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The regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2004 and called to order by Reeve Ted Linley at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Reeve Ted Linley, Councillors Gord Campbell, Don Dallimore, John Fullerton, David Ratz, Gil Reeves, Archie Roach, and Kent Weber; and Clerk Deborah Tonelli.

ALSO PRESENT: Emile Malvaso; By-Law Enforcement Officer Dale Swan; Public Works Foreman Tom Dumont; Assistant Clerk Beverly Eagleson; Fire Chief Brad Eagleson

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

04-08-01 THAT we adopt the minutes of the Regular meetings of Council held
K. Weber Wednesday, March 24, 2004 as circulated.
G. Campbell CARRIED.

04-08-02 THAT **By-law #04-17** being a by-law of the Corporation of the
G. Reeves Municipality of Huron Shores to **Adopt the Minutes** of the Council
D. Ratz Meeting held on March 24, 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 14th day of April, 2004.
CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

04-08-03 THAT we approve payment of the General Accounts, excluding items of
D. Ratz Pecuniary Interest, for the period from March 25 to April 14, 2004 in the
D. Dallimore amount of **\$46,708.74**. CARRIED.

04-08-04 THAT we approve **payment** of Wedgwood **Cleaning Services** account in
D. Ratz the amount of \$175.27. CARRIED.
A. Roach Pecuniary Interest: Dale Wedgwood

04-08-05 THAT we approve **payment to Village General Store** in the amount of
K. Weber \$972.29.
D. Dallimore Pecuniary Interest : Ted Linley CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

Emile Malvaso of AD~net attended to provide a **study update** and discuss 2004 **Membership**. He reported that Bell Canada and Persona Communications are now offering high speed internet service in this area, however it will not be available to everyone. If securing the service through Bell Canada, there are limitations due to the type of equipment housed in the Bell central offices. In addition the range will vary from approximately 4.3 to 7.4 km from the Bell central offices. If Persona is sought as the provider, availability will be dependent on the existing cable service distribution (approximately a 14 km range). Not everyone is going to get high speed internet service in this area, including Huron Shores, because of the distances involved. Contrary to federal statement that every household in Canada will be serviced with high speed internet, the reality of it is just not there. \$30 million has been spent in Algoma alone, to get high speed internet as far as it is today. Mr. Malvaso reported that where available in this municipality, the service will be approximately \$50.00 / month.

Mr. Malvaso gave a brief report on the municipal software package being offered for purchase through ADMAS. The package is designed from municipalities under 5000.

04-08-06 THAT we renew our membership with AD~net for the year 2004, in the
G. Reeve amount of \$500.00. CARRIED.
A. Roach

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Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Brad Eagleson attended the meeting to report on Fire Department concerns at present. The Fire Department and Public Works Department are working on a solution to safely **burn wood product at the waste disposal sites**. There will be additional costs for equipment and manpower from the waste disposal site budget to have volunteers assist with this burning.

Mr. Eagleson did not recommend entering into an agreement with the **Township of Plummer** **Additional to provide forest fire suppression services**. He reported that we have enough area and concerns of our own at the present time without calling for further commitment from our volunteers.

Chief Eagleson advised that the most **urgent Fire Department business** this evening is reporting the **critically low number of volunteer fire fighters serving Station 2**. Mr. Eagleson gave some background information supporting his statement that the future of the station is in jeopardy with the lack of trained personnel available for attending both emergencies and training/meetings. He advised Council that the issue must be addressed and that there needs to be a commitment from Iron Bridge residents if the station is going to continue to provide fire services. While there are members from Wards 2, 3 and 4 on this station's roster, there is only a core group of about 9 individuals that are able to give the commitment for meetings and training required to provide fire protection service. There needs to be sufficient membership from the immediate Iron Bridge area in order to ensure that equipment can be transported to the areas that this station covers within acceptable time frames. Station 1 has 20 members. While 20 is the target for each station, a minimum of 15 members for Station 2 must be met in order for the service to provide protection to both property and the to the safety of the firefighters themselves. Mr. Eagleson reported that the Fire Department Executive of both stations met the previous evening, with Councillor Reeves in attendance, to discuss the urgency of the matter and to devise a plan to provide sufficient interim measures for protection as well as to develop a recruitment strategy to secure the manpower required for this service. In order to implement the short term plan they have developed, Mr. Eagleson advised he needs two commitments from Council. One is to support and participate in the recruitment drive to get membership up and the second is financial. Equipment will have to be purchased for Station 1 firefighters that have committed to the plan in order to provide temporary measures to satisfactorily cover the area serviced by the Iron Bridge Station, until Station 2 membership reaches at least 15 and new members are trained adequately for fire fighting services.

The short-term plan is outlined as follows:

A Recruitment Drive must be undertaken which includes a Press Release appealing to Iron Bridge residents that volunteers are needed immediately in order to continue to provide fire protections services to Wards 3 and 4 and portions of Ward 2. A recruitment package will be developed to advise those who might be interested, what the commitment is and what is involved in being a member of the department. A newsletter endorsed by Council to be prepared and distributed.

Council members are being asked to support the recruitment drive. Councillor Reeves is preparing a list of individuals to be contacted. Notify him of any contact suggestions.

In September 2004, the progress and/or success of the recruitment drive will be evaluated by the task team. The Department is requiring a 15 member complement in Station 2 by December 2004.

A decision regarding fire protection services from Station 2 will be made in December 2004.

As an interim measure to secure protection services are being provided, a Rapid Response Crew of 10 fire fighters from Station 1 including the Chief is to be established. The volunteers for this special force are as follows: Gib Medve, Jim Kent, Bill Rosenberg, Terry Whitfield, Brent Withers, Roger Mulligan, Dale Swan, John Hamel, Pete Seabrook, Erin Goodmurphy and Brad Eagleson. The team was declared formed and active by the Fire Department as of 22:00 hours, Tuesday, April 13, 2004, in anticipating Council's support of the initiative. These fire fighters have agreed to respond to fire calls for Station 2 as well as their home station, Station 1. While personnel will respond, Station 1 equipment will not.

The Station 1 membership will be increased by 5 more members being called from a 7 person waiting list.

Additional costs will be incurred to provide turn-out gear and radio equipment required for the Rapid Response Crew.

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Additional costs will be incurred for turn-out gear to be purchased for the 5 member increase in Station 1.

The chief and executive recommended reimbursement to the Rapid Response Crew to cover costs for time and travel for the personal out of pocket expenses that will be required of these fire fighters to respond beyond their own jurisdiction.

The task team estimates approximately \$17,500 will be required to cover the additional costs based on equipment required and on 20 callouts for the remainder of the year.

Apparatus from Station 2 will be delivered by Public Works staff when they are accessible or by any other means secured by Fire Department or office staff.

There will be joint Bi-Monthly training for the two stations.

The Chief reported to Council that 5 years into amalgamation, he is seeing a full department atmosphere. There is no Station 1 or Station 2 division other than boundaries for response. The Chief also reminded Council that the commitment from Station 1 volunteers is a short term agreement only, to aid their brothers and sisters in Station 2 for a specified period of time. We cannot expect them to commit to the dual area service for any extended period of time. While it has been discussed that there may be people from Wards 2 and 4 that may be willing to volunteer, the focus at present is to target Iron Bridge residents who live close to the fire hall, which will aid significantly in getting the equipment to a scene as quickly as absolutely possible.

Council expressed appreciation of the efforts of the department and the task force in looking for a resolve to the membership problem. They asked that the task team proceed with their recruitment plan, and prepare a press release and recruitment package. While Council is willing to endorse a newsletter, this will be left for a bit to see what response is received to the press release and personal contact recruiting. They advised they were willing to commit to the one-time expenditure of approximately \$17,500.00 for additional equipment and cost recovery expenses to ensure fire protection services to the easterly portion of the municipality. Councillors covering the Fire/Emergency Portfolio will prepare a resolution for consideration at the next regular meeting of Council to commit to these endeavours. Councillor Fullerton asked if recruiting women who may be at home in Iron Bridge has been considered. Chief Eagleson advised that they are willing to accept anyone of either gender, who is physically capable of fire fighting duties and willing to commit to training and responding to calls.

Chief Eagleson advised that the **Algoma District Mutual Aid Spring Meeting** is being held in **Iron Bridge** the weekend of April 30th. Fire fighter David Membury extended the invitation to host the function and volunteered to undertake the organization of it. He has arranged training, demonstrations and equipment information centers. If available, Reeve Linley will attend to welcome visitors. Deputy Chief Gib Medve will welcome visitors on behalf of the fire department.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Leach is on vacation. Report deferred to next meeting of Council.

Public Works Report

Public Works Foreman Tom Dumont reported on the **Landfill Management Workshop** he attended in March. The workshop was designed to teach how to manage landfill sites. The landfills are operated under a Certificate of Approval issued by the Ministry of Environment. Annually, MOE undertakes a report. All reports on our sites have been good. They focused on tactics to improve operations and reduce operational costs and how to reduce health and safety risks to employees. Information obtained confirmed that digging a trench to drop the water table was the thing to do if the water level was present in the household garbage pit. This work had been undertaken at one of our sites as a preventative measure to avoid leachate seeping into the water table.

Mr. Dumont stressed the importance of recycling to extend the longevity of our sites and encouraged all those present to promote recycling in our municipality. While cottagers would likely utilize a depot if one were set up in the Sowerby area, the contract requires that depots be established on a year-round basis and at this point the cost of another depot cannot be justified

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for two months of fairly certain activity. Mr. Dumont asked that we be sure to advise our seasonal neighbours to utilize the two sites in Little Rapids and Iron Bridge as much as possible.

Mr. Dumont advised he and had received a preliminary report from Dan Hodgson of Spectrum 2000 on options available in an attempt to resolve **radio communication issues**. He intends to see if Mr. Hodgson will be available to attend a future meeting of Council if necessary to explain the technical terms and outline the options available.

By-laws were passed to enter into agreements to secure purchasing raw product for Spring Gravel requirements.

04-08-07
G. Campbell
A. Roach

THAT **By-law #04-18** being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores for the purpose of establishing an **Agreement to purchase gravel from the Armstrong property**, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 14th day of April, 2004. CARRIED.

04-08-08
J. Fullerton
D. Ratz

That **By-law #04-19** being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores for the purpose of establishing an **Agreement to purchase gravel from the Robert Yates property**, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 14th day of April, 2004. CARRIED.

A letter had been received from Jim **Sayers** regarding a **towing charge** he received subsequent to driving into a washout on Green Lane. Road Foreman Dumont and Clerk Tonelli provided council with the background on the letter and their conversations with Mr. Sayers.

A letter had been received from Mr. Jurgen **Hug** regarding his view of **road maintenance** and the costs to provide the standard of service provided. Mr. Dumont advised Council he had spoken to Mr. Hug to address his concerns and explain maintenance requirements.

CBO Report

CBO Dale Swan spoke to the Ministry of **Municipal Affairs and Housing update re: Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act, 2002**. He is trying to follow the process closely to keep apprised of developments and the effects on our operations. There is still no verification of tools and/or training available to reach the certification that will be required to meet compliance by July 1, 2005. Mr. Swan asked that Council be sure to review the letter of March 18th and the checklist enclosed with it. While staff of other municipalities are reporting that their Councils are not supportive of covering the training costs, this municipality committed some time ago that staff hired to enforce the Building Code must have the training and due to legislative changes the municipality will cover training costs.

Mr. Swan provided information from the Ministry of Transportation on the **Rainbow Motel Property** described as Pt.5, 1R-7894, Day Twp. regarding the possibility of the commercial entrance being relinquished if the buildings are removed. Mr. Swan posed the question for Council that even if it were to remain as a commercial property, is it the best place for a commercial establishment or would a business meet the same fate as the motel did. Council agreed to proceed with demolition of the building as planned.

Planning Report – Deferred.

Councillor Reports

Councillor Wedgwood –Physician Recruitment Meeting - Deferred.

Reeve Linley, and Councillor Dallimore gave a **brief report on the Algoma District Municipal Association Symposium and meeting** held April 3, 2004. Topics of discussion included, insurance policies, liability and recording events, marking dangers, Manitoba Hydro purchase, MPAC presentation and board representation, trailer assessment and maple syrup

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production building assessment, tax incentive zone implementation. They reported it was an excellent meeting.

Reeve Linley reported on the **Algoma District School Board Meeting** in Sault Ste. Marie on April 6, 2004. The Board is looking for efficiencies and looking for alternative ways to deal with preserving our school facilities facing declining enrolments. The decline of enrolment affects all schools in the Board's jurisdiction, both in the cities and in rural Algoma. Council discussed submitting a letter of intent to the School Board regarding the possibility of shared services i.e. future consideration of relocating the Municipal Public Library to the Iron Bridge Public School.

Councillor Fullerton gave an update on the **Algoma Manor Transition Board** Meeting he attended on April 8, 2004. The Not-for-Profit institution has now been incorporated as Algoma Manor Nursing Home Incorporated.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES / CLERK'S REPORT – Deferred.

GENERAL BUSINESS

8-1. By-law - AgriCorp Agreement

04-08-09 <i>J. Fullerton</i> <i>D. Ratz</i>	THAT By-law #04-20 being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to enter into an agreement with AgriCorp for a Rain Gauge Site, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 14 th day of April, 2004.	CARRIED.
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Clerk advised that if volunteer can't attend to site for measurements, AgriCorp will ask the municipality to have an individual collected the readings on a daily basis. There will be a small compensation for providing this service.

8-2. Resolution - Appointment of Ad-Hoc Planning Committee.

04-08-10 <i>D. Dallimore</i> <i>A. Roach</i>	THAT we strike on Ad-Hoc Planning Committee in order to review the draft Official Plan and Zoning documents for the Municipality of Huron Shores composed of Councillors Fullerton, Campbell and Ratz and members of the Community being Norma Cochrane, David Wolgemuth, Will Samis, Greg Brown, Mike Tulloch.	CARRIED.
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Councillors Fullerton and Ratz will contact committee members to advise of the meeting to be held Wednesday, April 21st.

8-3. Resolution - Appointment of John Fullerton to Board of Management - Area 5.

04-08-11 <i>K. Weber</i> <i>G. Reeves</i>	BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that we endorse the appointment of John Fullerton as the Area 5 Representative to the Algoma District Homes for the Aged Management Board.	CARRIED.
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04-08-12 <i>G. Campbell</i> <i>A. Roach</i>	THAT we continue meeting beyond 11:00pm.	CARRIED.
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LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION – Deferred.

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION – Deferred.

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CLOSED SESSION

- 04-08-13

J. Fullerton
D. Ratz

THAT we proceed in camera at 11:10 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:
Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
The receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
AND THAT Assistant Clerk Beverly and Public Works Foreman Tom Dumont remain in attendance.

CARRIED.
- 04-08-14

G. Reeves
D. Ratz

THAT we return to Open Session at 11:40 p.m.

CARRIED.
- 04-08-15

G. Campbell
G. Reeves

THAT we continue the 04-08 Meeting of Council on Tuesday, April 20, 2004.

CARRIED.
- 04-08-16

J. Fullerton
G. Reeves

THAT we do adjourn at 11:42 p.m.

CARRIED.

REEVE

CLERK