

TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Cec Reid with Mayor Leo Jobin and Councillors David Hodgins and Teresa Miller present. Councillor Micheline Mamone was absent on authorized leave. Guests in attendance were Steve Aiken from Knight Piésold Ltd., Don Gauthier and Arnel Laperriere from Chisholm Bus Lines, and a representative from Nortrax Canada Inc. Staff members present were Public Works Supervisor Real Gauthier and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Ringler.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With the approval of the Committee, staff added to the agenda, two complaints regarding winter road maintenance, which Chairperson Reid decided would be dealt with as item 2(b) under the 'Public Works' section of the agenda. It was decided that no. 3(7) would also be included in this discussion.

Resolution # 2012-01 (PWC)

Leo Jobin – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented and amended. 'Carried'

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution # 2012-02 (PWC)

Teresa Miller – Leo Jobin: Be it resolved that the minutes of the December 14th, 2011 Public Works Committee meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. 'Carried'

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - None

CITIZEN'S PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Arnel Laperriere, as a school bus operator, expressed major concerns to the Committee with respect to winter road maintenance in the township affecting the safety of children,

and commented that roads have not been plowed when needed during the three major snowstorms we have had this season. Mr. Laperriere provided a list of questions for the Committee, which he requested be addressed and a response provided.

QUESTION PERIOD - None

NEW BUSINESS

With the approval of the Committee, the order of business was changed to permit the opening of the grader tenders as follows:

NORTRAX CANADA INC. – JOHN DEERE MODEL 870GP - \$279,972.00, less trade-in allowance (if accepted) of \$25,000.00, plus option price for a CPL Autolube of \$6,220.00, for a total price of \$261,192.00, plus taxes.

STRONGCO – VOLVO MODEL G970 - \$367,250.00, less trade-in allowance (if accepted) of \$25,000.00, plus option price for a CPL Autolube of \$10,300.00, less a deduction for automatic blade control system as it is not factory installed, obtained via third party, of \$20,000.00, for a total price of \$332,550.00, plus taxes.

Resolution #2012-03 (PWC)

Leo Jobin – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the tenders for the new grader be referred to the February 8th Finance Committee meeting for consideration. **‘Carried’**

LANDFILL

Steve Aiken presented the highlights of the Chisholm Landfill 2011 Monitoring Report to the Committee, and advised that there are no new recommendations contained in the report.

The Committee discussed a letter with Mr. Aiken from the Ministry of the Environment Operations Division in Toronto, dated January 4, 2012, with respect to the Township’s ‘Application for Approval’ for the correction of landfill area, capacity and annual fill rate, .

Mr. Aiken reported that he had been in contact with the local Ministry of Environment (MOE) Enforcement Officer, Jim Mills, and he is in agreement with the application that was prepared by Knight Piésold on the township’s behalf. Mr. Mills has advised Mr. Aiken that he will contact the author of the letter in an attempt to find out why the Ministry has taken such a position with respect to the township’s application. Mr. Aiken advised that the normal amount of waste generated per person per year is 2-2.4 cubic meters, and therefore the amount noted in the township’s current Certificate of Approval (200 cubic meters) is impractical given the township’s current population of over 1200 people. Mr. Aiken promised to keep the township abreast of discussions by e-mail to the Clerk-Treasurer.

LANDFILL ISSUES

Disposal of Household Garbage

- The Committee questioned Mr. Aiken about where the garbage will go once the present area is full. Mr. Aiken responded that it can go up on the existing footprint - steepen it up a bit to squeeze out some capacity. May have to look at using fence. Also could fill in areas at back.
- Mr. Aiken advised that part of the problem is that the furniture pile is pushing over too far, and suggested a coordinated effort with municipalities in the area with respect to chipping the pile. He noted that Calvin Twp. uses an old truck for waste compaction, which reduces what goes into its site.
- Another option suggested by Mr. Aiken would be to move the township's garbage to another township (some landfills have 100 yr. landfill capacity). Municipalities have the option to move garbage to another township, if they happen to border a township with a good landfill capacity, and can afford this option.

Tires – Three loads have been removed to date. The recycling company has advised that no more tires will be picked up unless they are free of dirt and water. Mr. Aiken suggested that, although he had never heard of this issue, perhaps the dirt could be pressure washed from the tires, and the pile could be stored on the grass. Mr. Aiken suggested that we discuss this issue with neighbouring townships. It was noted that one township uses a student to clean the tires by hand. Mayor Jobin was asked to bring the tire and crusher issues to the Mayor's Action Group meeting for discussion.

Resolution # 2012-04 (PWC)

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Chisholm Landfill 2011 Monitoring Report, prepared by Knight Piésold Ltd., be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

Resolution # 2012-05 (PWC)

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the 'Environmental Services' Budget Report for the month of December, 2011, be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

PUBLIC WORKS

Resolution # 2012-06 (PWC)

Leo Jobin – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the 'Public Works Activity Report' presented by Public Works Supervisor Real Gauthier be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

Chairperson Reid opened the discussion with respect to winter road maintenance issues, by referencing an e-mail from Steven and Kimberly Frederick expressing major concerns regarding the matter. Public Works Supervisor Real Gauthier was asked to provide an explanation to the Committee with respect to 'Minimum Maintenance Standards' that have been adopted by the township. Members of the Committee expressed their concern over the lack of response by the Public Works Dept. to the snowstorm on January 17th, and

advised that the snowplows should have been out earlier than they were on January 17th. It was reiterated that the snowplows need to be out during storms, in shifts if necessary, to keep roads clear and safe for those traveling the roads, day and night. The Committee requested that Public Works Supervisor Gauthier pass this message along to all members of the Public Works Dept. so that everyone, no matter who is on duty, is aware of the township's requirements in this regard.

Resolution #2012-07 (PWC)

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Public Works Committee takes a ten-minute recess. Time: 4:27 p.m. **‘Carried’**

Resolution #2012-08 (PWC)

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Public Works Committee returns to regular session. Time: 4:35 p.m. **‘Carried’**

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION FROM PUBLIC WORKS CHAIR CEC REID

- (1) **Update on Winter Schedule Problems** - None
- (2) **Update on New Truck Arrival** – Truck arrived in early January. Everything is working well. However, the wrong arms were installed on the wings, so couldn't plow for a week. New wings were installed by the Public Works Dept.
- (3) **Sanding on Main Roads** – Salt doesn't work when it is -25°. Township doesn't use pure salt like highways do to bare them. Township uses sand mixed with salt to prevent the sand from freezing.
Chair Reid had received comments about the bad ruts on Memorial Park Drive, from Trappers to Alderdale Road. However, ice blading has been done, and it is much better now. Public Works Supervisor advised that ice blading can't be done on chip seal, but it can be done on asphalt.
- (4) **Problems with Snow on Roadways from Clearing Driveways** –This has not been a problem this year. Staff was asked to place a reminder, monthly during the winter season, in the newsletter.
- (5) **Equipment Problems** – had to replace a cross chain on the Mack truck sander last week.
- (6) **Incident Reports** – A reminder was given that reports should be submitted within a couple of days of an incident.
- (7) **Guard Rails (Post) on Delaney Hill** – One of the posts was damaged and had to be replaced. It is not known who did the damage.
- (8) **Congratulations to Public Works** – Chair Reid commented that for the most part, other than the storm issues, the roads are in great shape, and urged Public Works to keep it up.

Resolution # 2012-09 (PWC)

Teresa Miller – Leo Jobin: Be it resolved that the ‘Public Works’ Budget Report for the month of December, 2011, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

Staff provided to the Committee, information from the Municipality of East Ferris, with respect to nuisance beavers. The Committee decided the letter used by East Ferris may be used by our township, come spring, if there are nuisance beaver issues.

The Committee requested that staff put a notice in the next newsletter, advising residents that it is currently trapping season, and a good time to get a trapper in if they are having nuisance beaver problems.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution # 2012-10 (PWC)

Leo Jobin – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Public Works Committee does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. **‘Carried’**

Chairperson

Clerk-Treasurer