

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSON

December 7, 2016

5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING

Location: Johnson Township Community Centre Hall
1 Cameron, Desbarats, ON

ADDENDUM

F) STAFF REPORTS:

10. Public Works Superintendent Report – 1. Reserve request 2. Extended warranty on plow truck.

I) OLD BUSINESS:

1. Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board – requesting resolutions of support pertaining to increased service level and services of the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board.

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**Township of Johnson
Public Works Superintendent
To Council**

Date:

07 December 2016

Public Information yes

Confidential: no

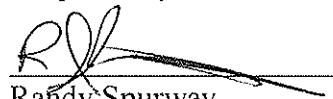
Recommendations

1. The Council of the Township of Johnson approve the roll over of unused funds from the Ditching and Brushing 2016 Roads Budget into Roads reserves.
2. The Council of the Township of Johnson approve the sum of \$3,658.00 plus HST for extended Engine and After-treatment Coverage for the Plow Truck.

Information:

1. Two separate items on 2016 Roads Budget.
 - A. Ditching \$32,000.00
 - B. Brushing \$30,000.00If not used prior to end of year request funds go into roads reserves.
2. Extended warranty for the Plow truck.
 - Engine Coverage 5 year or 100,000 miles (160,000 kms) for \$2,860.00
 - After-treatment Coverage 5 years or 100,000 miles (160,000 kms) \$798.00
 - Total \$3,658.00 plus HST.

Respectfully Submitted



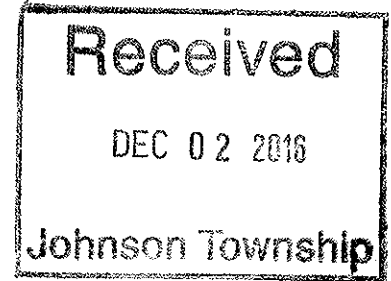
Randy Spurway
Public Works Superintendent

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Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board

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November 22nd, 2016

MacDonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Add'l Township
Laird Township
Johnson Township
Tarbutt Township

Re: Request to increase service level and services of the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board.

As a follow up to our general meeting at MacLennan Hall on November 17th 2016 the Board is seeking confirmation of a commitment from member municipalities to examine improvements to the service level and services of the Board. Currently the mandate of the Planning Board is to grant consents, lot additions and easements. These Municipal obligations have been signed off by the Municipalities and given over to the authority and responsibility of the Planning Board.

The general discussion at the November 17th meeting encompassed many possibilities for advancing the duties of the Planning Board and perhaps, if feasible to have the Planning Board staff oversee some shared services.

The consensus of those present and of the Board members is to begin with improving and perhaps expanding on what the Boards current mandate is. Currently the biggest obstacle facing the Board when dealing with Consents is the lack of good mapping. This is also an on going issue with each Township in dealing with their day to day issues.

Secondly, the advantages of a single Official Plan for the Board has been discussed a number of times. The Ministry is suggesting a review of your plan is necessary every 10 years, but they are also suggesting older existing plans need more than just a review. All four municipalities are at different stages with regard to their plans, therefore it is not anticipated that we could achieve a single plan in the near future. However, over time we could possibly have two or three municipalities join in on one plan as time and finances allow, and perhaps eventually one day have all four Municipalities under one plan.

There is no risk of losing ones identity by sharing a single Official Plan. The plan is a very general over view of how we see our Municipalities. The individual

nature of each Municipality can be maintained through their Zoning By-laws.


It was also discussed that perhaps the Board should be handling other Planning issues for the Municipalities, those being Zoning Amendments, Official Plan Amendments or Minor Variances. There is a difference between a Zoning Amendment and a Minor Variance and this would need to be discussed.

Finally, with regard to the possibility of doing some shared service. The idea is appealing as a way to share costs, improve service levels and utilize or better use staff. Although not considered to be a responsibility of the Planning Board it may be that Planning staff can oversee the shared services if any and administer through the Planning office these services. Considerable discussion and research needs to be done with regard to what could be shared and improved on and what is not feasible to attempt to share.

The Board would appreciate a resolution of support to:

Proceed with senior Municipal staff meeting to discuss these Planning matters and tendering on GIS mapping for the member Municipalities and the Planning Board. NOTE: The GIS mapping could also be used by Municipalities for Asset Management, road, culverts, utilities... etc.

And Further that senior Municipal staff examine the idea of shared services and report back to the Board and Councils on the advantages, disadvantages and with a recommendation on if and how to proceed.


Lynne Orchard, Board Chair