

October 6, 2004 - Special

The Special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, October 6, 2004 and called to order by Reeve Ted Linley at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Ted Linley, Councillors Gord Campbell, Fred Eldner, David Ratz, Gil Reeves, Archie Roach, Kent Weber and Dale Wedgwood; and Clerk Deborah Tonelli.

ALSO PRESENT: Treasurer Sandra Leach; Public Works Foreman Tom Dumont; Bob Wood and Rick Roberts

The purpose of the meeting was to review recent developments regarding Dean Lake Bridge repairs and decide what immediate repairs would be completed and how the expense would be financed.

Mr. Wood (M.R. Wright & Associates C. Ltd. and Mr. Roberts (Cantech) discussed with Council their observations/recommendations regarding the Dean Lake Bridge. Pictures were provided to Council showing the rusted out beams discovered during the deck replacement. Prior to removing the decking over the piers, the sections of beams that had deteriorated could not be seen, due to the design of the bridge. The portions of the beams that had to be replaced before Mr. Wood would consider re-opening the bridge are now in place. Cantech is removing corrosion on the existing beams that are revealed with the deck replacement and painting the top flange prior to placement of the new decking. In order to continue to be able to monitor the sections of beams that could not previously be inspected, the sections of decking over the piers are being built as lift-out panels.

Mr. Roberts advised that the contract should be finalized by the end of next week, with the exception of having to install the hardware for the lift-out panels at a later date. Mr. Wood advised that the bridge could be re-opened at the end of next week with a reduced load limit, which he has yet to determine.

Councillor Campbell questioned Mr. Wood about concerns brought to his attention with regard to the type of nails and clips to be used with pressure treated lumber. Mr. Wood will investigate further.

Mr. Wood reviewed the survey of the Dean Lake Bridge Monitoring Points provided by Marshall Thompson, Tulloch Surveying & Engineering, dated September 28/04, and will contact Mr. Thompson to discuss further.

Treasurer Leach reviewed with Council the status of the current reserves.

04-24-01*D. Wedgwood**G. Campbell*

WHEREAS based on the Engineers Inspection report of October 2, 2004, the Dean Lake Bridge has been closed.

AND WHEREAS the engineering inspection report for the Dean Lake Bridge identifies necessary emergency repairs be undertaken in 2004 in order to re-open the bridge;

AND WHEREAS costs for said repairs are in excess of the 2004 budget estimates since the report was received after setting the 2004 Annual Budget;

AND WHEREAS the Engineer's reports from October 2nd and 3rd, 2004 identify further works necessary in the very near future to re-open the bridge;

AND WHEREAS Council has strong reservations of further depleting municipal reserves in addition to the transfers from reserves as established in the 2004 budget;

AND WHEREAS depletion of reserves may cause significant costs for borrowing in future years until the reserves can be replenished;

AND WHEREAS there is no immediate financial assistance available to the Municipality to finance this expenditure of an emergent nature;

AND WHEREAS the Dean Lake Bridge is the only year round access to the majority of residents in Ward 4;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we pursue alternative funding sources to cover the 2004 expenditures in addition to other remedial work that is necessary to re-open the bridge;
AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT in order to finance the immediate bridge works in order to re-open the bridge, the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores has no alternative but to further deplete reserves in order to finance the said expenditure with transfers from reserves as set out following:
Reserves for Bridge Replacement \$10,000.00
Reserves for Working Fund Up to \$69,000.00
CARRIED.

04-24-02
G. Reeves
D. Ratz

THAT we do adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED.

MAYOR

CLERK