

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES
(11-01)**

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

The regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 and called to order by Mayor Gil Reeves at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Gil Reeves, Councillors Jane Armstrong, Georges Bilodeau, Gord Campbell, Eloise Eldner, Kent Weber and Dale Wedgwood

REGRETS: Councillors John Fullerton and Ted Linley

ALSO PRESENT: Pat Ehard; Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli; Administrative Assistant Carla Slomke

AGENDA REVIEW

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli advised Council of the additional items under Addendum #1.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Linley with respect to the Village General Store account.

Councillor Wedgwood with respect to the Wedgwood Cleaning Services account.

Councillor Armstrong with respect to the Armstrong Enterprises account.

Councillor Eldner with respect to the Thessalon Flower Pot II account.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

11-01-01 THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of
J. Armstrong Council held Wednesday, December 15th, 2010 as
K. Weber circulated. CARRIED.

11-01-02 THAT **By-law #11-01**, being a By-law of the Corporation
D. Wedgwood of the Municipality of Huron Shores to **Adopt the Minutes**
G. Campbell of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, December 15th,
2010, 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 12th day of January,
2011. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

11-01-03 THAT Council approves payment of the **General**
E. Eldner **Accounts**, excluding items of Pecuniary Interest, for the
G. Bilodeau period from December 13th, 2010 to January 12th, 2011, in
the amount of **\$435,109.95**. CARRIED.

11-01-04 THAT Council approves payment of the **Village General**
G. Campbell **Store** account in the amount of **\$2,325.66**. CARRIED.
G. Bilodeau DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: E.W. Linley

11-01-05 THAT Council approves payment of **Wedgwood Cleaning**
G. Bilodeau **Services** account in the amount of **\$1,882.58**.
E. Eldner CARRIED.
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: D. Wedgwood

11-01-06 THAT Council approves payment of **Thessalon Flower**
K. Weber **Pot II** account in the amount of **\$705.12**. CARRIED.
J. Armstrong DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: E. Eldner

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11-01-07 THAT Council approves payment of **Armstrong**
D. Wedgwood **Enterprises** account in the amount of **\$1,416.71.**
K. Weber CARRIED.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: J. Armstrong

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Clerk Tonelli advised that due to unforeseen circumstances the Petition to MTO for reduced speed limits in and approaching Iron Bridge was not circulated prior to the Holiday office closure, but will be circulated this week. The Petition will be available at the front desk of the Municipal Office and any local businesses willing to host it. In response to Council query, Mayor Reeves and Mrs. Tonelli provided historical context on the creation of this petition. Upon Council request, staff will research the cost and availability for temporary placement of a portable radar speed sign in order to retrieve further data to support the petition. Staff is also to inquire if the sign utilizes a tracking mechanism to store data.

GENERAL BUSINESS

8-1. Council and Staff Reports

Councillor Reports:

On a query from Councillor Eldner, staff was instructed to notify any required organizations of the new Council appointments.

Mayor Reeves reported on his attendance at the following meetings:

- December 20th **East Algoma Chiefs, Mayors and Reeves meeting** to discuss the future of the short line rail through the north shore communities. He plans to attend an upcoming meeting regarding this matter (date to be announced) and invited any other interested councillors. Councillors Bilodeau and Wedgwood volunteered to attend as well, with Mayor Reeves to apprise them of the meeting date.
- January 6th meeting with Denis Rochon, Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry (MNDMF) and Francoise Nadon, FEDNOR, to discuss potential funding for the **proposed industrial park**. Staff persons Deborah Tonelli and Beverly Eagleson were also in attendance. This matter to be discussed further under Item 8-5.
- January 12th meeting earlier this evening at the **Iron Bridge Public School**, with Mario Turco, ADSB, Ellis Nyman, Principal, staff and concerned parents. The meeting was held to address parental concerns and inquiries if **school bussing** could be provided to transport children from Iron Bridge to Thessalon. Currently there is only bussing availability to Blind River. Mr. Turco advised that the Board could not accommodate such a request. Other matters discussed included advisement from Mr. Turco that the Iron Bridge Public School would not change status for a minimum of four years.

Fire Chief's Report:

The 2010 final quarterly report from Fire Chief Medve was provided to Council.

8-2. Receive the Minutes of the Huron North West Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee, November 29/10

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11-01-08 THAT Council receives the Minutes of the **Huron North
West Professional Recruitment and Retention
Committee**, November 29th, 2010. CARRIED.
J. Armstrong
G. Bilodeau

8-3. Authorize the absence of John Fullerton from Council Meetings for more than three successive months

11-01-09 WHEREAS Section 259(1)(c) of the Municipal Act states that the office of a member of council of a municipality becomes vacant if the member is absent from the meetings of council for three successive months without being authorized to do so by a resolution of council;
G. Campbell AND WHEREAS, due to ill health and medical treatments, Councillor Fullerton may be absent from Council Meetings for more than three successive months;
D. Wedgwood AND WHEREAS Councillor Fullerton has expressed his wish and determination to continue to serve as municipal councillor for the Municipality of Huron Shores;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports Councillor **John Fullerton** and authorizes his **absence** from Council Meetings for more than 3 successive months to allow time for his treatment and convalescence;
AND THAT said authorization be reviewed at the July 2011 Meeting of Council. CARRIED.

8-4. Confirm School Crossing Guard Hours

11-01-10 WHEREAS Resolution No. 10-22-17 authorized a 4-hour work day for the Crossing Guard due to the implementation of 2 nutrition breaks at the Iron Bridge Public School in which the students are permitted to leave the school grounds;
E. Eldner AND WHEREAS Council received tally information at the December 15, 2010 Meeting of Council which determined that there is at least one student utilizing the cross walk on most occasions, during both nutrition breaks, with the rare occurrence of no children crossing;
G. Bilodeau AND WHEREAS Council recognizes the need to have a Crossing Guard in attendance at the cross walk before and after school and during both nutrition breaks;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the continuation of a **4-hour work day for Crossing Guard** Marla Lauszus;
AND THAT the Crossing Guard report any change in student crossing activity that would warrant further review of this matter. CARRIED.

8-5. Authorize consultation with legal counsel and engineering firm regarding proposed Industrial Park

Upon report from Mayor Reeves regarding an administrative meeting held with representatives from MNDMF and FEDNOR, it was identified that legal counsel and further engineering consultation would be necessary in order to obtain information necessary to answer outstanding questions prior to consideration of making application for funding for the proposed industrial park development. Clerk/Administrator Tonelli identified some of the potential questions with Council.

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11-01-11 WHEREAS Council has been investigating the
G. Campbell establishment of an **Industrial Park Area** east of the
D. Wedgwood Town of Thessalon;
AND WHEREAS Council has expended preliminary dollars
for initial engineering investigations;
AND WHEREAS pursuant to an Administrative Meeting held
with Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and
Forestry Representative Denis Rochon and FEDNOR
representative Francoise Nadon, it has become advisable
to seek further engineering assistance as well as legal
advice at this time on various aspects of the development
in relation to the park and any potential tenants;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve
additional expenditures for **Consulting Engineering
expenses and legal expenses** up to a total maximum of
\$10,000.00 at this time, to further investigate
development of an Industrial Park Area in the Municipality
of Huron Shores, east of the Town of Thessalon on the
south side of Highway 17 and Green Lane;
AND THAT Tulloch Engineering be contacted to provide the
additional Consulting Engineering Services;
AND THAT Municipal Solicitor Paul Cassan of Wishart Law
Firm be contacted to provide legal advice on this matter.
CARRIED.

8-6. Receive the Minutes of the East Algoma Chiefs, Mayors, and Reeves
Council, December 20/10

11-01-12 THAT Council receives the Minutes of the **East Algoma**
K. Weber **Chiefs, Mayors, and Reeves Council**, December 20th,
D. Wedgwood 2010. CARRIED.

8-7. Regarding maintenance contract for **Lift at Day & Bright
Community Centre**

Clerk Tonelli advised that she had not yet received a response from TSSA
regarding a request to reduce the required maintenance contract visits from
4 to 2 visits per year. The item was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

8-8. Trillium Foundation Program Guidelines

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli provided an overview of **Trillium Foundation
Guidelines** for making applications for funding. She flagged that a prior
application for ramping and heating for the Iron Bridge Arena and Thompson
Twp. Recreation Centre was not successful and provided the reasons given
at the time.

Councillor Armstrong suggested examining the **Agri-Spirit Award** and will
provide a link to Clerk/Administrator Tonelli.

On a query from Councillor Bilodeau regarding potential funding for the
museum and/or round barn, it was felt that they would qualify. Council
was advised that a business plan for the Round Barn is being developed this
Winter for future presentation to Council.

Councillor Bilodeau reported that he and Councillor Armstrong will tour the
Municipal parks in the Spring and Mayor Reeves offered to provide the
inventory and photos report prepared by former Councillors Ratz and Eldner.

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Councillor Eldner recommended that if Council wishes to make application to the Trillium Foundation, one core priority project be chosen. Mayor Reeves recommended that all ideas be solicited from Councillors at the January 26th Meeting.

8-9. Re-schedule February 9th Regular Meeting of Council to February 16th.

11-01-13
J. Armstrong
E. Eldner

WHEREAS By-law #06-34 being a By-Law to Regulate the Proceedings Of Council, Committees and Boards of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores;
AND WHEREAS said by-law authorizes Council to change meeting dates by resolution;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the **Regular Meeting of Council** scheduled for February 9th, 2011 be moved to Wednesday, **February 16th, 2011**, in order to avoid conflicts with New Councillor Training Workshops in Sault Ste. Marie already scheduled for February 8th and 9th, 2011. CARRIED.

Councillor Armstrong reported that she will be unable to attend the February 16th Meeting.

8-10. Approve use of Trenchcoat Piping for Whelan/Collver Road Drainage Works

11-01-14
K. Weber
G. Campbell

WHEREAS Council as per Resolution #10-30-08 accepted the tender of JI Enterprises to undertake construction of the Whelan/Collver Road Drainage Works;
AND WHEREAS Drainage Superintendent Colin Trivers recommended that Council consider the use of "Trenchcoat" pipe for 2 road culvert installations for said Municipal Drain;
AND WHEREAS Public Works Superintendent Dumont concurs with the recommendation;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the use of **"Trenchcoat" piping** for the MacLean and Collver Road cross pipe culvert requirements for the **Whelan/Collver Road Drainage Works**;
AND THAT Colin Trivers issue a change order making the substitution and noting the resulting savings;
AND THAT **JI Enterprises** be provided a copy of this resolution and change order to affirm the change made to the original tender material requirements and pricing. CARRIED.

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION

9-1. Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative – Membership Request
Staff will research more information re: membership fees and initiatives.

9-2. Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services – Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection – A Decision Makers' Guide Seminar

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11-01-15 THAT Council authorizes **Councillors Wedgwood and Weber** to attend the **Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection Seminar** to be held Saturday, April 16th, 2011 in Prince Township;
G. Bilodeau
E. Eldner
AND THAT it cover all associated expenses. CARRIED.

9-3. MaryKaye Karhi – Resignation

11-01-16 THAT Council accepts with regret the **resignation** of
D. Wedgwood **MaryKaye Karhi** as Receptionist, effective December 31st,
K. Weber 2010. CARRIED.

Councillor Bilodeau inquired as to the hiring and firing procedure. Clerk/Administrator Tonelli advised that it is Council's practice to authorize such things by resolution.

11-01-17 THAT the Clerk/Administrator post, internally, the
E. Eldner **Receptionist position**, for a one week period and if no
G. Bilodeau qualified applicants are received she post the position
externally;
AND THAT an **offer of full-time employment** be made to
the most qualified applicant as per recommendation of the
Interview Committee, to be comprised of Human
Resources Commissioners Ted Linley, Gord Campbell and
alternate Gil Reeves, and Clerk/Administrator Deborah
Tonelli. CARRIED.

Due to the employee turn-over with respect to this position, some discussion ensued regarding the job description, required qualifications, wage and place of residence of the individual hired.

Mr. Roger Boyer joined the gallery at 8:00 p.m.

9-4. Residents of Demyne Avenue – Road Maintenance and Street Lighting

Mayor Reeves offered that should Council desire more time to consider this matter, with this evening's receipt of Superintendent Dumont's report, the item could be deferred to a subsequent meeting of Council. Council deliberated various issues.

11-01-DEFEATED WHEREAS pursuant to conditions of a Consent for
G. Campbell Severance, Council required that the portion of
K. Weber **Demyne Road** fronting the proposed new parcels of
land, be upgraded to a standard that could be assumed
into the year road municipal road maintenance program;
AND WHEREAS the noted section of road has been
upgraded to a satisfactory standard as inspected and
approved by the Public Works Superintendent and
Consulting Engineer representing the Municipality to
inspect and approve said construction;
AND WHEREAS a letter received January 5, 2011, is the
first formal request that the Municipality provide year
round road maintenance services on Demyne Ave.
since the upgrade completion;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council
approve year round road maintenance services on
the section of Demyne Ave., noted above;
AND THAT said services commence immediately.

DEFEATED.

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Council did recommend that the portion of Demyne Road, pertaining to the Lajambe severance, be added to the January 26th Agenda for assumption and seasonal maintenance.

9-5. ROMA/OGRA – Request for Delegations

Council discussed possible issues. Mayor Reeves advised that he had brought forth the issues of the request for lowered speed limits and installation of deer signage at a Ministry of Transportation delegation last year. Clerk/Administrator advised that there would be opportunity at the 2011 AMO conference for a delegation request. Mayor Reeves also reported that Ministers do attend FONOM as well.

9-6. Northeastern Fire Education Conference – March 31–April 3/11

Councillor Wedgwood expressed interest in attending this conference but was unable to confirm his availability at this time.

11-01-18 THAT Council authorizes the attendance of **one (1)**
D. Wedgwood **Councillor** to the **Northeastern Fire Education**
K. Weber **Conference**, to be held March 31st to April 3rd, 2011, in
North Bay;
AND THAT it cover all associated expenses. CARRIED.

9-7. The 2011 Central Algoma Renewable Energy Workshop – request for attendance

11-01-19 THAT Council authorizes **Councillors Weber, Eldner,**
D. Wedgwood **and Armstrong** to attend the **2011 Central Algoma**
G. Campbell **Renewable Energy Workshop** in Bruce Station on
Tuesday, February 1st, 2011;
AND THAT it cover all associated expenses. CARRIED.

9-8. Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition – request for funding

Mayor Reeves provided information he had to-date regarding the request for \$6,000.00 in bridge financing over 3 years. Council deliberated this item and the following resolution was passed:

11-01-20 THAT Council defers Item No. 9-8, the **Central Algoma**
G. Bilodeau **Freshwater Coalition** request for funding, pending
K. Weber receipt of further information. CARRIED.

9-9. Employment Solutions – Invitation to Open House, Friday, January 21/11, 11:30 a.m., in Blind River

11-01-21 THAT Council authorizes **Councillor Jane Armstrong** to
G. Campbell attend the **Employment Solutions Open House**, Friday,
E. Eloise January 21st, 2011, in Blind River;
AND THAT it cover all associated expenses. CARRIED.

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION

10-1. AMO Watch File, December 16/10

10-2. S. Hagman – The Town Youth Participation Strategies (TYPS)
Challenge Program Workshop, April 12/11, Blind River

10-3. OGRA – Report of the OGRA Nominating Committee

10-4. AMO Watch File, December 22/10

10-5. D. Thompson – Auditor, Letter of Engagement

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10-6. D. Thompson – Auditor, Management Letter

In answer to Council queries, Mayor Reeves explained the purpose of a management letter and advised that the Municipal Auditor commencing the 2010 audit year is Grant Thornton LLP, due to the retirement of Mr. Dennis Thompson from municipal auditing.

10-7. Stewardship Ontario re: Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for 2010 Program Year

10-8. AMO Watch File, January 6/11

10-9. Mike Brown, MPP – thank-you for copy of Resolution No. 10-26-13

10-10. Town of Thessalon – support the appointment of Councillor Fullerton to APH Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli provided those attending the AMO Training sessions in February, with a conference itinerary.

ADJOURNMENT

11-01-22 THAT Council does adjourn at 8:34 p.m. CARRIED.

D. Wedgwood

K. Weber

MAYOR

CLERK