

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

## Waste Management Committee

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

There was a Meeting of the Waste Management Committee held in the Municipal Council Chamber on Wednesday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Present was Chair Jamey Larone, Mayor Don Eady and John Wilson. Staff present was Jeff Schruder Municipal Infrastructure Manager, Rod Eady Public Works Superintendent and Mackie McLaren CAO/Clerk. Also present was Bill Yantha Landfill Site Attendant and Brian Dedo compaction and covering contractor.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Larone called the Meeting to Order at 9:08 a.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

3. MINUTERS OF JANUARY 20, 2011 COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Larone reviewed the January 20<sup>th</sup> 2011 Committee Meeting Minutes that have been approved by Council.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Rod Eady asked if we have approval to take the fluorescent bulbs stored at the landfill site to the Canadian Tire store in Renfrew. Chair Larone said no. He added that he checked out the bulb situation at the site and has spoken to Councillor Campbell who may have some contacts. Jeff Schruder said he heard that as of January 2012 there will be no regular type bulbs for sale in stores, only the new energy saving bulbs will be available and that the industry is working on a solution to keep the bulbs from landfill sites.

Better signage at recycling bin

Chair Larone said new residents require more instructions from better signage to help reduce contamination of the roll off bin.

Bill Yantha noted that when the recycling roll off bin came back from Beaumen's this last time, the divider was off and lying on the bottom. He couldn't put it back up on his own so Beaumen's may complain when they go to dump the next load. The CAO/Clerk was asked to contact Beaumen to let them know of this problem.

Chair Larone asked if there were other areas that required better signage at the landfill site. Bill Yantha suggested "no picking" signs in the E-Waste area. He added that people don't know what e-waste is. He said that there should be signs to tell the ratepayers where to deposit other waste in the site, and what stores take back products free of charge.

Mayor Eady said it is time we had a site map to give to people which will show what is to be put in what areas of the site. Chair Larone added that we could add the information that Bill Yantha suggested like "what is e-waste" "what is recyclable" etc.

Jeff Schruder presented copies of draft wording for signs for discussion. There would be two signs one listing recyclable products and one listing products that are not recyclable but have been found in the bin. Chair Larone suggested that we separate the two signs and place them some distance apart so not to confuse the people. Mayor Eady suggested the "not accepted" sign should be a different colour. Bill Yantha said people don't know what #4 film plastic is. Jeff said his

sample sign would include descriptions supplied by Beaumen of the various plastics that are recyclable.

John Wilson suggested a large site map drawn on a sign and posted near the entrance of the site so people can see what goes where.

After further discussion, the Committee agreed that 2 signs be printed – one for acceptable recycling products and one for not acceptable.

Rod Eady suggested that now would be a good time to open up the new access to the site and have it on the site map. Chair Larone asked staff to set out a plan on how to open up the future access point.

Moved by Don Eady, Seconded by Rod Eady that staff prepare a site map/information sheet as a handout to be given to people entering the site by the attendant.

Carried.

The Committee agreed that signs will be made up over the spring and summer months as time permits.

Jeff Schruder told the Committee that Beaumen said one of our biggest contamination items in the bin is bags filled with recyclables. Neither clear nor garbage bags containing recyclables are accepted.

John Wilson suggested that existing signs that are faded should be repainted. The Committee agreed.

#### Meeting with McNab-Braeside

The CAO/Clerk reported that McNab-Braeside's Waste Management Committee has suggested we have a joint committee meeting to open and discuss the six proposals received for the joint blue box strategy study we have received a grant for. Their date was February 14<sup>th</sup>. The Committee Members accepted the date and requested a morning meeting.

#### Bear Wise Program

The CAO/Clerk said he has heard information that MNR may not be having a 2011 Bear Wise grant program.

#### Emergency Plan for Landfill Site

Jeff Schruder informed the Committee that he and Fire Chief Randy Corbin discussed this request. He has a call into Steve Osipenko, our Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) for input as well.

### 5. STAFF MEETING

Chair Larone welcomed Bill Yantha and Brian Dedo to the meeting and invited them to advise the Committee of any issues or concerns that they have with the operation of the landfill site. Brian Dedo said everything is going well with the compaction and covering work. He described his compaction and covering procedures. Mayor Eady said it is important that we keep doing what has worked well in past years to maintain maximum compaction rates.

Bill Yantha said he is still waiting on a ramp for the two e-waste buildings. He added that the outhouse is in bad shape. The block heater in the compaction truck is not working as he sometimes needs to place a small fire under the motor to get it to start in the cold weather. The Committee authorized that the block heater be fixed.

### 6. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations that appeared before the Committee.

7. MONTHLY CALENDAR

Budget vs. Actual

The Committee Members reviewed the December 2010 financial report.

Property and Equipment Maintenance

Rod Eady reported that all is well with the property and equipment maintenance.

Schedule Regrind Dates

The Committee discussed the regrind dates and agreed to follow what was carried out in the past.

Garbage and Recycling Contracts

Mayor Eady reported that these two contracts are in place to 2014.

Invoices, Revenue and receivables

The CAO/Clerk noted that due to staff holidays, this report is not available this month.

Covering & Compaction Contract

The Committee requested a report from the CAO/Clerk on the term of this contract with Brian Dedo.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee Members reviewed the following correspondence:

-OTS News – issues 8 & 9

-Gerry Lalonde & Greg Washuta – emails re expansion

-Joe Hall – info on CIF grant meeting

Chair Larone said he participated in an information session on new CIF funding from Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) in Arnrior on February 4<sup>th</sup>. There was an approach from Renfrew for a joint CIF application. There was discussion that future recycling will concentrate on plastic recycling. There is a need to capture more plastics as only 25% is recycled in Ontario. Chair Larone said he encouraged investigation of study grant opportunities. CIF grant will cover up to 50% of cost of a storage and compaction transfer station system for blue box materials. There will be another meeting in the near future.

Chair Larone asked if there was any information back from Admaston/Bromley about a joint application for funding. The CAO/Clerk said no. He was asked to contact them.

Mayor Eady questioned the value of a transfer station for recycling as we have the cheapest cost to collect recycling waste. John Wilson suggested we should file an application for a “small municipal P & E program”. Joe Hall can assist. Chair Larone agreed to contact Mr. Hall for a date and time to meet us to help prepare an application. Mayor Eady suggested that when we are at McNab-Braeside Township February 14<sup>th</sup> we could ask if they would participate in a joint Promotion and Education (P & E) application for funding.

-OWMA – 2011 annual meeting agenda package  
- New staff announcement

-Ontario Blue Box Recycler Training

9. REGRIND TENDER

Jeff Schruder advised that he spoke with Fast Eddie about extending his regrind tender. His tender was for three years and it expires April 30 2011. The contract permits extensions. Fast Eddie agreed to carry on at least one more year at the same price of \$14,000. He would also use a tub grinder for the clear wood pile. Jeff noted that the contract calls for twice a year grinding but that has never happened and the Committee agreed that if he holds the price we would expect only one grinding event in 2011. Brian Dedo noted that doing the grinding once later in the year works better for the winter season. He would like to see the product ground smaller, but knows that will not happen. He added that the product is breaking down well in the pile once it is ground.

Rod Eady said that Fast Eddie ground the very large pile in 3 or 4 days last fall. He said that Brian Dedo assists with the process by pushing the material up to the grinder and pushing the ground material away from the machine to the landfill area. Mayor Eady asked that when we left the regrind pile down near where it was ground was it composted more. Brian Dedo said yes. Mayor Eady said it then pays to leave the pile sit for a year.

Chair Larone asked if there was anything in writing from Fast Eddie about the extension. Jeff said no, but he would attend a Committee Meeting. Chair Larone requested a follow up letter setting out the extension. Brian Dedo asked if we should request a longer time commitment.

Moved by John Wilson, Seconded by Rod Eady that Jeff Schruder approach Fast Eddie to extend the contract for regrinding the waste at the landfill site by three – 12 month “blocks” as per the terms and conditions of regrinding tender 08-LS-01.  
Carried.

10. JANUARY 18 & 22 2011 LIST OF PERSONS WHO BROUGHT WASTE TO THE LANDFILL SITE

The Committee reviewed the list of people who brought their waste and recycling to the landfill site. It was noted that the list indicated 93 bags of garbage was received and 99 blue boxes were received during these two days.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Eady said he was into the Valley Bytes computer shop and he found out that he has a basement full of old computers. He suggested to the Committee that we consider accepting this type of e-waste from property owners who own businesses in town. We may have to arrange a pickup but we would collect the e-waste fee. We are permitted to accept the waste from other municipalities. Jeff Schruder said he also had a call from another business person in Renfrew who eventually delivered a small load of waste to our depot. Mayor Eady suggested we approach the schools in the area, possibly for another special e-waste collection day. John Wilson suggested that staff create a list of potential customers for a twice per month pickup. The Committee Members agreed.

12. NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted that the next meeting will be February 14<sup>th</sup> in McNab-Braeside. They agreed to reserve February 17<sup>th</sup> as a possible meeting with Admaston/Bromley for a joint CIF funding application and the next regular committee meeting would be March 24, 2011.

The CAO/Clerk discussed the idea of having a Committee Meeting day once per month in which most of the committees would meet at set times during the day starting at 8:30 a.m. and going to after a supper break. The Committee Members agreed to consider this when it is reviewed by all other committees.

13. CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Moved by John Wilson, seconded by Don 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 or Resolution.

Carried.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Rod Eady, Seconded by John Wilson that this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Carried.

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CHAIR

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CAO/Clerk