

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALNWICK/HALDIMAND
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2TH, 2009 – 4:00 P.M.**

Council met in Special Council Session on Monday, February 2nd, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor William Finley presiding.

Members Present: Mayor William Finley
Deputy Mayor Dalton McDonald
Councillors: Raymond Bennis
Bill Holmes
Art Jeninga
Cathie Ritchie

Members Absent with Notification: Councillor Walter Broegelmann

Staff Present: Terrence Korotki, Clerk/Administrator
Cam Ward, Public Works Superintendent

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Finley called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

II. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest at this time.

III. CAMERON WARD, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDANT RE: DISCUSSED 2009 PROPOSED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM

Mr. Cam Ward provided to the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand a document prepared January 16th, 2009 titled "2009 Roads Program and Budget Notes", a lengthy Council discussion ensued concerning the following presentation:

Hard Top Roads To Be Ground, Padded and Surface Treated

Archer Road – Surface Treat	2.0 km
Shelter Valley Road – Surface Treat	4.4 km
Telephone Road – Surface Treat	1.0 km
4 th Line Road – Surface Treat	7.6 km
Total	15 km

Surface Treated Roads to Be Recapped

Thomas Road	3.1 km
Townline Road	2.4 km
Wicklow Road	1.3 km
Beagle Club Road	3.0 km
2 nd Line Road	5.2 km
Masters Road	1.9 km
Total	16.9 km

2009 Items for Budget Consideration

Replace one (1) Plow and Sander Truck	\$200,000.00
Replace one (1) One Ton Truck	\$65,000.00
Replace one (1) Back Hoe	\$110,000.00
Replace Guard Rails and Bridge Railings	\$100,000.00
Dredge Willow Boat Launch	\$7000.00
Finish Brook Lane (Asphalt)	\$35,000.00

Finish Canning Factory Road
Prepare Old Dan Forth Road, Purdy Road and McMaster Road for Surface Treating in 2010. (Fall Project)

Roseneath Landing – Asphalt (For Consideration)

Grandview Drive 1.3 km	\$130,000.00
Wideview Avenue 0.25 km	\$25,000.00
Sunset Crescent 0.8 km	\$80,000.00
Lakebreeze Drive 0.4 km	\$40,000.00
Total (Asphalt Only)	\$275,000.00

Mr. Cam Ward was of the opinion there would be an additional cost of \$25,000.00 in respect to ditching, grading and preparing these internal roads in Roseneath Landing subdivision for Asphalt application.

Clerk/ Administrator Terrence Korotki, provided a document titled 2009 Public Works Discussion "Largest Expenditures" illustrating the largest expenditures historically on Public Works budgets for each fiscal year.

Stock (Oil, Gas and Diesel)
Vehicle Repairs
Equipment Rentals
Bridges and Culverts
Sanding and Salting
Construction and Gravel
Surface Treatment
Capital
Human Resources

Public Works Superintendent Cam Ward provided a document titled Hamlet of Lakeport – 2008 Road Reconstruction Report which illustrates the expenditures incurred denoting Township Equipment, Men and Materials and also Contractor Equipment and Materials. It was noted that total cost to complete the reconstruction program in the Hamlet of Lakeport was in **\$296,340.00**.

CORRESPONDENCE

A lengthy discussion ensued in relation to correspondence dated November 12th, 2008 from the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Revenue illustrating the capital grant to the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand in the amount of \$525,356.00 under the investing in Ontario, 2008. Council inquired, can the municipality use part of the grant funding towards purchasing of rolling stock and what is the timing for Council to spend these monies under this grant program?

Second correspondence was a letter dated October 24th, 2008 from AECOM Re: Building Canada Fund – Communities Component, Ontario Intake One Applications. The Council discussion ensued, requesting that Mr. Gary Jewell of G.D. Jewel Engineering Inc. attend a future Council meeting to discuss the municipalities' application under the Building Canada Fund (BCF) as to their application for the installation of a drainage overflow structure along Benlock Road. A lengthy Council discussion ensued in respect to the merits of utilizing these monies towards the drainage overflow structure along Benlock Road.

Council Break: from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15p.m.

Delegation: Fire Chief David Wright RE: Discuss Capital Acquisition for the Municipal Fire Department- 7:20 p.m.

Fire Chief David Wright and Council members reviewed the documents submitted November 16, 2008 titled 2009 Fire Budget Proposal for Capital Acquisitions illustrating priorities of the municipal volunteer fire department, that being

Priority 1 - First Response/Bush Fire Truck
Projected capital cost - **\$ 127,000.00**.

Priority 2 – Up Grade the Hydraulic Pumps for the Jaws of Life
Projected capital cost - **\$ 20,790.00.**

Priority 3 – Thermal Imaging Camera
Projected capital cost - **\$ 8,000.00.**

Priority 4 – Resurfacing the Parking Lot at Station 2
Projected capital cost - **\$ 20,585.00**

A lengthy Council discussion ensued concerning the four priorities presented by Fire Chief David Wright. It was the general consensus of Council to illustrate in the next draft of the municipal capital budget, for the volunteer fire department, the first three priorities for the municipal volunteer fire department. Councillors noted to Fire Chief David Wright that they have not finalized their municipal budget for the fiscal year 2009 and will take into consideration the requests of the volunteer fire department in respect to this year's municipal operating and capital budget.

The Clerk/Administrator acknowledged, forwarding to each Council member, information as per requested by Councillor Jeninga a document prepared by the Municipal Treasurer Beth Vosbough, outlining the five year average of the municipal volunteer fire department pertaining to wages and benefits for the fiscal years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. The Municipal Treasurer also provided, per Councillors as requested at a previous Council meeting the total Development Charges accumulated for the fiscal year 2008 as of December 31, 2008 being **\$140,651.16** (unaudited).

The Clerk/Administrator also provided a document titled new construction information as of December 31, 2008 which illustrates the back ground information relating to the new municipal assessment created through development in the municipality. The total increase based on assessment dollars that would be applicable to the 2009 general levy would be approximately **\$18,121.13** (unaudited). The Clerk/Administrator also provided as per requested by Council and prepared by the Municipal Treasurer Beth Vosbough a document titled summary of 2008 Grass Cutting Services provided to the Township by outsourced vendors.

Councillors General Comments Pertaining to the 2009 Proposed Budget

- Councillor Holmes noted that the Public Works Superintendent, Cam Ward should make a list of additional roads which could be upgraded, surface treated or recapped if there is additional money available this year, 2009.
- Mayor Finley inquired about, additional streetlights installed in the hamlet of Lakeport.
- Mayor Finley requested the installation of a streetlight going south on Wicklow Beach road.
- Mayor Finley commented under the 2009 Public Works maintenance program that the Public Works Department should look at the ditches on Brimley road south and complete the ditching.
- Mayor Finley commented that Public Works Superintendent Cam Ward should respond to the concerns raised by Ms. Brenda Free relating to safety issues/signage along Shelter Valley Road.
- Mayor Finley recommended that the Public Works Department should work with Canadian National Railway (CNR) to discuss upgrading the railway crossings especially the crossing south of the Hamlet of Wicklow.
- Councillor Jeninga discussed that the municipality should investigate the feasibility of applying for loans for major capital projects under the OSSIFA Program. Councillor Ritchie concurred that the municipal Council should address the long term borrowing for large capital purposes. (i.e. vehicles, major road reconstruction, building construction/renovations)

CONFIRMING BY-LAW – 8:46 P.M.:

By-Law No. 45 -2009 - Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Budget Session held on Monday, February 2nd, 2009 of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand.

Moved by Councillor Cathie Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Art Jeninga

“Be it resolved that **By-Law No. 45 -2009**, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Budget session held on Monday, February 2nd, 2009 of the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, be read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED this 2nd day of February, 2009,

CARRIED.”

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 8:48 P.M.:

Moved by Councillor Ray Bennis, seconded by Councillor Cathie Ritchie

“Be it resolved that the Budget Session held on Monday, February 2nd, 2009, be adjourned at 8:48 p.m.,

CARRIED.”

MAYOR, WILLIAM FINLEY

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR, TERENCE KOROTKI