

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

**April 20, 2011**

The special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 and called to order by Mayor Reeves at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT WERE:** Mayor L.C. (Gil) Reeves, Councillors Jane Armstrong, Georges Bilodeau, Gord Campbell, Eloise Eldner, Ted Linley, Kent Weber and Dale Wedgwood.

**REGRETS:** Councillor John Fullerton

**ALSO PRESENT:** Canada Post Corporation staff members Heather LaBrash, Local Area Manager, Tony Filice, Delivery Planning, and David MacNeil, Technical Support; Deputy Clerk Beverly Eagleson; and Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli.

## **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

The meeting was held in order to meet with Canada Post staff to learn about the civic addressing initiative occurring, the imminent need to restructure the rural routes out of the Thessalon Post Office, how this impacts addressing for the ratepayers of the Municipality of Huron Shores and decisions to be made by Council respecting the matter.

Introductions were made.

Tony Filice led a presentation to Council advising of the proposal for the conversion from rural routes and box numbers to civic (911) addresses for mailing purposes. He explained the benefits of this shift from both a municipal and resident perspective. He reported that there is a current mandate to change the routes out of the Thessalon Post Office and they would like, at the same time, to make the change throughout all of Huron Shores to avoid any potential for additional changes to have to be made to the Thessalon routes when Canada Post mandates civic addresses at the Iron Bridge and Blind River Post Offices.

Council posed many questions of the Canada Post representatives.

On a query from Mayor Reeves, Mr. Filice and Mr. MacNeil provided names of other communities that have already shifted to civic addressing in order that Council might have opportunity to contact them and discuss any issues they might have experienced with the change.

Notification timeframes for the conversion were discussed. All notification costs will be covered by Canada Post but, they will be requesting permission to include the municipal logo on their correspondence.

The emotional aspect of an address change in the community identifier was deliberated. Canada Post is leaving it to Council to determine if it wishes to use "Huron Shores" as a community name. Also, if it wishes to use "Huron Shores" and "Iron Bridge", a boundary will have to be established for the area to be identified as "Iron Bridge". If Council chooses not to provide input on this matter in the near future, Canada Post will proceed with making necessary changes for the Thessalon rural routes by removing rural route numbers, adding 911 numbers and changing postal codes to identify routing locations. Mr. MacNeil reported that any duplication in street names

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between the Municipality of Huron Shores and the Town of Thessalon will have to be addressed.

Mr. Filice reported that Canada Post prefers to partner with a municipality when converting an area to civic addressing and would require the following from Council:

- establish Municipal identifier;
- Iron Bridge boundary, if retained; and
- a resolution supporting the initiative in principal;

Mayor Reeves reported that the earliest Council could provide a decision on the matter would be May 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. MacNeil identified the times of year in which Canada Post will not conduct addressing conversions.

Further to discussions regarding the replacement of green boxes to community mail boxes, Mr. Filice reported that Canada Post require a license to occupy agreement from the property owners on which the units are situated and permission from the municipality, if necessary. On a query, Mr. MacNeil reported that the only reason Canada Post will consider relocating personal mail boxes is for safety purposes.

Mr. Filice confirmed that they would conduct community meetings if requested. Mr. MacNeil will provide a communications protocol for Council's information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**11-11-01**  
*K. Weber*  
*G. Bilodeau*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 8:29 p.m.  
CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CLERK