

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

DATE: Friday, April 20, 2012

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

The Public Works Committee Meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 8:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at the Puslinch Municipal Complex.

ATTENDANCE: All members of the Committee and the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

1. Councillor Wayne Stokley

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

None.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Motion No. 1: Moved by Don Creed and Seconded by Paul Hohenadel.

THAT: The Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 16, 2012, be and are hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

Don provided an update to the Committee as follows:

1. The Township has now been reimbursed for the damaged guardrail.
2. The streetlight replacement in Bridle Path has not yet been completed.
3. The abutments have been removed at the Puslinch Community Centre but topsoil and seed are to be put down.

4. Don to get a cost for the Township Office parking lot painting in conjunction with the Puslinch Community Centre parking lot. Don measured out 25 spots at the Township Office.
5. The light standards at the Badenoch Soccer Pitch are down except the one with the osprey nest. It was decided to leave the Osprey nest at the Badenoch Soccer Pitch. If it becomes a safety issue, it can then be removed. The Ministry of Natural Resources would have concerns and there would likely be public outcry if the birds were removed.
6. The roads staff and Jerry Schmidt will work at relocating the swing set at the Badenoch Community Centre the next few weeks.
7. Council passed the following resolution with respect to the reduction of speed limits on gravel roads to 60 km/hr:
"THAT: The Council of the Township of Puslinch does hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Works Committee dated March 16, 2012 that the speed limit on all gravel roads within the Township of Puslinch be posted at 60 km/hr per hour unless posted otherwise, to be implemented by the Public Works Superintendent over the next two (2) years.)"

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

1. **Motion No. 2:** Moved by Ken Roth and seconded by John Stubbs.
THAT: The accounts for April, 2012 are hereby accepted as presented.
CARRIED.

ACTION ITEMS FOR FOLLOWING UP:

1. Cooks Mill Road / Construction Area
 - Don received an email from resident Rance Oosterveld regarding speed, etc.
 - Better signage is recommended by Don.
 - The speed bump suggestion is not a good solution
 - The speed limit is already 50 km/hr
 - Don will speak to Rance to see if he wishes to speak to Council.

2. Stroy's Bridge Removal
 - The only change is the installation of new farm gates at the north end.
 - Pedestrian gates are not needed.
 - The advertisement will go in newspaper next week.
 - The tender plans will be available Monday April 30 at the Township office.
 - The plans will go to the Grand River Conservation Authority for approval.
 - The contractor is expected to commence work on July 3, 2012 as the GRCA prohibits work in the vicinity of the Speed River prior to July 1, 2012.
 - The GRCA will determine if there will be walking trails.
3. Weed Spraying Policy
 - The Township does not wish to entertain weed spraying along roadways at this time.
4. Office Parking Lot Painting
 - See above.
5. Traffic Studies
 - There have not been any studies proposed at this time.
 - There may be some traffic counts done eg. Cook's Mill Road.
6. Removal Badenoch Light Standards
 - See above.
7. Railway Crossing Concerns
 - The only one in question is Watson Road.
 - Study has to be completed by Transport Canada.
 - The cost is approximately \$150,000 installation.
 - Don will look into it further with Tom Sagaskie of Guelph Junction Railway.
 - Site inspections will become mandatory by Transport Canada in the future.
 - There are a couple of broken rails. Guelph Junction Railway needs to replace the crossing and it is expected that the work will be completed this year. The Township will have to replace asphalt at the crossing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bob Hamilton email~ There is a similar situation at Calfass Road. Why grade? The road seems to be in good shape. Now there is dust and the road is rough. There is gravel at sides. Don explained that they are preparing for maintenance gravel which is to be applied in next couple of weeks. They are not just grading to grade. The goal is to do it once. Apply A gravel and calcium so that gravel and calcium lasts the entire season.

2. Budget ~ Anti-icing unit will be added to the new truck. It is not financially feasible to use the old truck for anti-icing as it is a 2003. Plan to sell it at auction. The committee is ok with this.
3. Storage building at back of Township Building ~ adequate for space etc.
4. Cement culverts at side of fire hall are for fire department confined training.
5. Culvert replacement ~ Concession 7 north of Wellington Rd. #34 work will be done in house. We will apply to the GRCA and hopefully they won't require an environmental assessment. If we are successful then there will be considerable savings. Sideroad 25 at Slovenski Park will be included in the future budget.
6. Need to change the stop sign at Sideroad 20 and Concession 4 – Don will look into this.
7. Making sure Public Works Committee Minutes are put on Council Agendas.

NEXT MEETING:

May 18, 2012 at 8 a.m. in Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT:

1. **Motion No. 3:** Moved by Don Creed and seconded by Paul Hohenadel.
THAT: The Public Works Committee meeting is adjourned at 9:27 a.m.
CARRIED.

Signed: _____
Jerry Schmidt, Chair

Brenda Law, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer