

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

Friday, February 8, 2008

Report respectfully presented to Council from the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Friday, February 8, 2008, in Council Chambers at 14:00 h.

The following were present:

Chairperson - Reeve - Tammy-Lea Sonnenburg
Councillor – Ed Aiston
Councillor – Dave Foote
Councillor - Jim Gibson
Councillor – Robert Reid

Also Attending: Paul Eichberg, Jim Gleason

It was agreed that the deputation would be moved to first place on the agenda.

Deputations:

Mr. Paul Eichberg showed diagrams to the committee in order to explain his position against the right of way criteria in the municipal policy. If he has to survey from his gate to the end it will be an added expense and the survey was already done at 20 feet and the pickets are still there. Donnelly Road is only 20 feet wide and he feels that the two thirds more requested by the Township is excessive. If the road right of way is sixty six feet he will be unable to use the property for any other use (cropping, buildings etc.) He feels that his rights are being put ahead of the proposed lot owners. He wants to keep the property under his own control and, along with the other ratepayers at the end of the existing right of way, has no wish for the proposed road to be made available to the public. The survey was done when the existing lots were created and it met all the Township criteria at that time. Jim Gleason spoke and said they have an agreement to purchase the property and said there is no need for the extra costs of survey and to increase the existing right of way that has been in use for years.

Mr. Eichberg has questioned other municipalities and understands that they do not have similar restrictive by-laws.

Councillor Foote questioned if there were potentially any more lots available to sever. Mr. Eichberg said yes.

Councillor Aiston questioned if he would have to do a survey if they removed the restriction of the sixty six foot right of way. Mr. Eichberg said not on the right of way and in only a limited way to meet the criteria for the severance.

Paul showed the documents that showed the previous requirements and survey.

1. Reports

- a. Roads - Plowing Report – January Councillor Gibson questioned the use of sand:
Action: Clerk to check the current policy and see if the contractor is aware of and is following it.
- b. Summary of Department Reports – Recycling, Disposal Sites, Building
- c. CPAC Minutes

2. Discussion of Deputation – Paul Eichberg on required width of road right of way (background information provided)

Councillor Gibson: Questions regarding the snowplow turn around, was he correct in his assumption that other Townships do not restrict this way. Are we saying that they have to reconstruct the road and this is not the responsibility of council? The 66 ft. right of way? Does it extend to the existing portion of the private road?

The proposed policy for road standards was studied further and it was felt that the policy should be updated to take into account road turnarounds and clearer a definition of the width of the turnarounds. Is it radius or diameter?

Action: Clerk to clarify.

3. Unfinished Business

- a. Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative Proposal Draft By-law was studied.
- b. Set date for Preliminary Budget Meeting (proposals to be at Committee meeting on March 14)

4. New Business

- a. Set Date for Council Meeting that will be missed due to Good Friday (proposed budget meeting for March 20th 9.00a.m. with the council meeting afterwards.)
- b. Web content policy was discussed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the clerk gets a definite response from the county on the standards for road right of ways and any policy regarding snowplow turnarounds.
2. That the municipal website policy be accepted as drafted.
3. That the need for extra insurance for councillors to cover them under the Conflict of Interest Act be investigated.
4. That the Council meeting to be normally held on the 3rd Friday of the month, which in March would fall on Good Friday, be held on Thursday, March 20th following the special budget meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m..

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 hrs.

Reeve – Tammy-Lea Sonnenburg

Deputy Clerk –Ruth Morin