

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

**WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

November 18, 2010

There was a Meeting of the Waste Management Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday November 18, 2010. Present were Chair Don Eady, Mayor Robert A Johnston, Councillor Bob Kingsbury and John Wilson. Staff present was Jeff Schruder Municipal Infrastructure Manager, Rod Eady Public Works Superintendent and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk. Also in attendance were new Council Members Jamie Larone and Margaret Whyte.

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 OCTOBER 21, 2010 MEETING

Chair Eady reviewed the October 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes which had been approved by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

John Wilson asked if an investigation had been carried out as to the extra expenses for Public Works in the Landfill Site this year. Jeff Schruder reported that some of Bill Yantha's time for Landfill Attendant has been charged to Public Works which should have been charged to the salaries line.

John Wilson reported that he spoke with Todd Stewart, the Co-op Teacher at RCI about the possibility of a co-op student helping out at the Landfill Site. Mr. Stuart has posted the position as a volunteer and no one has signed up for it. This may be a position that we may have to pay some money for a student.

Mayor Johnston reported that Findlay Barr has not made contact, as promised, which would suggest that he has not come down from Cochrane this fall. He promised to speak with either the Mayor or the CAO/Clerk when he was in Renfrew this fall.

Chair Eady reported that Lance Larkin, MOE is attending this meeting at 9:30 a.m. and after the Meeting he would like to take him on a tour of the Landfill Site with Committee Members.

5. DELEGATIONS

9:40 **Lance Larkin, MOE**

Chair Eady introduced Mr. Larkin to the Committee and the new Council Members in attendance and informed Mr. Larkin that when the Meeting was over he would like to tour the Landfill Site.

Application to Expand our Landfill Site

Chair Eady asked Mr. Larkin if he had any information on the approval of our Application to expand the Landfill Site. Mr. Larkin replied that the Reviewer has now had time to give full attention to our application. He does not know when the approval will be submitted to us.

Chair Eady said that he was hoping the Township could do some work to prepare the new area this fall and discussed his plan for re-compaction.

Councillor Kingsbury noted that in the new area of expansion there is a pile of tires that were land filled as well as a pile of fencing material, which we would like to remove to create more space.

Mr. Larkin commented favourably, noting that as long as we did not change the foot print of our licensed area these things can be done.

Chair Eady noted our Engineers' concern that we are running out of space, however, he believes that the method used to measure the pile of reground waste, last year, was wrong. We had put a berm at the back of the Landfill Site and that was included as waste, which it was not.

Jeff Schruder agreed that the measurement included the Re grind Pile from last year, but when spread and compacted this summer it only had half the volume, as recorded by the Engineers.

Lance Larkin noted that we have done some work on the front of the berm, earlier this month. Chair Eady said that we have covered the front face of the layers with reclaimed earth from ditching material.

Councillor Kingsbury noted that we have made a better effort in sorting materials to be ground, we now have two separate wood piles, clean wood and scrap wood.

Lance Larkin asked how we want to manage the regrind material. Chair Eady said that the materials are separated into two piles now, one for brush and clean wood and one for construction waste, mattresses, painted wood, treated wood etc. We will continue to use the regrind pile of construction demolition for daily cover as we have in the past and will keep the clean pile of grindings for other uses.

Mr. Larkin asked if we want to get involved in composting of the clean wood. Chair Eady suggested that we may not have enough to make the effort worthwhile. Mr. Larkin noted that if we wanted to use the clean wood and brush off site we can as long as it is clean. Make sure that there are no nails or wire and it is not painted. The material can be used on trails or the side of roads etc. We cannot use any of the construction demolition waste for this purpose. Sorting is a major requirement. It was also noted that clean wood is used as heat fuel for the Office Trailer in the winter.

Jamey Larone asked if the Certificate of Approval permits burning of wood waste at the Landfill Site. Chair Eady said that in early 2000 we were advised by the Ministry not to burn and we choose not to.

Mr. Larkin said that the Ministry has not issued a no burning ban but does not encourage burning of wood waste. They would rather see the waste used as daily cover.

The Committee discussed recycling with Mr. Larkin. Chair Eady said that there has been discussion of recycling and bi-weekly garbage collection opposite to what we do now. We are entering into an agreement with McNab/Braeside for Investment Funding under Waste Diversion Ontario.

Lance Larkin noted that a local municipality has contacted him about grinding up box springs and mattresses and how we get along with it. Rod Eady said fine, we leave them until last and they are put through the grinder at the very end.

Mr. Larkin noted that the Deep River Landfill Site had received a request to dispose of asbestos waste, properly identified as required by the Province and they investigated the Certificate of Approval which does not specifically say they can accept it. They had a legal opinion and that legal opinion said they could not accept it. It was noted that Horton has accepted bags of asbestos waste from cleanout of the facilities at the Chenux Generating Station.

John Wilson asked if we should have a higher tipping fee for this material. It was suggested that we email Greg Washuta, the Reviewer of our Expansion Application to make sure our C of A accepts bagged asbestos.

Mr. Larkin said that we could refuse it as we have the right to accept or refuse whatever waste we wish. Mr. Larkin expressed concern that there may be asbestos in the old area of the Site which we will be reworking and that would be a problem. He cautioned us to stop reworking the area if we see any yellow asbestos bags in the garbage.

6. MONTHLY CALENDAR

Budget vs. Actual

Chair Eady reviewed the Budget vs. Actual as of the end of October 2010.

Property Maintenance

Rod Eady reported that the Re grind Area has been fixed up, the separation is now good. There is a small water problem around the Trailer, which needs to be fixed with a culvert. Used winter tires are placed on the Packer Truck.

Jeff Schruder reported that we are required to spread gravel in the area of the Tire Recycling and he will have this done plus the culvert for the water problem before freeze-up.

Rod Eady reported that wind fence is still up and working.

Jeff Schruder reported that the clutch is going on the Packer Truck and an estimate has been received for \$1200.00. Chair Eady suggested that Jeff check with Beauman in Renfrew, where we purchased the Packer Truck, noting that they have a full service shop and they may be able to fix the clutch at a lesser cost.

Calendar, Cards and Free Bag Tags

The CAO/Clerk reported that staff is working on this. Chair Eady noted that we have to have a year date on the free tags, as this has been an issue in the past.

Councillor Kingsbury noted that he received a comment from a resident in Cotieville who went to the Landfill Site, did not have her card but used her Drivers License for identification and was refused access to the Site. He asked that this be checked out.

Jamey Larone asked if there was any consideration to a "trail camera". Jeff Schruder reported that we do have a camera at the Landfill Site which has identified people who went into the Site after hours and can be set up on Price Road to possible identify people who dump off waste along the road. Jamey asked if we should have a sign "No Dumping". Chair Eady said it is too late for this year, as this road will soon be closed for the winter.

Invoices, Receipts and Receivables

The Committee received the Report on Invoices, Receipts and Receivables for October/November 2010.

Property Owner Labels for Mail Out

The CAO/Clerk reported that these labels will be printed off in early December for the mail out of the Calendar and new Landfill Cards and free bag tags.

Alternative Landfill Site Days for Christmas and New Years Day

It was noted that Christmas and New Years Day fall on Saturday which is an open Dump Day. In lieu of these days it was agreed that the Site would be open all day on the following Tuesdays December 28 and January 4, 2011. Advertisements will be placed in the newspaper to alert Ratepayers.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee reviewed the following correspondence:

- OES June, July & September WEEE collection fee revenue
- OTS Research Program for products from tires
- 2011 Blue Box funding amount \$26,005
- Beaumen recycling volumes for October
- Beaumen recycling contamination & collection issues
- Minister of Environment statement regarding Waste Diversion

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Eady noted that there is a need for a Student to help with control where people dump material at the Landfill Site. We had the idea of a Co-op Credit, without pay, but it now seems that may not be possible and we may have to have a part-time student employee. He suggested that the budget may have to increase by approximately \$4,000, if this is the case.

Jamey Larone asked if we cannot get a student, could we get a volunteer for the non-summer hours. Chair Eady said we had discussed the idea of a volunteer who would then be given a place to "pick" materials at the Landfill Site for reuse, with exclusive rights to do so.

Jamey Larone asked if we would have any liability issues in this regard.

Chair Eady questioned if we need to have garbage collection every week in the winter months? Mayor Johnston said he would like to see collection for recycling every week and garbage collection every second week, opposite to what we have now. The question was asked how many people attend the Landfill Site on a weekly basis. The CAO/Clerk said the Landfill Attendant keeps a list of all the people who attend the Site. John Wilson asked that these reports be brought in to the next Committee Meeting for review.

9. NEXT MEETING

As this is the last meeting of this term of Council it was agreed that the next meeting would be held at the call of the new Council.

10. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Rod Eady, seconded by John Wilson

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.**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jeff Schruder, seconded by Robert A Johnson

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

**Carried.**

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Chair

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CAO/Clerk