

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

January 15, 2009

There was a meeting of the Waste Management Committee held in the Horton Community Centre on Thursday January 15, 2009. Present were Chair Don Eady, Councillor Bob Kingsbury and 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 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2008

Councillor Eady reviewed the Meeting Minutes with Committee Members.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Fast Eddy Regrind

Chair Eady asked Jeff Schruder if he has had further contact with Fast Eddy? Jeff said he had, and is available to show the work he has done and is doing on his grinder.

Councillor Kingsbury suggested that adding a grate to the grinder to hold material back until it is chopped fine enough to send out is good, but there also needs to be a restriction on the possibility of ground waste being dumped onto the site, if there is a jam, because this material comes out larger.

Chair Eady asked Jeff Schruder to line up a visit for some of the Committee Members for February 2 or February 3, 2009, prior to Committee members taking holidays.

Biodegradable bags

Chair Eady said he is still working on these plans and will report later in the meeting.

Joint Recycling Committee

The next meeting is January 23, 2009 at the Horton Community Centre and he invited the CAO/Clerk to be at this meeting as there needs to be input on best practices for grant purposes.

Change in Operation of Landfill Site Hours

Chair Eady asked if there were any complaints received due to the earlier closing?

Staff said none were received.

Chair Eady pointed out a typo in the December 11, 2008 Meeting Minutes – No 8 on page 3, closing hours for April 1 – October 31 time period should be 5:30 and not 5:40 p.m.

Report on OPP Attendance at Meeting

The CAO/Clerk reported that he attempted to speak with Janice Sawbridge, Communications Officer for the OPP yesterday, but it was too late to arrange for a visit today. In speaking with Constable Carruthers, she stated that she could speak to her Sergeant about placing a newspaper notice that charges would be laid for infractions of littering and trespass at the Landfill Site.

Chair Eady noted that he will attend the January 19, 2009 CPAC meeting to discuss his concerns on this issue with Staff Sergeant McDonald.

Report from Stantec on Space Use at Landfill Site in 2008

Chair Eady read a letter from Stantec in which they reported that 2748 cubic metres of space has been used which includes the regrind waste pile. Councillor Eady discussed a possible program he would like to bring forward to screen the Landfill Site before we put the final cap on the old Site and the earth reclaimed would be reused for final cover. He will present more information in the future.

The CAO/Clerk was requested to find out where we are with the Expansion Study.

Remotely Operated Camera Information

Jeff Schruder brought a remote camera, owned by a friend. He discussed its possibilities, noting that it takes infrared pictures but for a \$200 model a red flash appears, with a \$500 model the infrared pictures are invisible.

5. COST OF LITTER CLEANUP FROM FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS

The Committee Members briefly reviewed a sample resolution prepared by the CAO/Clerk which calls on the Province to enact legislation to put a charge on packaging served through Take-Out Windows at Fast Food Restaurants. John Wilson briefly reviewed the resolution, noting that it calls for notice to be sent to every municipality, he suggested that rather than the cost to do this, to forward the motion to AMO to be considered at their next Convention in August. That way it would be published to all municipalities directly.

After discussion it was noted that this was proposed by Councillor Dave Bennett, who is unable to attend this meeting and the issue should be left until he is able to attend. The CAO/Clerk was asked to bring this issue back to the next Meeting.

6. MONTHLY CALENDAR

Budget

Chair Eady reviewed the Budget that the Committee has approved and submitted to the Finance Committee. He believes that it is a fair budget for the operation of the Landfill Site. The Committee discussed the E-waste costs, with a budget of \$10,000. John Wilson suggested that rather than receive the waste every day we are open we have one day for the E-waste collection, we can control the waste where it comes from and we only have to have extra staff available for one day. We would also have arrangements with the Hauling Company to be on site to load the material at the same time as it is received.

Chair Eady noted that Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) is coming out with a waste electronic program and there may be a tipping fee required under that program.

The Committee noted that the overall budget for Waste Management Department is less than the 2008 Budget. Chair Eady noted that the savings are from the reduced labour due to the earlier closing times.

Public Works to Maintain Property and Equipment

Rod Eady noted that they were able to find two decent used tires and put them on the tandem truck at the Landfill Site. He noted that the tandem truck is old and asked if there was any discussion or suggestion on the purchase of a used compacter truck for the purpose of holding garbage brought in on Saturdays.

Chair Eady said that there has not been any consideration at this point in time.

Review Tipping Fees

The Committee reviewed the tipping fees for Waste Management that were passed in June 2000. The Committee authorized Jeff Schruder to do a comparison of tipping fee rates with neighbouring municipalities, particularly the Town of Renfrew.

Report from CAO on Delegation of Duties for the Year

The CAO/Clerk referred to the Calendar as a tool for delegation of duties which is a good tool. Chair Eady suggested that the entire calendar package be put onto the Agenda for the next meeting for the Committee to review, in the meantime the Administrative Assistant and the CAO/Clerk will review and update the calendar.

Information on Tax Bill Inserts

The Committee reviewed sample wording from the January and August 2008 Tax Inserts. During the discussion the Committee discussed the free tags that were issued, six to each household in June and again in late December for the 2009 year. The Committee suggested changing the colour of the free tags to the same colour as the Landfill Access Card which is changed each year for the next printing. The Committee suggested a statement in the Tax Insert to the effect that the OPP have been asked to lay charges for littering along roads and for unauthorized access to our LFS. Chair Eady suggested that a day be established for a Public Meeting where Beauman could come and display recycling products, packaging blue box demonstrations etc. This is to be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.

The CAO/Clerk said he would draft wording for the Tax Insert using sample wording from the August 2008 Insert, making changes where appropriate.

Invoices – Revenue – Accounts Payable

The CAO/Clerk presented a report showing Tipping Fees received in December \$983.00, tipping fees invoiced to Companies \$821.00. Outstanding \$36.00. Chair Eady suggested sending a statement to the company to remind them of this \$36.00

Garbage Holdback to Contractor

The CAO/Clerk said this will be done.

Bear-Wise Containers

Chair Eady suggested that Staff check with the Campground owners to ensure that the Bear-Wise containers are still on site, noting that we still own them, and to create a list of what containers and roll-out bins were given to each Campground.

He suggested that a system be established where annual inspections are carried out and to put this item on the April calendar for review.

7. BIODEGRADABLE BAG STUDY

Chair Eady informed the Committee that he will meet with John Wilson, prior to going on holiday to put together some handout material sheets. He reviewed his eleven week experience using biodegradable and backyard composter. In that time frame he has put out three bags of garbage and he has put six bags into the composter. He noted that the biodegradable bags have to be kept dry. He has in excess of two blue boxes of recycle material to put out at the curb every second week.

John Wilson informed the Committee that he has also used one package of the bags. He collects about three-quarters of a bag of garbage a week. Councillor Kingsbury said he has the bags but is waiting for the special pickup which will be required as the garbage bags are to be put in a separate area of the Landfill Site and monitored. Chair Eady suggested that he go ahead and use the bags and see how they work. He suggested that we need 25 to 30 households of which he hopes five will be Council Members and invited Rod Eady to participate as well. The bags would have to be a separate pickup, he suggested that Bill Yantha use the Township half-ton and trailer and the garbage bags placed in a separate area where they would be compacted and in the future dug up to see how the bags break-down. He noted that if we do not take care of our LFS our children will not have a site. Chair Eady suggested a cross-section of users in the Study, from cottagers, businesses, day-care, group homes and residential. We would purchase the special biodegradable bags for the participants. Chair Eady asked Committee Members to bring names of possible participants for the next meeting.

Rod Eady said there was a used compacter truck for sale near Burnstown and he was directed to find out if the truck was still for sale and what shape it is in.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Beauman – Changes to sorting Roll Off Container at Recycling Depot

The Committee reviewed a letter dated January 12, 2009 from Beauman, they are changing to a two stream source separation program where tin and plastic and clear and coloured glass can be comingled. Newspaper will still need to be separated in its special compartment. Jeff Schuler was asked to examine the need to change signs or direction for people using the recycling depot, with this change.

Beauman – Eleven Months of Recycling Volumes

The Committee reviewed the eleven months, January to November, Recycling Volumes. Chair Eady expressed concern that they did not seem high enough and he will speak to Dan Menard at Beaumans. Staff will bring the comparisons for 2007 and 2008 tonnages for recycling to the next meeting.

9. REPORT ON JOINT RECYLCING COMMITTEE ON POSSIBLE BEAUMAN PURCHASE

This was reported earlier in the evening.

10. OTHER BUSINES

Chair Eady informed the Committee that we usually have an annual meeting with Bill Yantha, our Landfill Site Attendant and Brian Dedo, the Compactor and he suggested that they be invited to the February Meeting. Councillor Kingsbury suggested that we also invite Nelson St Michael who acts as relief Landfill Site Attendant. Councillor Eady agreed.

Chair Eady also asked if we had information on the 2009 MWIN Convention. He noted that this was a beneficial convention to attend and in his view better than the Ontario East Conference. The CAO/Clerk is to find out where and when the Convention is.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting will be February 19, 2009 at the Horton Community Centre at 8:30 a.m. John Wilson noted that he will be leaving the day before for a month's holidays and Bob Kingsbury said he is arriving home the day before and hopes to make the meeting.

12. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by John Wilson, seconded by Rod Eady

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 of Resolution.

Carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Kingsbury, seconded by Jeff Schruder

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 10.15 a.m.

Carried.

Chair

CAO/Clerk