

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES  
(12-17)**

**May 30, 2012**

The special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 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, Debora Kirby, Ted Linley, Kent Weber and Dale Wedgwood.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli; Treasurer Sandra Leach; Treasury Intern Kevin Philipow; Administrative Assistant Carla Slomke

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Mayor Reeves advised that the purpose of this special meeting is to review the proposed 2012 Municipal Budget.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

Mayor Reeves thanked Treasurer Leach and Assistant Kevin Philipow for their work in preparing the budget documentation. He invited Treasurer Leach to begin the overview of the proposed budget.

Treasurer Leach highlighted various items currently included in the draft budget. She reported that if Council was to approve the budget as provided, it would generate a 5.67% increase in the residential tax rate with an overall increase of 7.5% due to the assessment phase-in. Mrs. Leach provided a summary list of budget reduction options to consider that have been recommended by the Finance Committee. The proposed reductions would allow for a residential tax rate decrease of 4.46%. Mrs. Leach also provided Council with a 2012 Online Property Tax Analysis Summary of the increase/decrease impact on tax rate categories for a 4.46% rate decrease.

Mayor Reeves provided information respecting last year's assessment and tax rate. He then facilitated the options recommended by the Finance Committee, as outlined in the Budget Reduction Options to Consider summary provided by Treasurer Leach. For reference purposes, Mayor Reeves reported that every \$28,000.00 of the levy results in a change of approximately 1% to the tax rate.

Items considered and agreed to via the Finance Committee were as follows:

- Remove the building of share sheds this year;
- Reduce Transfer to Reserve for Road Equipment by \$40,000.00;
- Reduce Transfer to Reserve for Bridge Replacement by \$50,000.00;
- Remove paving of parking lot at Ward 1 Garage;
- Respecting the proposed relocation of the Library to 10 Main Street, Council will seek a contribution of \$15,000.00 from the Library Board and will commit \$15,000.00 from the Partnership Reserve;
- Remove the relocation of the Planter located on Hwy. 17 east of Bright Lake Road;
- Remove from budget fixed generator for Fire Station No. 2, to be reconsidered in 2013;
- Reduce request for donation from the Town of Thessalon for the Thessalon Arena by \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 as previously provided;
- Remove Food Bank allowance of \$5,000.00 as a request has not been received this year;

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- Remove \$1,000.00 request from the Mayors Coalition for Affordable Policing;
- Reduce Council Travel Budget by \$2,000.00;
- Respecting the proposed 2012 Festival, it was agreed that the monies be held in Reserve for Working Fund. Councillor Armstrong is to bring a motion forward at a subsequent regular meeting regarding full amount and commitment to be expended;
- Remove a budget for Christmas decorations of \$1,000; and
- Respecting the Fire Department, Fire Chief Medve has agreed to reduce the Fire Department budget by \$8,000.00, excluding the already removed fixed generator, previously noted. The honoraria increase to the Deputies, Captains and Secretaries will also be reduced from 9% to 2.84%.

The following items were also deliberated:

- An additional \$1,400.00 will be added to the Diamond Jubilee Expense;
- Unanticipated repairs to the 2007 backhoe will be taken from Equipment Reserve;
- Council deliberated over the \$250.00 donation to the Thessalon Family Ball Tournament and agreed to keep it in the budget;
- Remove the \$250.00 donation proposed for the Mobile Health Van as this service is provided by CNIB in this area;
- Although funded from the Roads Equipment Reserve, it was agreed to purchase only one packer this year to test its value to the Municipality;
- Due to the Municipality hosting a volunteer appreciation event this year, Council deliberated not providing poinsettias to its volunteers. It was agreed this token appreciation should be kept in place;
- Following some discussion respecting the inflation allowance for gas and hydro, it was agreed to keep the proposed budget figures in place and monitor the increase in preparation for next year's budget;
- Regarding the donation request from the Iron Bridge Lions Club, it was agreed to authorize the request but, to request a long-term plan from the Club. Mayor Reeves will address this matter with the Iron Bridge Lions Club;
- It was agreed to keep the proposed Cemetery Board budget as proposed;
- The proposed work at the Roe, Beharriell, Centennial and Little Basswood Beach Parks was deliberated. Councillor Armstrong identified a possible request to re-route money respecting playground equipment as she is looking into a Hydro One Powerplay grant program. Mayor Reeves expressed concerns regarding installation of docks at Roe and Little Basswood Parks and requested some further analysis (i.e. usage) prior to making a final decision regarding these proposed installations.

Mayor Reeves asked if Council had any further items it wished to address. Hearing none, it was noted that the changes made to the draft budget this evening will result in a residential tax rate reduction of approximately 4.4%.

**12-17-01**  
*E.W. Linley*  
*K. Weber*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the proposed **2012 Budget**, authorizing **\$2,371,063.00** to be raised through taxation for Municipal Expenditures. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**12-17-02**

*D. Kirby*

*J. Armstrong*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 8:44 p.m.  
CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CLERK