

February 27, 2008

The regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 and called to order by Mayor Ted Linley at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Ted Linley, Councillors Gord Campbell, Fred Eldner, John Fullerton, Al Pritchard, David Ratz, Gil Reeves and Archie Roach

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin & Jane Armstrong, Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli; and Administrative Assistant Pam Pertteli.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

08-04-01 THAT we adopt the minutes of the Regular Meetings of Council held
G. Reeves Wednesday, February 13, 2008 as corrected.
F. Eldner CARRIED.

08-04-02 THAT **By-law #08-11**, being a By-law of the Corporation of the
D. Ratz Municipality of Huron Shores to **Adopt the Minutes** of the Council
A. Pritchard Meeting held on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 and authorizing the
taking of any action authorized therein and thereby, was read a first,
second and third time and passed in open Council this 27th day of
February, 2008. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

08-04-03 THAT we approve payment of the General Accounts, excluding items of
G. Reeves Pecuniary Interest, for the period from February 14 to February 27, 2008
D. Ratz in the amount of **\$215,157.46**. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

8-1. Reports and Action

Public Works:

Public Works Projects Report for the period February 9 – 22/08 was provided in Council packages.

Councillor Reeves provided a **Public Works Committee** Report regarding three recommendations from the February 27th Meeting as follows: (1) that grass and brush cutting services be done concurrently this year, and that said services be purchased in a manner that allows for this; and (2) that Council adopt a by-law enabling regulatory signage in its parks and that the 2008 budget include a line item and reserve for park improvements and maintenance. Council was also reminded of the meeting to take place on February 29th between the Public Works Committee Chairs, Superintendents and Clerks of the Town of Thessalon and Municipality of Huron Shores.

Clerk's Report:

Clerk Tonelli reported that the Algoma Region Recreation Stakeholders Meeting planned for February 26th has been postponed to Spring due to lack of response. Clerk Tonelli was instructed to contact Tony D'Agostino, Ministry of Health Promotion, to advise that the Municipality is interested in participating in an Algoma Recreation network.

Councillor Reports:

Mayor Linley reported on the **East Algoma Chiefs, Mayors and Reeves Council (EACMRC) Meeting** held February 7, 2008. He touched on the following matters: work done to correct the fibre optic issue with 911 service; dredging of the Spanish River; survey being conducted by TSH for the Town of Spanish regarding investigation into establishing a thermal waste

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processing facility in Northern Ontario; and invitation by the EACMRC to Minister of Energy, et al., regarding the feasibility of building a nuclear plant along the North Shore. Clerk Tonelli advised that Dale Wedgwood provided the Municipality with a copy of the Presentation being made by Mayor Bob Gallagher, Town of Blind River, to Minister of Energy staff during the OGRA/ROMA Conference.

8-2. Interim Tax Rate By-law

08-04-04 THAT **By-law #08-12** being a by-law of the Corporation of the
D. Ratz Municipality of Huron Shores to **Levy certain Interim Rates, Taxes and**
J. Fullerton **Charges** for the year, was read a first, second and third time and passed in
open Council this 27th day of February, 2008. CARRIED.

8-3. Iron Bridge Museum Board Minutes – January 21, 2008

08-04-05 THAT we receive the minutes of the **Iron Bridge Museum Board**
G. Campbell meeting held January 21, 2008, as circulated. CARRIED.
G. Reeves

8-4. Public Works Commission Meeting Minutes – January 25, 2008

08-04-06 THAT we receive the minutes of the **Public Works Committee** meeting
F. Eldner held January 25, 2008, as circulated. CARRIED.
A. Roach

8-5. Additional surface treatment project analyses.

08-04-07 THAT we obtain a quotation from MF Tulloch Inc. to complete a field
A. Pritchard review and generate **cost estimates for road upgrades** to allow for
G. Reeves Highway 17 Detour Loops for the following locations:
- North Livingstone Road;
- Dumond Road, Sowerby Road, Cullis Road and that portion of
Dayton Road from its intersection with Hwy. 17 south to its
intersection with Maple Ridge Road; and
- Chevis Road CARRIED.

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION

9-1. Township of Machar – Support Resolution Funding of Rural Schools

08-04-08 THAT we the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron
G. Reeves Shores support the Township of Machar with their petition to the
D. Ratz Provincial Government to **properly fund English Public Schools** in
Northern Ontario as a special interest, to the extent needed to keep them
open and operational in safe repair;
AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario and
the Township of Machar. CARRIED.

9-2. Western Ontario Warden's Caucus – Support Resolution Farm Tax Rebate

08-04-09 WHEREAS the Province of Ontario moved from the Farm Tax Rebate
D. Ratz Program to a 75% reduction in the **agricultural property tax rate**
G. Reeves **reduction program** in 1998, at a cost in excess of 100 million dollars
annually to the municipalities of the Province;
AND WHEREAS the Province agreed to maintain municipal agriculture
property tax revenue when they moved from the rebated program to the
reduced tax rate program;
AND WHEREAS municipalities have not received equivalent agricultural
property tax revenue compensation from the province of Ontario;
AND WHEREAS this failure of the Province of Ontario to provide

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08-04-09 – cont. equivalent compensation has negatively impacted the financial position of all municipalities in Ontario with an agricultural tax base, at the above-noted cost in excess of 100 million dollars;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario be petitioned to provide compensating revenue to the municipalities of Ontario that have been negatively impacted by the transition from the Farm Tax Rebate Program to the agricultural property tax reduction program;
AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Minister of Finance, AMO and MPP Mike Brown.
CARRIED.

9-3. Town of Newmarket – Support Resolution Misuse of Disabled Parking Permits

08-04-10 THAT we the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron
F. Eldner Shores support the Town of Newmarket that the Premier of Ontario be
A. Roach requested to take action to eliminate the misuse of **disabled parking**
permits and parking spaces;
AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Newmarket.
CARRIED.

9-4. JBPTH Advisory Committee – Invitation to attend Physician Recruitment meeting

08-04-11 THAT Mayor Linley & Councillors Fullerton & Weber attend the JBPTH
J. Fullerton Health Advisory Committee **Physician Recruitment** meeting, to be held
A. Pritchard March 18, 2008, 7:30 p.m. at Desbarats Community Centre (Arena);
AND THAT we cover all associated expenses. CARRIED.

9-5. Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands – Support Resolution Ontario Assume Ownership of all Municipal Drinking Water Systems within the Province

08-04-12 THAT we the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron
A. Pritchard Shores support the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands that
A. Roach the province of Ontario assume ownership of all **municipal drinking water systems** within the Province;
AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of
Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. CARRIED.

9-6. Town of Amherstburg – Support Resolution Mandated Lead Testing for Municipal Drinking Water

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION

10-1. AMO Alert – Federal Liberal Party Pledges Infrastructure Money

10-2. AMO Alert – Province Reviewing More than 450 Applications for MIII Funding

10-3. Town of Thessalon – Re: Fire Hydrant located at Dawson St and Lakeside Drive Intersection.

Clerk has been requested by Fire Chief Medve to obtain clarification as to whether the Huron Shores Fire Department can conduct Fire Hydrant training exercises in the summer months as outlined in the policy he authored, dated December 28, 2007.

CLOSED SESSION

08-04-13 THAT Council proceed in Camera at 8:07 p.m. in order to address a
D. Ratz matter pertaining to:
F. Eldner Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board. CARRIED.

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

08-04-14 THAT we return to open session at 8:30 p.m. CARRIED.
J. Fullerton
G. Reeves

ADJOURNMENT

08-04-15 THAT we do adjourn at 8:32 p.m. CARRIED.
D. Ratz
J. Fullerton

MAYOR

CLERK