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The regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2004 and called to order by Reeve Ted Linley at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Reeve Ted Linley, Councillors Gord Campbell, Don Dallimore, John Fullerton, David Ratz, Gil Reeves, Kent Weber and Dale Wedgwood (arrived at 7:10 p.m., having travelled directly from ROMA/OGRA Conference); and Clerk Deborah Tonelli.

ALSO PRESENT: Treasurer Sandra Leach; By-law Enforcement Officer Dale Swan; Public Works Foreman Tom Dumont.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Dale Wedgwood – Wedgwood Cleaning Services
Ted Linley – Village General Store

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

04-04-01 THAT we adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held
D. Ratz Wednesday, February 11, 2004 as circulated.
D. Dallimore CARRIED.

04-04-02 THAT **By-law #04-07**, being a By-law of the Corporation of the
K. Weber Municipality of Huron Shores to **Adopt the Minutes** of the Council
G. Reeves Meeting held on February 11, 2004, authorizing the taking of any action
authorized therein and thereby, was read a first, second and third time and
passed in open Council this 25th day of February, 2004.
CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

Prior to the adoption of the General Accounts, Councillor Don Dallimore questioned the process of paying the bills in advance and subsequently approving them at Council. It was stated that Council has established controls for purchases (ie.) budget, monthly budget reports and purchasing policies. Councillor Dallimore requested a copy of the monthly budget reports.

04-04-03 THAT we approve payment of the General Accounts, excluding items of
J. Fullerton Pecuniary Interest, for the period from February 12, 2004 to February 25,
D. Dallimore 2004, in the amount of **\$87,011.75**. CARRIED.

04-04-04 THAT we approve payment of the Village General Store Account in the
G. Reeves amount of **\$1,170.17**. CARRIED.
D. Wedgwood Pecuniary Interest: Ted Linley - Village General Store.

04-04-05 THAT we approve payment to Dale Wedgwood for Cleaning Contract
K. Weber and ROMA/OGRA Conference Expenses, in the amount of **\$690.54**.
J. Fullerton CARRIED.
Pecuniary Interest: Dale Wedgwood – Wedgwood Cleaning Services.

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

Treasurer's Report

Council reviewed the letter from Chartered Accountant Dennis R. Thompson in regard to the interim examination and his observations surrounding the systems and procedures presently in place for the municipality.

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Treasurer Sandra Leach provided a written response addressing each item in the auditor's letter identifying how those systems have already been improved or are in the process of being improved.

The auditor also stated "the staff has made significant progress over the last two years towards both a timely and informative reporting system."

Treasurer Leach reported on the letter she received from the Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation concerning the gravel taken from the Ward 4 gravel pit. Mrs. Leach reported that on October 28, 2003, an audit was undertaken for aggregate permit # 16560. The audit revealed that the aggregate material removed from the site is used internally; therefore, there are no financial transactions to confirm when material leaves the licensed area. In the past, the amounts were forwarded to Public Works Foreman Tom Dumont for reporting purposes. At the request of the Aggregate auditor, Mr. Dumont will now also have the drivers record the loads on sequentially numbered cards to ensure completeness.

Treasurer Leach stated that in order to send out the interim tax bills due March 31, 2004 and May 31, 2004, a by-law establishing the Interim Tax Rates at 50% of the previous year, is required.

04-04-06 THAT **By-law #04-08**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the
G. Reeves Municipality of Huron Shores to levy certain interim rates, taxes and
G. Campbell charges for the year 2004, was read a first, second and third time and
passed in open Council this 25th day of February, 2004. CARRIED.

Treasurer Leach explained that the total write-offs processed to date this year total \$6,540.00. Of that amount \$1,824.00 is the education portion. This figure includes the Minutes of Settlement as listed below. Council once again expressed their concerns about MPAC and their poor service delivery.

04-04-07 THAT we accept the Minutes of Settlement from MPAC for 2003
D. Wedgwood Taxation as follows:
G. Campbell 5724 000 006 21800 from \$132,000. RT to \$113,000. RT
5724 000 007 05200 from \$285,000. RT to \$281,000. RT
5724 000 007 06900 from \$ 33,500. TT to \$22,100. TT
5724 000 015 08300 from \$ 73,000. RT to \$35,500. RT
5724 000 015 15400 from \$ 33,000. RT to \$31,000. RT
AND THAT we accept the Minutes of Settlement from MPAC for 2004
Taxation as follows:
5724 000 001 06401 from \$125,000. RT to \$62,000. RT
5724 000 007 05200 from \$288,000. RT to \$281,000. RT
CARRIED.

Treasurer Leach discussed the letter received from the Assessment Review Board in regard to a by-law to delegate Council's powers to the ARB. Mrs. Leach stated that she requires further clarification on this issue and that she will report back at a later date.

Mrs. Leach reported on the Goods and Services Tax question raised at the last Council meeting. Had we been able to claim the full GST for all of 2003, we would have realized an additional \$33,029.71 for a total of \$77,064.19.

Councillor Wedgwood excused himself from the Meeting at 8:20 p.m. in order to retrieve some notes from the ROMA/OGRA Conference. He returned at 8:25 p.m.

Fire Department Report:

04-04-08 THAT a per diem of \$50.00 per day be paid to a Volunteer Fire Fighter
G. Reeves attending a special course or meeting as authorized by the Fire Chief,
K. Weber retroactive to January 1, 2004. CARRIED.

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Councillor Dallimore expressed a concern that the per diem paid to the Firefighters was very low. Councillor Fullerton noted that although the per diem is not a lot, the firefighters are volunteers. Councillors Reeves and Weber will investigate.

Councillor Reeves discussed the 1974 Fire Tanker Truck that we shared with the Town of Thessalon. Mr. Reeves stated that when we bought the new truck, we agreed to give the 1974 model to the town at no cost with the understanding that they would cover all associated costs. In addition, the Town of Thessalon agreed to enter into an agreement to establish automatic aid.

04-04-09
K. Weber
G. Reeves

THAT **By-law #04-09**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to enter into an Agreement with the Town of Thessalon to establish Automatic Aid with regard to the jointly purchased 1974 GMC Fire Tanker Truck, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 25th day of February, 2004.
CARRIED.

Public Works Report:

Public Works Foreman Tom Dumont reported that he requires a resolution of Council in order to participate in the annual amalgamated tender of the East Algoma Road Superintendents Association. Mr. Dumont explained that approximately 14 participating municipalities combine for purchases which results is a tremendous savings to the municipality.

04-04-10
D. Ratz
J. Fullerton

THAT we enter into amalgamated tenders for the following:

White Copy Paper - to be delivered to Municipal Office, 7 Bridge Street, Iron Bridge

8 ½ x 11 – white 15 cases

8 ½ x 14 – white 10 cases

Wards 1 and 2 - to be delivered to Public Works Garage, 75 Little Rapids Road, Little Rapids

Culverts			
Plastic	16	-	400mmx6m
	4	-	450mmx6m
	6	-	600mmx6m
	2	-	800mmx6m
	2	-	900mmx6m
Couplers	8	-	400mm
	2	-	450mm
	3	-	600mm
	1	-	800mm
Grader Blades	10	-	3/4x8"x84"
Grader Wing Shoes	6		
One Way Plow Shoes	6		
Plow Truck Wing Shoes	6		
Surface Treatment	2.2km	triple on Station Rd	
Liquid Calcium	6 Loads		
Signs	40	-	1"x1"x7' Galvanized post
Cold Patch	10 tonnes		

Wards 3 and 4 - to be delivered to Public Works Garage, 7 Bridge St., Iron Bridge

Culverts

Plastics	5	-	800mmx6m
	5	-	600mmx6m
	11	-	450mmx6m
	10	-	400mmx6m
Couplers	4	-	800mm
	4	-	600mm
	4	-	450mm
Grader Blades	12	-	8"x3/4"x7'
One Wing Blade	1	12" spacing	
Wing shoes Plow Truck	6		
Carbide Blades	3	-	4'
Wing shoes for Grader	6		
Surface Treatment	1km	double on East St	
Cold Patch	25 tonnes		
Liquid Calcium	6 Loads		

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04-04-10 - cont.	Industrial Road - to be delivered to Public Works Garage, 75 Little Rapids Road, Little Rapids			
	Culverts	6	-	600mmx9m
		7	-	400mmx9m
	Couplers	3	-	600mm
		3	-	400mm
CARRIED.				

Public Works Foreman Tom Dumont reported on the meeting he and Clerk Tonelli had with Dr. Werner Hebel concerning Brownlee Lake Road. Council directed the Road Committee members and staff to meet with the parties involved in order to establish recommendations for Council’s consideration.

Council discussed the resolution concerning the purchase of the cab, chassis and plow. Mr. Dumont stated that once the truck is ordered, it is anticipated that delivery will take three months.

04-04-11 D. Wedgwood D. Dallimore	THAT we accept the tendered quotation, for one 2004 Diamond Spec International 7600 SBA 6 x 4 (SF647) Tandem Cab and Chassis only with Viking Plow Equipment, from Lakeway Truck Centre Ltd., in the amount of \$130,974.83, including PST and GST.			
	CARRIED.			

CBO/Planning/Health & Safety Report:

Health & Safety Officer Dale Swan reported on the Health & Safety meeting he attended on February 26, 2004, regarding “Hiring Contractors”. Mr. Swan stated that we must show due diligence by ensuring that all contractors working on our sites comply with our health & safety policies. Mr. Swan stated that the contractors would be notified once a policy is in place and would be given the necessary time to comply. Council will determine this time frame.

Chief Building Official Dale Swan reported on two old buildings situate on the properties that were transferred into the name of the Municipality as a result of the recent tax sale. Mr. Swan made several recommendations on how to deal with the buildings. He recommended that the old store be demolished, removed to the waste site and the land cleaned and leveled. Mr. Swan provided the following options for the motel property: (1) Council may consider selling the motel property with the building on it; (2) demolishing the building and removing it to the waste disposal site; or (3) selling the building and removing it from the site. The preferred recommendation for the motel property is to demolish the building and haul to the waste disposal site. Mr. Swan will obtain additional information for Council with regard to the potential of auctioning any salvageable contents. In the interim, Mr. Swan was directed to ensure that “Keep Out” signs are installed at the buildings due to safety concerns.

Mr. Swan reported on the new drinking water regulation. He explained that the new regulation will have a major impact on the municipality, particularly when considering the number of public buildings (water sources) within our area (ie) halls, arena, library, fire halls, garages etc. We will be required to do regular water testing on all of our public facilities. Most of these buildings will require treatment facilities on each of the water systems. Mr. Swan informed Council that this would be very expensive for the municipality and extremely time consuming. Mr. Swan is presently investigating water sampling costs for budget purposes.

Fire Prevention Officer Dale Swan reported on the request from the Fire Marshal’s Office for approximately thirty items for a survey (audit) due March 5, 2004. Mr. Swan reported that it would be a lot of work to ensure compliance of this audit over the next six months.

Following Letter for Action moved to Planning Report in order for Mr. Swan to speak to the matter.

9-5. Gerald & Norma Bell / request to maintain undeveloped portion of Bridge Street. Mr. & Mrs. Bell indicated that a potential purchaser intended to apply to build a permanent residence on this property, which would generate additional tax revenue for the municipality. However, this could not occur without street access. It was noted that although this portion of Bridge Street was never developed for road purposes, the storm sewer is located in the

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allowance. Council agreed that they would enter into a legal undertaking to develop only that portion of Bridge Street that would allow for access to the property in question, providing the purchaser obtains a building permit.

Chief Building Official Swan reported on the requirements of Bill 124. In accordance with this legislation, the municipality must establish building permit fees on the basis of cost recovery, which includes everything that is part of the building administration and enforcement function. The total fees must not exceed the anticipated reasonable costs to administer and enforce the Act. An annual report on fees and costs must be completed and available to the public. Should it be found that there is a surplus, it must be placed in a reserve specifically for building administration or enforcement. Mr. Swan stated that he would have to be trained and licenced under the requirements of the new Act. He will be attending the first training session, which deals with legal responsibilities and the law in Elliot Lake in April, 2004. The 2004 training budget will have to be increased in order to meet the requirements of Bill 124.

Public Works Report Continued

Council discussed a telephone complaint concerning the discontinuance of the winter maintenance on a portion of Chevis Road. The complainant stated that due to the load restrictions on the Dean Lake Bridge, he had arranged for a load of firewood to be delivered via Chevis Road not knowing that the road was not being plowed this year. Mr. Dumont noted that the complainant stated that the road was plowed the last few winters and that the public had not been made aware the this practice was going to be discontinued. It was noted however, that the "No Winter Maintenance Beyond This Point" signs had remained in place even though it was being plowed in order for the Fire Tanker Truck to service the area. Public Works Foreman Dumont stated that if Council wants him to plow all of Chevis Road, he would abide by their decision. Council was concerned about the effect of opening that road at this late stage in the season. Council directed Mr. Dumont to meet with those who have expressed concerns and report back to Council.

Councillors Reports:

Councillors Ratz and Dallimore reported on the Effective Municipal Councillor Program they attended. The written report provided at the last Council meeting was reviewed. Their recommendation in regard to holding an informal meeting without staff present before each Council meeting was debated. Mr. Ratz and Dallimore insisted that a meeting of this type would allow Council to discuss issues informally which would allow them to speak freely concerning matters of Council. Councillor Wedgwood noted that he had talked with Fred Dean at the ROMA/OGRA Conference and read a written comment provided by Mr. Dean. expressed concerns stating the Clerk must be in attendance at all meetings unless the discussion is related directly to her at which time another senior employee would be present. He stated that there are only specific reasons that a Council can go into closed session. Clarification is needed about this process and council decided to defer this report and the recommendations for the next meeting of Council

Councillor Wedgwood stated that during his attendance at the Ontario Good Roads Conference, he obtained a copy of Rusty Russell's presentation for new councillors. Mr. Wedgwood also stated that he listened to a presentation from the Prime Minister of Canada. Emphasis was on the importance of municipalities, big and small, for the success of the Country. Mr. Wedgwood stated that Prime Minister Martin made reference to highway improvements for the north and the forthcoming 100% GST rebate. He also noted that in an address by the Minister of Transportation, Hon. Takhar stressed the importance of partnerships with municipalities.

Councillor Wedgwood reported that during the Ontario Good Roads Conference he attended a meeting with Ernie Parsons who is the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation. The meeting was arranged to discuss our request for funding for the additional cost of the highway entrance on Industrial Road. He was also asked to attend the meeting with the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, NOHFC Executive Director Aime Dimatteo and the Town of Thessalon regarding the Algoma Manor Redevelopment Project. The meeting commenced earlier than it was set for, so Mr. Wedgwood was not present for the entire session. He did have an opportunity to confirm that this Municipality has committed \$320,600. from the Patten Post

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Diversification Fund, towards the project. Mr. Wedgwood advised Council that Hon. Bartolucci instructed Mr. Dimatteo to work hard to make the Project funding happen.

Councillor Reeves provided Council with an update on the Tally Ho Park Project. Mr. Reeves stated that the committee members are still seeking names of family members who were residents of Huron Shores who served in the wars. He stated that they currently have approximately 140 names. Council was informed that a notice would be included in the next newsletter.

Councillor Reeves stated that he agreed to present to Council a report of the activities of the Fire Department on behalf of Fire Chief Brad Eagleson.

Reeve Linley stated that he and Councillor Weber attended a meeting the evening of February 12/04, at McDougall Fuels, with the property owners affected by the decision of the Town of Thessalon to cease water services to those within the boundaries of the Municipality of Huron Shores, as at September 30, 2004. Reeve Linley advised those in attendance of the position of the Municipality and clarified statements made in the registered letter, sent by the Town of Thessalon, to the affected property owners. Clerk was instructed to provide Mr. Linley's speaking notes to all of Council.

Due to the late hour of the evening, Council agreed to address only the issues requiring immediate attention thereby leaving the balance of the agenda to be dealt with at a continued meeting to be held March 3, 2004.

GENERAL BUSINESS

8-1. Resolution for Wage Scale for Secretary/Receptionist position.

04-04-12 THAT the Secretary/Receptionist be moved to Level 2, Merit 1 effective
G. Campbell March 5, 2004.
D. Ratz CARRIED.

8-2. Resolution re: supporting request for access to capital initiative - Bill Farrow presentation.

04-04-13 WHEREAS access to investment capital is, in the main, not available to
J. Fullerton the tourism sector in Northern Ontario;
K. Weber

AND WHEREAS the tourism sector in Northern Ontario is in decline, and has been so for many year;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario needs a vibrant tourism industry to compensate for the loss of traditional jobs in other sectors;

AND WHEREAS reasonable access to investment capital would allow the tourism industry to build the infrastructure absolutely necessary to attract tourists from other Countries and keep Ontario tourists in Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores request the Provincial and Federal Governments to address the lack of access to capital funds by our Northern Ontario businesses and ask that improved investment capital funding programs be established to allow for economic development in Northern Ontario;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Algoma District Municipal Association and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities requesting their support. CARRIED.

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LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION

- 9-2. Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA) / Amendment to Constitution and who attending session.

04-04-14 THAT we appoint the following to the Algoma District Municipal Association: Reeve Ted Linley and Councillor Don Dallimore as voting representatives and Councillor Kent Weber as the alternate member to serve in the absence of the voting member. CARRIED.
D. Ratz
G. Reeves

- 9-4a. Ministry of natural Resources / Nuisance Bear Management Strategy.

- 9-4b. Ministry of Natural Resources / Nuisance Bear Management Plenary Session / Feb. 26, Water Tower Inn.

04-04-15 THAT Dale Swan attend the Nuisance Bear Management Plenary Session, to be held February 26, 2004, Sault Ste. Marie; CARRIED.
K. Weber
D. Wedgwood AND THAT we pay all associated expenses.

- 9-10. Dennis R. Thompson / Engagement Letter.

04-04-16 THAT Clerk Tonelli be authorized to sign the Terms of Engagement Letter from Dennis R. Thompson, Chartered Accountant, dated January 31, 2004. CARRIED.
D. Dallimore
D. Ratz

- 9-16. Sagamok Anishnawbek / request for resolution of support for Patten Post Regional Diversification Funds - various projects.

04-04-17 THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores supports the request of Sagamok Anishnawbek, in their request for Patten Post Diversification Funds – Regional Allocation, as follows:
D. Dallimore
D. Ratz
- \$100,000. for Algoma Mill Works;
- \$200,000. for Sagamok Eco-Lodge Capital Construction;
- \$30,000. for Sagamok Tourism Strategy;
- \$48,000. for Forestry Base Camp Improvement at Hinkler Lake (Robinson-Huron Forestry Company);
- \$22,000. for Tourism related hiking trails development in Sagamok, as presented by letter dated February 19, 2004 from Chief Angus Toulouse. CARRIED.

- 9-21. Town of Thessalon / request for resolution of support for Patten Post Regional Diversification Funds - Dawson Street Extension Project.

04-04-18 THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores supports the request of the Town of Thessalon, in their request for Patten Post Diversification Funds – Regional Allocation, in the amount of \$13,800., for the Dawson Street Extension Project, as presented by letter dated February 10, 2004, signed by Mayor Donna Latulippe. CARRIED.
K. Weber
G. Reeves

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION

Councillor Fullerton requested that the letters and communications listed under this section not be copied for Council Packages. He recommended that they continue to be listed on the agenda and available the evening of the Council meeting should Council wish to obtain copies or bring an item to the Table. Council concurred.

04-04-19 THAT we continue the (04-04) Meeting of Council on Wednesday, March 3, 2004. CARRIED.
J. Fullerton
D. Ratz

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THAT we do adjourn at 11:00 p.m.

G. Campbell

D. Wedgwood

CARRIED.

REEVE

CLERK