

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Joint Waste Management Committee Meeting
Township of Horton and Township of Admaston Bromley
February 2th, 2011

There was a Joint Meeting of the Waste Management Committees of the Townships of Admaston Bromley and the Township of Horton held in the Horton Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday February 2, 2011. Present from Admaston Bromley was Councillors Robert Dick and Ray Pender, Bev Briscoe Clerk/Treasurer, Annette Louis Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. Present from Horton was Chair Jamey Larone, Mayor Don Eady and John Wilson. Staff present was Jeff Schruder Municipal Infrastructure Manager and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk. Also present was Joe Hall of Earth's Edge Consulting Company on behalf of the Community Improvement Fund (CIF) from Waste Diversion Ontario.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Larone called the Meeting to Order at 10:00 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM ADMASTON BROMLEY AND HORTON TOWNSHIPS

The people present introduced themselves to the group.

3. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT FUND OPPORTUNITIES

- JOE HALL, EARTH'S EDGE

Chair Larone turned the meeting over to Joe Hall to discuss the new funding program from Waste Diversion Ontario.

Mr. Hall informed the committees that he has been contracted by CIF to inform Municipalities of the new funding program.

He briefly discussed the initiative of several years ago by a group of Municipalities to purchase the Beauman Facility. There was no CIF funding available for that purchase because WDO believed that costs would increase rather than decrease. There would have been some advantages to the data call funding though if the Municipalities had owned the recycling facility.

Mayor Eady noted that Horton has a contract with Beauman to 2014 with a 90 day escape clause. The representatives from Admaston Bromley say that they are on month to month basis with Beauman.

Mr. Hall said the CIF are prepared to fund joint tender processes which would include set up of transfer stations to truck the compacted recycling waste to a MRF plant some distance away. They consider that a transfer station covering a large area improves the operation with savings and efficiency.

Mackie McLaren noted that the Township of Horton and the Township of McNabb Braeside have a joint Blue box Study Strategy Grant with CIF this spring.

Chair Larone asked about funding for a Master Recycling Plan. Mr. Hall says that CIF would provide between 50% and 100% funding for the development of a plan. CIF wants to see larger longer term contracts for recycling.

Annette Louis informed the group that Admaston Bromley have a five year Blue Box strategy plan which they have implemented with a Promotion and Education(P&E) improvements to their site. This plan identifies improvements required and they have been following the plan recommendations.

Mr. Hall briefly discussed the funding opportunity for P&E. A request of an expression of interest is required by the March 11, 2011 deadline for the program however he cautioned that it is only a one page report required at this time which basically sets up an intent to apply and there would be further follow up if there was approval. He noted that there is 10 Million Dollars for all of Ontario to be divided up. He stated the CIF Fund comes from Stewardship Ontario and is based on Stewards collection fees. A portion of the fees are set aside for improvements for the system. If money is not spent it goes back into the program funding pot.

Mayor Eady informed Mr. Hall that the Township has considered building a building to contain all the e-Waste, the recycling centre, storage for equipment etc. at our Landfill Site, would this be covered under a grant? Mr. Hall said any aspect in recycling that increases Blue Box materials would be eligible. He pointed out though that CIF is only for Blue Box.

One area that has not been covered well to date is public space recycling; Town Hall, Parks and Permanent Stations are Fundable. It increases the awareness of recycling. He encouraged the Municipalities to look at our communities. i.e.; At Arenas, Ball Diamonds etc. as opportunities to increase recycling therefore grant assistance is available.

Annette Louis discussed their \$5000.00 Grant for P&E's last year. She asked if they use funds to purchase a "Big Belly" unit for compaction of recycling would this fall under P&E and Mr. Hall said no. Public Space Recycling Funds, Capital Costs to Increase tonnage and effectiveness would be covered.

Mayor Eady asked if this would cover public spaces or just municipal property. Mr. Hall said private spaces that we choose to put in a program would be covered; however the private owner can't apply and it has to be for Blue Box material that's collected. Mr. Hall said that he would provide assistance in a Grant application and suggested joint ventures as there are opportunities to work together. Mr. Hall wants a minimum of 40 thousand tonnes of recyclables a year to operate a MRF. Renfrew County produces 6 to 7 thousand tonnes of recyclables in a year. Eastern Ontario barely has enough material to support a MRF. The Industry would rather pay for transfer stations and have product compacted here and shipped elsewhere. He noted there are recycling plants in Eastern Ontario that will tip compacted recycling at \$40 per tonne and it's cheaper to put in a transfer station and ship than to open and operate our own MRF.

Pembroke and Area Recovery Centre are looking at increasing their capacity for recycling. Other companies are as well, they all need to have more tonnage at reduced costs. He asked us to consider what the long term solution is if Beauman is no longer there. He noted with the cancellation of some of the Hazardous Waste Program (ECO FEES) last July, we are now regulated and required to continue on with this service. The Industry was ready to take Hazardous Waste on and the Municipal Act was in the process of being changed to remove our responsibilities but no more. We could lose 50% funding in the future when these rules change.

John Wilson suggested that for a municipality it looks like compaction and shipping is the option. Mr. Hall said, yes. Mr. Wilson asked if there was funding if all Municipalities who were with Beauman formed a group to do this. Mr. Hall said yes the CIF Fund would cover this improvement.

Mayor Eady asked if there was any idea when the Industry will assume full responsibility for Blue Box Recycling. Mr. Hall said not before the Provincial Election. He would suggest at least two more years away before anything concrete plus an additional two years to get something on line. He said the first phase of the Household Hazardous Waste Funding was set up in 2008 with 9 household types of waste covered, then in July of 2010 the program was expanded but the ECO FEE issues killed it. What that did, it gave the companies who fought against the Stewardship Program a win and it would be a long time before the grants are back.

Chair Larone asked if the CIF Funding is available every year. Mr. Hall said that it has been available for the last three years but this year being the last, there are no plans to continue. But if applications are received this year that cover future expenditures it would be considered. Chair Larone discussed Public Space Recycling, he asked if we identify some public spaces and get funding could we expand this program next year as part of our proposal. Mr. Hall said to put in the first application and noting investments required in 2011, 2012, 2013 and CIF will respond. Mr. Hall said if we put this Public space recycling in a business like a Mall scenario we would have better success than a one purpose commercial building. Mayor Eady said we all have Public Tourism Parks in our Municipalities, would this be included. Mr. Hall said yes and Schools and Hospitals could be included in the plan.

John Wilson noted that local Municipalities were considering purchase of the Beauman Plant; how long would it take to set up a transfer site? Mr. Hall said that there would have to be two contracts one for collection and one for processing. A tender would have to look at the cost of collecting a two stream verses a single stream but he added that this can happen sooner rather than later. Chair Larone discussed if a recycling plant would set out these terms. Mr. Hall said both technologies are available, we can decide which is the least cost. Mackie McLaren noted that the two Townships have different collection systems for recycling can they work together. Mr. Hall said yes, we would have one joint transfer station that would receive both, from a recycling truck and from a depot. In order that the curb side collection truck can be cost effective up to a two hour drive to a compaction site but after that it is not cost effective. The idea is to get to a compaction center in the center of an area i.e. Beaumen, and materials from the townships around can be shipped there where it is compacted and then shipped to a MRF.

Mayor Eady asked if CIF funding is available if we did purchase Beauman, he noted that Beauman is more of a trucking company and it can be used as a recycling depot. Where would the CIF funding come in? Mr. Hall said CIF would support the business plan and equipment to put in a transfer station capital costs. He would have to check the rules to see if land was covered, there would be dollars the question is what amount. Mayor Eady asked if a private firm purchased Beauman's and set up a transfer station could we purchase and establish a transfer station with private companies looking after the trucking to the transfer site.

John Wilson asked if we could combine CIF Funding with funding for a green field site. Mr Hall said those are two separate entities, it could work. The site would have to be rehabilitated first before the transfer station is constructed. Chair Larone asked to see pictures of a model of a transfer station. Mr. Hall agreed to supply several samples he would suggest the size of the municipality would restrict us to a 75 cubic yard container with compaction which is a lower capital cost. Mayor Eady asked if there was any funding for personnel to operate the facility. Mr. Hall says the data call takes into account the cost of salaries which we are receiving funding for now. If we had a person and increased volume we would get funding for salaries.

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Annette Louis noted that their municipality did receive CIF funding for student ambassadors which was helpful. Mr. Hall said this program was part of the P&E Funding which brings in more recycling product. Mayor Eady asked if this was a program that can be applied jointly. Mr. Hall said that they encourage joint funding they do not recognize municipal boundaries as we recognise municipal boundaries. He would encourage Renfrew County to have this common program. Mr. Hall discussed an upcoming meeting in Arnprior on February the 4th to discuss the CIF Funding with a larger group and invited our municipalities to attend or to observe through conference calls. Jamey Larone said that he would represent Horton. Chair Larone asked if Admaston Bromley had an interest in a further joint meeting. Robert Dick said that they definitely have an interest in increasing recycling. They have no interest in trucking but would be interested as a customer.

Chair Larone thanked everyone for attending and for sharing their knowledge he declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

CHAIR

CAO/Clerk