

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES**  
**June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (13-13)**

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The special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 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.

**REGRETS:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli; Treasurer Sandra Leach.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Mayor Reeves advised that the purpose of this special meeting is to review the proposed 2013 Municipal Budget.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

Mayor Reeves explained that the draft budget, as presented, would cause a 3.13% tax rate increase. He reported that a few potential additions will be addressed followed by a number of proposed reductions/deletions to the draft budget in order to seek out \$180,000.00 in savings to achieve an overall average decrease of 2.48%. It was agreed that a reasonable target for the 2013 levy would be no more than the 2012 levy plus 2%, or \$2,418,484.00.

Mayor Reeves facilitated the options recommended by the Finance Committee, as outlined in the Budget Additional Cost Considerations and Budget Saving Considerations summaries provided by Treasurer Leach.

Items considered and agreed to from the "2013 Budget Additional Cost Considerations" Summary were as follows:

- Budget landfill site wage rate increase within the current Pay Equity Plan;
- No allowance for a Pay Equity Plan wage scale adjustment. Commitment made to review survey comparisons with other comparable municipalities;
- Budget \$13,000.00 towards the installation of a fixed generator for the Municipal Office;
- Authorization to purchase a packer for the Ward 1 Grader with expenditure to come from equipment reserves (estimated at \$25,000.00);
- Budget a \$30.00 per month cell data plan allowance for the Mayor (commencing July 2013);
- Budget \$3,200.00 to purchase a riding lawn mower or contract services to accommodate mowing at the Cordukes/Weber 12-sided Barn;
- No allowance for a donation to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine;
- No allowance for a donation to the Health Sciences Foundation; and
- Thessalon First Nation Fire Agreement fee will remain unchanged, pending recommendation of Fire Chief Medve.

Street lighting was briefly discussed and parked to later in the meeting.

Mayor Reeves requested that Council consider a transfer to reserves for Veterans Bridge. This was parked for later discussion.

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On a query regarding the 2012 surplus, Treasurer Leach explained that the \$74,000.00 surplus is built into the draft budget.

Items considered and agreed to from the "2013 Budget Saving Considerations" Summary were as follows:

- Remove computer server purchase in 2013. Obtain resolution of Council for purchase in 2014 prior to expiry of server warranty in April;
- Remove replacement of carpeting on second floor of Municipal Office. Staff to investigate possibility of stretching carpet where lifted;
- Budget structural inspections of Arena and Sowerby Hall only and move cost for inspections of other buildings to 2014 budget deliberations;
- Reduce transfer to reserve for future addition of one bay to Fire Station 2 to \$10,000.00;
- Reduce allotment towards the installation of a fixed generator for Fire Station 2 to \$5,000.00;
- Transfer from reserves expense to hire new public works superintendent prior to retirement of current public works superintendent. Council deliberated appropriate overlap of the two positions to allow for training. This is yet to be determined;
- Remove from budget surface treatment of Wards 1 and 3 Parking Lots;
- Council deliberated the street light capital and parked the matter to later in the meeting. Council agreed to the need for a 5-year street lighting plan;
- No allowance for donation to Algoma Manor fitness facility;
- No allowance for septic system re-inspection survey this season. Council concurred that a committee should be struck to investigate and make recommendations as to the lakes to be surveyed in the future;
- Reduce transfer to recreation reserves to \$11,300.00, to be divided among following: Huron Shores Ward 4 Recreation Centre (\$2,000.00); Iron Bridge Arena (\$2,000.00); Huron Shores Historical Museum (\$2,000.00); Sowerby Hall (\$3,300.00); and Thessalon Twp. Recreation Centre (\$2,000.00);
- Reduce transfer to partnership reserve to 25,616.00;
- Reduce donation to Thessalon Library from \$7,500.00 requested to \$5,500.00, as previously provided;
- Reduce donation to Town of Thessalon for the Thessalon Arena from \$15,000.00 requested to \$10,000.00, as previously provided;
- Allow for donation of \$4,000.00 to Iron Bridge Lions Club;
- No allowance for donation to Thessalon Curling Club;
- Allow for donation of \$1,000.00 to Thessalon Food Bank;
- Reduce transfer to reserve for roads equipment to \$90,000.00;
- Council resolved to complete the Sherwood Road street lighting installation this year and to transfer from roads reserves to conduct the Dominion Park Drive installation should groundwork be possible in 2013.

Mayor Reeves reminded Council that every \$28,000.00 added to or deducted from the levy would result in an increase/decrease of approximately 1% to the tax rate.

Council resolved to include a \$2,000.00 transfer to Veterans Bridge reserve.

Treasurer Leach explained the overall impact to the taxpayers respecting the levy being proposed by Council.

No further items were brought forward by Council.

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Mayor Reeves thanked Treasurer Leach and Councillors Campbell and Linley of the Finance Committee for their work. Assistant Treasurer Kevin Philipow was also recognized.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**13-13-01** BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 8:45 p.m.  
*D. Kirby* CARRIED.  
*J. Armstrong*

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CLERK