

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES (11-08)

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

The special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, March 30th, 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, Ted Linley, Kent Weber and Dale Wedgwood.

REGRETS: Councillor John Fullerton.

ALSO PRESENT: Tim Armstrong; Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli; Public Works Superintendent Tom Dumont; Deputy Clerk Beverly Eagleson; Administrative Assistant Carla Slomke.

AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Reeves stated that the purpose of this special meeting was for Council Orientation and Training. Council agreed to addressing Items 4B and 4C prior to 4A to allow Deputy Clerk Eagleson and Public Works Superintendent to depart Council Chambers after their presentations.

With regard to the proposed SWOT Session, consideration will be given to scheduling a separate meeting to discuss this issue.

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli advised that a Closed Session would be required to discuss a personal matter with respect to an employee.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. COUNCIL ORIENTATION

B) Official Plan

Deputy Clerk Eagleson provided background information with regard to the Planning Act and related legislation. She provided Council with web addresses to access applicable legislation. Mrs. Eagleson reviewed the public planning process and advised of the Provincial Policy Statement and Citizen's Guide to Land Use Planning. She explained the functions of official plans, zoning by-laws, Ontario Municipal Board and processes for subdivisions and land severances.

Mrs. Eagleson cautioned Council and provided examples of how poor planning can sterilize properties for certain types of activity. She explained the role of the strategic plan and community profile.

Mrs. Eagleson gave an overview of the progression of the draft Huron Shores Official Plan (OP) from its commencement in 2001 to-date. She advised that once the OP is approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the next step is to work on the draft Zoning By-law.

Enforcement of the Planning documents was discussed with Council, in that it is traditionally complaint driven and depending on the matter can be investigated by the Building Official, By-law Enforcement Officer, or Municipal Planner to determine if a party is in infraction of a by-law. Algoma Public Health also has authority over severance/subdivisions when determining septic systems.

Reading material will be available on April 1st for the April 6th Meeting.

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C) Five-Year Road Plan**

Public Works Superintendent Tom Dumont spoke to the complement of staff, equipment and responsibilities of the Public Works department and addressed the 5-Year Road Plan.

With respect to Parks & Recreation, the current project is to improve Little Basswood Beach area. Councillors Bilodeau and Armstrong (as Parks Commissioners), in conjunction with Mr. Dumont, will tour all park sites this spring. Mr. Dumont also noted the input he has received from property owners neighboring Little Basswood Beach, which will be taken into consideration in formulating the plan.

The equipment/vehicles replacement plan and process; emergency requirements; and reserves were discussed. Mr. Dumont provided Council with a copy of the Public Works Equipment Replacement Plan.

Some discussion took place with respect to the Tire Collection Program. Mr. Dumont provided an excerpt from the Ontario Tire Stewardship Guidebook with the following sections highlighted: "Tires Received from Businesses" and "Auto Recyclers, Scrap Yards, Auto Wreckers and Site that Otherwise Take Ownership of a Used Tire".

Mr. Dumont provided Council with a copy of the 5-Year Road Construction Plan, 1-Year Road Rehabilitation Capital Plan and accompanying notes.

The bridge inspection program was addressed. It was noted that, although not yet in the Plan, the cement bridge on Chevis Road will eventually have to be changed with a multi-plate culvert as it currently creates a bottle-neck for the emergency detour loop. Councillor Linley provided some context with respect to the detour loops, in that they are meant to move residential / passenger traffic only in emergency situations.

Public Works Superintendent Dumont advised that, following consultation with Councillors Campbell and Weber (Public Works Commissioners), this year he prepared a summary of the sections of roads that require attention in the near future with respect to preparation and surface treatment applications. This work will require an increase in budget of approximately \$30,000.00 over the previous year but it is necessary to maintain the surface treatment program beyond the areas already identified by the detour loops.

Mr. Dumont welcomed Council input and questions on any Public Works matters.

On a query respecting the next street lighting project, Clerk/Administrator Tonelli will review the latest information from the Ministry of Transportation and Council resolution for the Hwy. 17/Station Road installation and bring any need for Council resolution to a future meeting of Council.

Mayor Reeves thanked Deputy Clerk Eagleson and Public Works Superintendent Dumont for their presentations and they departed Council Chambers at 8:32 p.m.

A) Procedural By-law

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli outlined necessary and recommended changes to current By-law #06-34, with Council. Council made no further

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recommendations. The revised draft will be added to the April 13th Regular Meeting agenda for endorsement.

5. SWOT: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, & Threats Session

Council agreed that it was too late in the evening to commence a SWOT session. A special meeting date for this sole purpose will be set at the April 13th Regular Meeting.

Tim Armstrong departed the gallery at 8:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

11-08-01 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceeds in Camera at
E. Eldner 8:50 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:
G. Bilodeau personal matters about an identifiable individual, including
municipal or local board employees. CARRIED.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

11-08-02 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council returns to open session at
J. Armstrong 9:03 p.m. CARRIED.
G. Campbell

ADJOURNMENT

11-08-03 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 9:04 p.m.
E.W. Linley CARRIED.
D. Wedgwood

MAYOR

CLERK