

March 3, 2004 - continued from February 25, 2004

The continuation of the regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores for Wednesday, February 25, 2004 was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2004 and called to order by Reeve Ted Linley at 7:16 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Reeve Ted Linley, Councillors Gord Campbell, John Fullerton, David Ratz, Gil Reeves and Dale Wedgwood; and Clerk Deborah Tonelli.

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant Clerk Beverly Eagleson.

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

Public Works Report

In order to secure the purchase price of additional optional plow equipment for existing plow units, it is necessary to place the order for these components in conjunction with the new plow equipment for the new truck.

04-04-21 THAT we accept the quotation, for **optional Viking plow equipment** as
D. Ratz quoted in conjunction with plow equipment to be supplied with 2004
D. Wedgwood International Truck, to be purchased from Lakeway Truck Centre, as
follows:
Air Shift speed reducer \$1,100.00
Two (2) plow powertilt kits \$1,050.00
Plus applicable taxes. CARRIED.

CBO/Planning/ Health & Safety Report

Further to Mr. & Mrs. Bell's request to maintain undeveloped portion of Bridge Street, Clerk Tonelli advised that staff need Council establish a policy setting out the criteria whereby the municipality will build and maintain **undeveloped roads or portions of roads** set out in old registered plans of subdivision, in order to be consistent throughout the municipality. Council made it clear that it is not Council's intent to undertake to develop and maintain roads set out but not developed in old plans of subdivision. However, due to the fact that the storm drain was established on this particular section of road, sets it apart from other undeveloped subdivision streets and felt there was an obligation to upgrade this section of road, but only should there be an application for a building on the adjacent property.

Councillor Reports

Councillors Ratz & Dallimore had provided a list of thoughts and ideas for this municipality subsequent to attending the Effective Municipal Councillor Program. Items discussed included requisitions and purchase procedures, organizational review of operations, committee/departments reports for information and flex hours.

A CD on **Solicitor Rusty Russell's presentation** at the Ontario Good Roads Convention for New Councillors was played at the end of the Council Meeting.

Councillor Wedgwood – Discussion with Tom Farquhar re: letter from Minister of Transportation (Feb. 11/04, 9-10). Deferred to later in the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES / CLERK'S REPORT

Assessment of Permanent Trailers – this legislation refers to trailers in campgrounds, used for the entire season. Indications are that taxation of these units has been abandoned at the present time.

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IT Steering Committee Meeting / February 17, 2004 – Clerk Tonelli reported that while it is estimated that the cost to hire 3 individuals for an additional **one-year HRDC program** is \$1000, it is anticipated there will be an additional cost of \$1000 for office supplies and printing material. Council concurred \$2000 was a small cost for the work to be realized, provided there will be assistance from other Chamber of Commerce employees to assist the Clerk in the program since Steve Jensen has resigned from his position for employment elsewhere. Clerk to contact the Blind River Chamber of Commerce to discuss.

Clerk to contact Glenn **Tunnock** to discuss possible dates for him to attend a meeting of Council to discuss **proposed planning documents** as well as to discuss public meeting consultation process and what is required under the Planning Act. It is anticipated that this may require some time and will likely require it to be dealt with at a special meeting of Council.

Province has advised that they are currently summarizing **MPMP reports** and hope to have the reports available soon.

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION

9-1. Township of Shedden / request for Patten Post Regional Funding - CP Heritage Park and Station. Deferred. Due to number of requests received for this funding program, Council wants to consider all projects being proposed in order to support projects most regional in nature.

9-3. AMO - For Your Information 04/003 / Doctor Shortages (deferred from last meeting).

04-04-22

J. Fullerton
G. Campbell

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores support the NOW Alliance and its rural Health Action Plan in accordance with the resolution supported by the AMO Board at its January 30, 2004 meeting;

AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long Term Care and Dr. Larry Erlick, President of OMA; urging them to adopt provisions consistent with NOW's Plan in the next collective agreement;

AND THAT Council support the holding of "town hall meetings" by the NOW Alliance to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the Rural Health Action Plan.

CARRIED.

9-6. Town of Blind River / request for additional Patten Post Regional Funds for Penewobecong Centre. Deferred.

9-7. Ministry of Agriculture and Food / Agricorp Rainfall Contract.

04-04-23

D. Wedgwood
G. Reeves

THAT we proceed with seeking a potential location for an **Agricorp Rain Gauge Site** with David Trivers, Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

CARRIED.

9-8. Township of St. Joseph / request for support of resolution requesting deferral of Drinking Water Systems Regulation.

04-04-24

D. Wedgwood
D. Ratz

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores support Resolution No. 04-20 of the Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph in petitioning the Provincial Government to **defer implementation of the Drinking Water Systems Regulation (O.Reg. 170-03)** and that this regulation be reviewed to address the impact on small business operators and service providers in Ontario;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, FONOM, AMO and the Township of St. Joseph.

CARRIED.

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- 9-9. AMCTO / upcoming workshop: Emergency Management in Your Community - April 7, SSM.

04-04-25 THAT Councillor Reeves and the CEMC alternate attend the AMCTO
G. Campbell **Emergency Management in your Community Workshop**, to be held
J. Fullerton April 7, 2004, Sault Ste. Marie;
AND THAT we pay all associated expenses. CARRIED.

- 9-11. The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) / Northeastern Ontario Municipal (NEOM) Conference / May 5-7, Mindemoya.

04-04-26 THAT Reeve Linley and Councillor Dallimore attend the **2004 FONOM**
J. Fullerton **Conference** to be held May 5-7, 2004, in the Township of Central
D. Ratz Manitoulin;
AND THAT we pay all associated expenses. CARRIED.

- 9-12. Northeastern Ontario Recreation Association (NEORA) / Conference - May 25-28, Blind River.

- 9-13. Blind River Development Corporation / Economic Development Briefing.

04-04-27 WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron
G. Reeves Shores is concerned about the **impacts that the regulations and rates for**
D. Wedgwood **Water, Insurance and Power** are having and will have on Northern
Ontario businesses, institutions and communities;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of
Huron Shores provide a letter of support expressing the need to initiate a
review of the regulations to ensure that their application and associated
rates are being fairly applied in Northern Ontario;
AND THAT the Municipality of Huron Shores provide a copy of said
letter requesting representation through the Algoma District Municipal
Association and Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities requesting
that these concerns be investigated with appropriate government
representatives;
AND THAT the Municipality of Huron Shores provide notification to the
organizers of the Town Hall Meetings on Water, Insurance and Power of
the intent to make a presentation of fact on the impacts of same on the
community. CARRIED.

04-04-28 THAT Reeve Linley, Councillors Fullerton, Wedgwood and Ratz attend
D. Ratz the **Town Hall Meeting**, to be held March 9, 2004, St. John Room,
D. Reeves Thessalon Community Centre, to discuss the **impacts of water, insurance**
and power regulations and rates on Northern Ontario communities.
CARRIED.

- 9-13. Loyalist Township / request for support of resolution re: Community Reinvestment Fund.
Deferred.

- 9-15. Waste Diversion Ontario / Public Consultation on Industry Funding of Ontario Municipal
Blue Box Programs - March 12, Sudbury.

- 9-18. Town of North Perth / resolution to request funding for universal water metering
programs.

- 9-19. Township of Ramara / resolution to request that Provincial Government retain ownership
of power generation.

04-04-29 THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron
J. Fullerton Shores supports the resolution of the Township of Ramara in asking that
D. Ratz the Provincial Government **retain all Power Generation in public**
ownership so that the residents of Ontario can have power at cost and
have a reliable system;
AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister
Dalton McGuinty, AMO and the Township of Ramara. CARRIED.

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9-20. City of Elliot Lake / request for resolution of support for Patten Post Regional Diversification Funds - airport project. Deferred.

9-22. Sault Area Hospital / request for contribution to construction of new hospital.

Council would like to see a **formula** developed that would be consistent throughout the district that would be fair **for all municipalities supporting the new hospital**.

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION

10-1. Brent St. Denis / Speech from the Throne.

10-2. Ministry of Northern Development and Mines / Business Retention and Expansion workshop.

10-3. Minister of Northern Development and Mines / Invitation to Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada 2004 Annual Convention - March 9, Toronto.

10-4. Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration / Volunteer Service Awards.

10-5. Ontario Provincial Police / School Crosswalk.

10-6. AMO - Alert 04/005 / Renewing our Communities - AMO's Pre-Budget Submission.

10-7. AMO - Alert 04/006 / Ministry Releases White Paper on Source Water Protection.

10-8. Prime Minister Paul Martin / Speech from the Throne and Reply.

10-9. 2004 Pitch-In Canada Week / information.

10-10. Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care / re: February 4/04 telephone conversation.

10-11. Town of Thessalon / temporary access to Industrial properties.

10-12. AMO - For Your Information - 04/006 / Labour Issues Update.

10-13. Minister of Municipal Affairs / GST Rebate.

Councillor Reports

Councillor Wedgwood gave a detailed report on presentations and workshops attended at the **Ontario Good Roads Convention** in Toronto. The message from Prime Minister Paul Martin stated that the success of the country rested on municipalities, whether they're big or small. A Health and Safety presentation by David Carr was clear in stating that liability cannot be contracted out. We need to be sure that contractors hired are not only insured but operate responsibly and diligently. Contractors are also having to prove their expertise and reliability to insurance companies in order to be insured. He reported on meeting with MTO Parliamentary Assistant Ernie Parsons regarding the highway improvements made in conjunction with Industrial Road development and petitioning the Ministry to assist with cost over-runs. Mr. Parsons expressed an appreciation for the work done and will look into the matter. In his speech, MTO Minister Takhar stated that his Ministry is looking for partnerships with municipalities, that they are looking to provide 2 cents of the gas tax to municipalities for road maintenance (details have not been worked out yet), and he emphasized that road improvements are critical to the North and will work on a strategy to cut red tape.

Other items the Province is either working on or investigating are: All municipalities are upset with MPAC, the inadequacies of both assessment and electoral lists not being accurate, Province is looking into a P.S.T. rebate on municipal road equipment, investing in upgrade to highways, Iron Bridge to Blind River reconstruction is not acceptable, while tax incentive zones in the North have not been implemented, it is high on the priority list to be addressed, looking at 50% funding for Land Ambulance, making L.C.B.O. bottles returnable, change in Provincial Policy Statement for Planning – now “must be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement” – wording used to be “must have regard for the Provincial Policy Statement”, investigating agricultural grants in that there is no funding cleanup of a spill in municipal drains. Overall, Mr. Wedgwood said it was probably the best conference he has attended yet with exceptionally good information.

Rusty Russell OGRA Presentation was played for Council.

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CLOSED SESSION

- 04-04-30

J. Fullerton

G. Reeves

THAT we proceed in Camera at 10:17 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:
personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
AND THAT Assistant Clerk Beverly Eagleson remain in attendance.
CARRIED.
- 04-04-31

G. Campbell

D. Wedgwood

THAT we return to open session at 10:25 p.m.
CARRIED.
- 04-04-32

D. Ratz

J. Fullerton

THAT we do adjourn at 10:27 p.m.
CARRIED.

REEVE

CLERK