

TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 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. Staff members present were Public Works Supervisor (PWS) Real Gauthier and Clerk-Treasurer (CT) Linda Ringler.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution 2012-11 (PWC)

Teresa Miller – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented. ‘Carried’

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution 2012-12 (PWC)

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the minutes of the January 18th, 2012 Public Works Committee meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. ‘Carried’

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - None

CITIZEN’S PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS - None

QUESTION PERIOD - None

Councillor David Hodgins reported that a resident had commented to him that he/she had never seen the roads in such good shape, and extended thanks to Public Works Supervisor Real Gauthier for the good work.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS

Upon review of Assistant Supervisor Bob Groulx's report, Chairperson Cec Reid requested that the "bump" sign, in the vicinity of 985 Maple Road be replaced as it is in very poor shape.

Councillor Miller asked about the safety issue with respect to the snowmobile trail on Maple Road, and was advised that snowmobiles were going by on both sides of a township truck while it was attempting to turn around.

Resolution 2012-13 (PWC)

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

Information regarding training for the Public Works Supervisor was brought forward for the Committee's consideration, and Public Works Supervisor Gauthier was asked to review and bring forward a recommendation to the Finance Committee meeting.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION FROM PUBLIC WORKS CHAIR CEC REID

- (1) **Additions/alterations to the new snowplow truck – who is paying:** PWS Gauthier had bumpers installed on the fenders for protection, for which the township paid. Other alterations were paid for by Larochelle Equipment.
- (2) **Winter Schedule** – is working ok. PWS Gauthier worked on Feb. 11, as per the schedule, even though he wasn't to return to work until Feb. 13th.
- (3) **Sand Pile** – Approximately half of pile has been used to date.
- (4) **Equipment Repair Problems** – Strongco repaired a problem associated with heater fumes entering the cab of the grader.
- (5) **Snowmobile Problems** – Come spring, ditches will be frozen as a result of snowmobiles traveling on them, and Public Works will have to spend time cleaning out ditches and digging and thawing culverts.
- (6) **Status on Return to Work for Grader Operator** – Decision has been left to the employee and his local doctor.
- (7) **Annual Certification of Public Works Employees** – Public Works Supervisor was asked to review certifications required by all employees this year and make arrangements to have this done.
- (8) **Public Works Contribution to Centennial Celebrations** – Thought was given to Public Works having an equipment display on June 2nd. PWS Gauthier was also asked to look into the cost of lowering the parking lot at the rear of the office building, as water is running towards the back entrance, and increasing parking lot space by leveling the hill.

Resolution 2012-14 (PWC)

David Hodgins – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the ‘Public Works’ Budget Reports for the year 2011 and the month of January, 2012, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-15 (PWC)

Leo Jobin – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Public Works Committee takes a recess. **‘Carried’**

Time: 2:25 p.m.

Resolution 2012-16 (PWC)

Teresa Miller – Leo Jobin: Be it resolved that the Public Works Committee returns to regular session. **‘Carried’**

Time: 2:40 p.m.

LANDFILL

Resolution 2012-17 (PWC)

Leo Jobin – David Hodgins: Be it resolved that the Public Works Committee recommends to Council that the Landfill Services Scope and Budget estimate from Knight Piésold for the year 2012 be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2012-18 (PWC)

David Hodgins – Leo Jobin: Be it resolved that the ‘Environmental Services’ Budget Reports for the year 2011, and the month of January, 2012, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FROM PUBLIC WORKS CHAIR CEC REID

- (1) **Solutions to Depositing Household Waste on Top of Existing Pile** – Township will provide a long ramp, well packed, so that residents can deposit waste on top of the pile. It will be fenced off on both sides with snow fence for the safety of users.
- (2) **Public Works Supervisor** was requested to raise the following issues for discussion at the next regional meeting of supervisors:
 - Solutions to tire problems; and
 - Dealing with non household material, such as building materials.

Copies of correspondence were provided to the Committee with respect to a recent Ontario Appeal Court decision that has far-reaching implications for Ontario municipalities as follows:

- Ontario Municipal Insurance Exchange (OMEX); and
- Heads Up Alert from Ontario Good Roads Association.

Administration staff was asked to contact Sundridge or Strong to obtain information with respect to a GPS unit they have in their road maintenance equipment to record weather conditions, and maintenance operations conducted in response to same.

Resolution 2012-19 (PWC)

Leo Jobin – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Public Works Committee recommends that membership in the Ontario Good Roads Association be renewed for the year 2012. **‘Carried’**

The Committee requested that PWS Gauthier bring forward a training schedule for all employees to the Finance Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2012-20 (PWC)

Leo Jobin – Teresa Miller: Be it resolved that the Public Works Committee does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, March 14th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair. **‘Carried’**

Chairperson

Clerk-Treasurer