

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - July 12, 2011

There was a Meeting of the Waste Management Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Tuesday July 12, 2011. Present were Chair Jamie Larone, Mayor Don Eady and John Wilson. Staff present was Jeff Schruder, Municipal Infrastructure Manager, Rod Eady, Public Works Superintendant and Mackie McLaren, CAO/Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Larone called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2011 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Larone reviewed the June 15, 2011 Committee Meeting minutes. He noted that Jeff Schruder has an additional company contact who is interested in the re-grind tender. Rod Eady reported that the student is working at the recycling depot at the landfill site. Chair Larone said that he was in contact with Joe Hall of Earth Edge Inc. this morning and an email is coming on Roof Shingle Processing Grant opportunities.

Chair Larone acknowledged Lance Larkin, Senior Environmental Officer for the Ministry of Environment who was present. Mr. Larkin said he wanted to make sure that the company that is successful with the re-grind tender has their approval from the Ministry of Environment. An examination of the tender form revealed that we do have this requirement listed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

County Roads Tipping Fee

Mayor Eady reported that Council has accepted the recommendation of the Waste Management Committee and the Public Works Committee to waive any tipping fees for garbage pickup by the County along their roads at our landfill site.

Chair Larone noted that the Township has a bear wise garbage bin installed near the intersection of Ruttan Road and River Road. There used to be a garbage barrel near the group mailboxes. People park there to enjoy the view and leave garbage behind. There should be a barrel in this area as well. Rod Eady said he would attend to this.

5. DELEGATIONS

1:05 – Lance Larkin – Questions on our Landfill expansion

Lance Larkin and his summer student were present. Mayor Eady asked if the Township could operate areas of the current approved site and the new approved site at the same time. The plan is to excavate the final cover from the new area. The new area is going over a previously closed trench area and will use this final cover as the final cover for closure of the current site. This will leave areas of the trench method that would be open that we could place more garbage on top of in the new area. Otherwise there would be a hole in the ground that will pond water even though it is more than one meter above the water table. Mr. Larkin said the Township would have to follow what was set out in our Design and Operations report as part of our new certificate of approval for the expansion. However he said he is not opposed to taking out waste material in the new area and putting it into the current site. He supported using the final cover from the expanded site to be used as final cover on the current site. Mr. Larkin said he would contact the consultants to see if the old site should be closed first before the new site is opened.

He does not have any issue as long as everything is covered at the end of each day and the grading of the property is correct. Mayor Eady said the issue is not enough space to work around the site without moving the re-grind material to the other side of the current site. Mr. Larkin said both sites have to meet the design approvals for the sites. We don't want standing pond water on the site, we don't want the water table exposed and he restated that he would look at the Design and Operation Report to ensure that the proposed work meets the plan. We need to work with the certificate of approval requirements. Municipal Infrastructure Manager Jeff Schruder noted that in his review of the certificate of approval we would be permitted to do this. Mr. Larkin said that the key to landfill site longevity is to focus on our promotion and education plan and to have people increase their recycling volumes. He agreed that we are running out of operational space.

Mayor Eady presented a second question, the certificate of approval for the expansion requires the construction of a soak pit to be designed and installed. We have had a second opinion from a different engineering firm and this company asked why we are installing a soak pit, it is their suggestion that the water may start in swales towards the soak pit but will have been absorbed into the sandy ground before it reaches the soak pit. Jeff Schruder added that the engineer is also concerned that the elevation given in the operations report will not work as the soak pit will be below the water table which is not permitted. Mr. Larkin agreed to investigate this request and to let us know what we have to do if we want to change requirements for a soak pit. Mr. Larkin informed the committee that there are changes coming on September 19, 2011 to the approval process. Each approval will be for five years. There is a new application form which is streamlined, multiple approvals will be done at once and you will be able to follow the progress of an application on line.

Chair Larone thanked Mr. Larkin for his comments and input he noted that under agenda item # 11 that there may be questions that the Township may have for Mr. Larkin on this item and the committee agreed to discuss this item at this time.

BIOMASS - GROBARK PURCHASE OF OUR GROUND WOOD PRODUCT

Mayor Eady said a company has been contacted that will remove the regrind wood material from the landfill site and pay us a small amount of money per load. It will take any clear wood, which is clean lumber, brush as well as plywood and particle board with the clean wood. Jeff Schruder added that the material is used in the co-generation of electricity or steam. The material has to be ground to three inches and it is taken off site. He added that we need to build a ramp to load the transport trucks as our loaders are too small to reach the top of the truck. Jeff Schruder said the company called GRO-BARK informed him that no additional approvals are required as it is considered fuel. Mr. Larkin said as long as the wood remains clean there are no issue and as long as it doesn't end in a large pile somewhere not being used. He would like information on this company so they can monitor.

John Wilson noted that it would be to our advantage as well to check this company out so we don't have problems. Mr. Larkin added that we have to be diligent to ensure that that the wood that ends up in this pile is not treated on painted wood. Mr. Larkin and his student left the meeting at 2:25 p.m. and proceed to the Landfill site on their own which was open for a regular garbage day. The committee members continued to discuss the set up of the new site. They agreed that we need to guarantee somehow that there is no contamination of the clean pile of wood waste. The student and the attendant will have to do a check each day and remove any material that shouldn't be in the clean pile even if it means additional hours. The committee discussed the need for a second person at the landfill site due to the residential growth in the Township. Mayor Eady said that we need to have strong worded literature so that they are aware that we demand that they put the material in the proper location. The attendant must have the authority to deal with people who place material in the wrong location.

6. MONTHLY CALENDAR

ACTUAL VS. BUDGET REPORT

The committee reviewed the actual expenditures to the budget report that was presented. Mayor Eady noted that the recently received blue box grant is posted in the wrong location. The CAO/Clerk Mackie McLaren agreed. He added that tire and e-waste should have had half of our revenue received by now and it is not. The CAO/Clerk said the revenue return is very slow as the provincial agencies are a quarter of the year behind at all times.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Rod Eady noted there are no concerns, they have watered and graded the internal roads, the truck has been serviced and the clutch has been installed.

INVOICES

The CAO/Clerk was requested to check the outstanding accounts.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The committee reviewed the following correspondence.

BEAUMAN

June recycling tonnage report- Mayor Eady asked if we can get a table with comparisons for 2010 so we would know how we are doing. The table would list the total kilograms in metric tonnes only.

OWMA

The Committee discussed holding a 2011 E-Waste Depot at the Public works garage again. This was successful last August. It was agreed that August would be too soon to prepare for but a September date could be possible. Jeff Schruder was requested to investigate when we could have an event this fall.

8. SOAK PIT – QUOTE FROM JP2G

Municipal Infrastructure Manager Jeff Schruder presented a report from Jp2g Engineering on the requirements on cost to design a soak pit as required in the expanded landfill site. This would be a second quotation from an engineering firm. The committee discussed this at some length and agreed to wait on a response from Lance Larkin of MOE that was discussed earlier.

9. PROMOTION & EDUCATION PROGRAM

REVIEW COMMUNICATION PLAN

The CAO/Clerk reviewed the communications plan that is in draft form for (Promotion & Education) PNE Grant Program, it is a three year program and the committee agreed that it could start in early 2012 running through to the end of 2014. Staffing requirements would have to be shared between the administrative assistant and the person filling the new recreation office help position. The committee agreed to consider further but will hold on promotional material.

10. BEAUMEN – ISSUE WITH BAG SIZE

The CAO/Clerk reported that the previous week Beaumen refused to pick up garbage placed in bags larger than the 77 litre maximum. Later in the week he received a telephone call from the owner who said the issue would be dealt with. Mayor Eady suggested that we need to have our own standard bag that we sell and that all rate payers must use and asked the CAO/Clerk to pull out the contact name for the biodegradable garbage bag company that we have dealt with previously.

11. BIOMASS - GROBARK PURCHASE OF OUR GROUND WOOD PRODUCT
The committee had discussed this previously in the meeting. Mayor Eady congratulated Jeff Schruder for finding this information and noting that we could start this, this year. Committee asked Jeff Schruder to check where the material ends up and Chair Larone asked if we should fence an area off with a snow fence to define the location for the clean wood. The committee will consider this.
12. OTHER BUSINESS
There was no other business discussed.
13. NEXT MEETING
The Committee agreed that the next Committee Meeting would be August 15, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. to open the regrind tenders that close at 4:00. The next meeting of the Committee will be advanced one week in September to September 21, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. due to members possibly attending the Ontario East Conference in Kingston The week before.
14. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by Rod Eady , seconded by Jeff Schruder

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 Don Eady

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Carried.

Chair

CAO/Clerk