy appears to be Horton's charge of \$10.00 for a half ton load of waste, where the next lowest is \$15.00. It was agreed to watch this issue throughout the year and consider a change next year.

9. BEARWISE CONTAINER REVIEW

Rod Eady had reported on this earlier. Staff is to research how we can get our bins from the former Stoni Ridge Campground property, and if necessary contact the OPP for advice. Rod Eady reported that there are two small bins, one at the Boat Launch which is working well and one at the little Park at the intersection of Storyland Road and River Road, which causes problems as it is always full of household garbage bags, there is always a mess around the bin. He suggested we remove it from that area. There was no decision on that suggestion.

10. BIODEGRADABLE BAG STUDY

Mayor Johnston will be putting out the six weeks of garbage that he had collected in the biodegradable bags for next week's pickup. For the six weeks he has one pail of garbage and one pail of other waste, he has been composting as well. This is for two members of the household and from time to time grandchildren.

Chair Eady said he is using about one bag per month. He said his composter bag is full in ten days, he is not using any kitchen catchers, he reduced his paper supplies by purchasing small sheet paper towels. He noted that he did not trust the garbage bag at the road, as it may break apart, and bought a garbage can.

John Wilson said he uses about three-quarters of a bag a week.

Chair Eady said he met with John Wilson and they have set out some suggestions for the Study, we should provide a large monthly calendar for people to record their usage every day. We need to create a location at the Landfill Site to place the composted bags, to decide how many bags of each type we need, how many people are in a house each day, how children in diapers, how many go to daycare, how much is composted. We need a record of the family age group. It will be a six month trial from May 1 to October 31, 2009. We need to decide who is in the Study, the five Council Members, a single person, a two person family, a group home, a day care, families with young children, two families in one house, pick up the calendars monthly to record the data and we need someone to analyse the information each month. Chair Eady suggested that a retired Bank Manager in Horton – Neil Eady, could be asked if he is interested in carrying out this analysis. There is a budget of \$4,500 for this Project. The Committee agreed that Chair Eady approach Neil Eady to see if he would assist and if he would want any financial remuneration in return.

At this point in the meeting Councillor Bennett arrived.

Chair Eady briefly reviewed the Bag Study Proposal.

The Committee went back to Agenda item 6 – Cost of Litter Clean Up from Fast Food Restaurants – Draft Resolution for circulation to AMO and Municipalities.

Chair reviewed that Councillor Bennett had raised the issue of litter along our roadsides from fast food restaurants. The possibility the Committee discussed was to bring forward a resolution to be sent to all municipalities for support of a fee for food products sold through takeout.

John Wilson suggested that we contact the industry to put forward money upfront so that the Township can hire a student to pick up litter along our roadsides. He added that we should also send a resolution to AMO rather than to broadcast the resolution to each municipality.

Councillor Bennett noted that the surrounding municipalities get the garbage, not the municipality where the products are sold. John Wilson suggested it would be good advertising for a company to assist us in doing something. Chair Eady suggested that we

invite the local fast food representatives to a Committee meeting, Tim Horton's, Dairy Queen, MacDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Wendy's and Burger King. They could be invited to the March 19, 2009 meeting. After discussion the CAO/Clerk was asked to contact AMO to see if they would entertain a resolution and to invite the Fast Food Representatives to the April 16, 2009 Committee Meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Township to Stantec – Summary of 2008 Operation

The Committee received a copy of the Township Report to Stantec on the operation of our Landfill Site and the volumes of our recycling for 2008. Chair Eady noted that in 2007 our recycling volumes were 198 metric tonnes. In 2008 they increased to 218.4 metric tonnes, which is less the LCBO deposit returns that took place during the year. This increase is the result of the institution of a two bag limit that started July 1, 2008. With 2009 being a full year for the two bag limit he would hope to see volumes in the 230 metric tonne range.

The Committee noted the volume for e-waste seemed very high and suggested that it be reviewed.

12. REPORT FROM JOINT RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING ON BEAUMEN PURCHASE

Chair Eady reported that the Committee met in January at the Horton Community Centre. They reviewed a draft of the Business Plan format and the options for which it is to be reported in. They also discussed how to set up the Board of Directors. He anticipated that if any decision to purchase takes place the finalization will not take place until 2010.

13. RENFREW COUNTY PLOWING MATCH –  
NEED TRUCK FOR GARBAGE & RECYCLING BINS OR BLUE BOXES

Chair Eady informed the Committee that representatives from the Plowing Match attended our February 2, 2009 Council Meeting and announced that the 2009 Renfrew County Plowing Match will be in Horton at the Greer property, intersection of Storyland Road and River Road. They asked for assistance with a truck to hold garbage for that day and recycling bins. He suggested that we loan them 20 to 25 blue boxes that they could spread around the site.

Dave Bennett said that Marshalls will drop off a Roll-Off Bin for their garbage, although the Township will have to be responsible for the tipping fee. Chair Eady suggested that we put a notice in the program that is drawn up for the event that "Horton Township recycles and ask people to please use the blue boxes". It was also suggested that signs be made up for the event, or stickers made up to be put on the blue boxes.

After discussion it was agreed that stickers be printed which will state "Sponsored by Horton Township – We Recycle – Please Use Blue Boxes". These blue boxes will be permanently stored at the Garage for use at local festivals.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

15. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed the next meeting would be March 19, 2009 at 8:30 am.

16. 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.**

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jeff Schruder, seconded by Dave Bennett  
That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

**Carried.**

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Chair

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CAO/Clerk