

# **THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES (10-17)**

**July 7, 2010**

The special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 and called to order by Acting Mayor John Fullerton at 3:06 p.m.

**PRESENT WERE:** Acting Mayor John Fullerton, Mayor Ted Linley (arrived at 3:17 p.m.), Councillors Gord Campbell (arrived at 3:15 p.m.), Fred Eldner, Gil Reeves, Archie Roach and Kent Weber.

**REGRETS:** Councillors David Ratz and Al Pritchard.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Bob Wood, M. R. Wright & Associates; Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli; Public Works Superintendent Tom Dumont; Administrative Assistant Carla Slomke

Via teleconference at 3:46 p.m.: Paul Aumuller and Ed Newton of Newton Bridge Solutions.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to address the required repairs, outstanding holdback and change quotations regarding the Dean Lake Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

## **AGENDA REVIEW:**

Clerk/Administrator advised that there were no further additions to the Agenda.

## **DEAN LAKE BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT**

At the request of Acting Mayor Fullerton, Bob Wood provided a summary of the history of the Project and current status of the repairs completed on Panel #1 and required work to be done on Panel #2. He reported that the repairs on Panel #1, although not aesthetically pleasing, are holding up very well and recommended that the same repair be done to Panel #2. He credited the Company in that, despite the difficulties, it has been diligent in doing repairs, and has lived up to the contract.

Mr. Wood spoke with Council regarding his recommendations with respect to the outstanding holdback and change quotations.

Councillor Roach questioned if the rain water that sits on the bridge could be an issue if it were to get into the cracks under the metromat.

Councillor Campbell arrived at 3:15 p.m.

Mr. Wood advised that the bridge was designed without a camber. He advised that cracking will eventually form on the wear surface over time, but that it is cracking prematurely due to the fiberglass lifting from the panels (specifically Panels #1 and #2). He explained that this is why Panel #2 needs to be repaired in the same manner as Panel #1 was.

Councillor Roach questioned if a warranty could be requested. Mr. Wood explained that construction warranties are usually only for one year and having the holdback is better than a warranty.

Mayor Linley arrived at 3:17 p.m. He permitted Acting Mayor Fullerton to remain at the Head of the Table as Chair of this meeting.

Mr. Wood reported that he feels the repairs to Panel #1 have made it as good as the other 7 panels and that that Panel #2 needs to be repaired in the same manner as Panel #1. He further explained that the metromat

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seems to be very brittle and is not flexing to movement as well as the cold patching completed by Public Works prior to the repairs to Panel #1. Mr. Wood went on to say that the Municipality has had the benefit of use of the bridge and for the most part Newton Bridge has done a good job. He recommended that Council release 50% of the holdback on the condition that Panel #2 is repaired and once inspected, the final 50% could be released.

Councillor Campbell questioned the encapsulation that was promised in the contract and could not be done. This had been discussed briefly earlier in the meeting during the holdback and change quotation discussion. Mr. Wood explained that there was a slight misalignment of some beams and that he had agreed to work base on an estimate provided at the time. However, the change quotation came in much higher than the estimate. He felt that some of that cost should be offset by the fact that the encapsulation identified in the contract was not done. Mr. Wood does not recommend paying the other change quotation as it was work that the company chose to do. He recommended that this matter be given further consideration at some other time.

Public Works Superintendent advised that the sooner the repairs can be completed the better, in order to allow for an increased weight limit to be established for the bridge.

Some discussion was held regarding Councillor Reeves' recommendation on release of the holdback monies. Mayor Linley offered a change in the dollar amounts being deliberated.

On a query, Mr. Wood confirmed that he was not aware that Newton Bridge had been in attendance recently to look at the Bridge.

Tom Dumont departed Council Chambers at 3:33 p.m. and returned at 3:34 p.m. with a sample of the screws used in the Panel repairs.

On a query from Acting Mayor Fullerton, Mr. Wood advised that the fiberglass decking should last longer than a wood deck and that the steel may rust in 25 years, but there won't be the corrosion on the underside that there was with the wood decking. He reported that the bottom core will have to be monitored.

Councillor Reeves questioned the feasibility of replacing Panels #1 & #2. Mr. Wood advised that it would be an inconvenience due to the amount of welding that has been done. He reported that the bridge is functional and structurally sound. If Newton Bridge completes the repairs to Panel #2, we will have a good product.

On a query from Road Superintendent Dumont, Mr. Wood advised that holdbacks are usually held for 45 days after completion of the project and equal 10% of the total project costs. The lien period for this project is over.

Council directed Clerk/Administrator to contact Newton Bridge Solutions to include Paul Aumuller and Ed Newton in the meeting by teleconference. They were contacted at 3:46 p.m. Mrs. Tonelli advised of those present in Council Chambers.

Councillor Reeves was asked to speak on behalf of Council.

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He questioned if a representative from Newton Bridge Solutions had recently attended at the Bridge. Mr. Aumuller reported that Todd Harris did stop and look at the Bridge about 7 weeks ago.

Councillor Reeves questioned the cost to replace Panels #1 and #2. Mr. Newton advised that it would take some time to estimate this and that they could not provide that information for this meeting.

Councillor Reeves advised of his recommendation for the holdback payment, being: \$10,000.00 of holdback paid in next the cheque run; \$20,000.00 of holdback paid upon completion of repairs to Panel #2; and release of remainder of the holdback, at an agreed upon time delay, following receipt of a letter of quality assurance that Panels #1 and #2 will perform to the same degree as the remaining 7 panels. Mr. Newton felt this was palatable, but did question if the letter of quality assurance were provided that final payment could be made sooner. This was not responded to.

There was some discussion about the required repairs to Panel #2 and Mr. Newton agreed that repairs would be conducted in the same manner as had been done for Panel #1. The timing for the repairs was discussed and Mr. Newton advised that an August repair could be possible.

On a query from Mr. Aumuller and Mr. Newton, it was agreed that Mr. Aumuller would contact Mr. Wood on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> to further address the change quotations.

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli requested that Newton Bridge Solutions provide at least two weeks notice in advance of the repair work so notification of pending work can be provided to the bridge users.

Acting Mayor Fullerton thanked Mr. Aumuller and Mr. Newton and the teleconference ended at 3:58 p.m.

The following resolution was passed:

**10-17-01** THAT Council authorizes the **holdback payment** to  
*A. Roach* Newton Bridge Solutions for the Dean Lake Bridge  
*G. Campbell* Rehabilitation Project as follows:  
Step 1) \$10,000.00 to be paid with next cheque  
processing;  
Step 2) \$20,000.00 to be paid upon completion of  
specified repairs to Panel #2 and approval by Bob Wood of  
M.R. Wright and Associates;  
Step 3) payment of remainder of holdback upon receipt of  
acceptable letter of quality assurance with respect to  
Panels #1 and #2. CARRIED.

Council thanked Mr. Wood for attending the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**10-17-02** THAT Council does adjourn at 4:03 p.m. CARRIED.  
*G. Campbell*  
*F. Eldner*