

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - PUBLIC WORKS

Tuesday 4 August, 2009 at 8:29 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Committee of the Whole for Public Works met in Council Chambers on Tuesday 4 August, 2009 at 8:29 p.m.

Attendance:

Chairman: Councillor Richard Rabishaw
Vice Chairman: Councillor Dave Ethier

Members: Deputy Mayor Fred Adams
Councillor Anne Giardini

Absent:

Member Mayor Vance Gutzman

Also Present:

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk Wayne Kirby
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Sherry Batten
Superintendent of Public Works Scott Loos

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** - None

3. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS** - (This delegation was heard at the beginning of the Protection to Persons and Property Committee meeting)

Mr. Doug Burton thanked the Committee for hearing him and his concerns and to address Council Resolution No. 206-09 passed on 22 July, 2009 regarding trees damaged along Ottawa Street. Mr. Burton reread the resolution that states that the damaged trees are on Town property. Mr. Burton stated that he wanted to clarify that the trees were on his property and not the Town's as indicated in the resolution. He distributed various pictures to the Committee members of his property and in particular the damaged trees on Ottawa Street which is at the back of his property, a water shut off valve, a iron survey pin and a picture of his property showing the hedge in 1994 when he bought the property, as well as the property and structure location survey. He stated that the hedge was topped by Hydro at his request and was concerned that if the Town wanted the hedge trimmed why a homeowner would not be consulted and why a bush hog would be used. Mr. Burton stated that he has been pruning the hedges since he moved to the property and will continue to do so in the future.

An inquiry was made regarding the information that Council was given about the trees being located on Town property. The CAO stated that during a conversation with Mr. Burton and the Public Works Superintendent, it was Mr. Burton who said that trees were on Town property. Mr. Burton was asked for his suggestions as to what he was seeking to be done in this matter. Mr. Burton would either like new trees to be planted or that he be provided with the materials so that he may install a privacy fence.

The Committee directed that staff look into the matter further and report back them.

4. **ROADS**

- (a) The Public Works Superintendent's Report for July 2009 and proposed work schedule for the month of August 2009 was received and reviewed.

5. **STREETLIGHTS** - None

6. **WATER AND SEWER**

- (a) Correspondence from Renfrew County and District Health Unit regarding fluoride levels in municipally treated water systems was received.

- (b) Correspondence from the Government of Ontario regarding projects approved for funding under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund was received confirming both Federal and Provincial approval.

7. **WASTE SITES**

- (a) Correspondence regarding Recycling surcharges was received and reviewed.

The general consensus was that until the commodity market for recycling materials rebounds, we will have to absorb the costs for the tipping fees applied by the Ottawa Valley Waster Recovery Centre for the materials. The extra costs will be included in future budgets.

8. **AIRPORT** - None

9. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None

10. **CLOSED SESSION**- None

11. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Richard Rabishaw
Chairman

Clerk