

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES
July 2nd, 2014 (14-16)

The special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, July 2nd, 2014, 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: Will Samis; Anastasia Hoff; John Hoff; Brishen Hoff, Dennis Kirby, Connie Miller; Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli.

Mayor Reeves reported that the purpose for calling this special meeting of Council was to address the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee struck to review the historical documents pertaining to By-law No. 206, closing the road running through Section 17 east and west and through part of the NE¼ Section 18 and Section 7, Township of Thompson.

AGENDA REVIEW

Council authorized the addition of delegate Brishen Hoff to speak to the access over his property.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

Will Samis appeared before Council (also acting as agent for Kirk and Hilary Reed; and Dennis Kirby with whom he has a business relationship) to provide his opinion respecting the status of the road to the old Tait Farm, being the NE¼ Section 7, Thompson Township.

Mr. Samis identified the historical and current owners of the pertinent properties by way of a hand drawing. He briefly outlined historical information and economic activity of Dean Lake at the time. Mr. Samis reported that he interviewed about a dozen people and developed a community memory. Mr. Samis outlined critical points supporting his theory and reported that it is the opinion of his solicitor that the Municipality has a duty to keep the road open.

Mr. Samis answered queries of Council respecting the southerly access and the length of his tenancy of the 100-acre field.

Brishen Hoff appeared before Council to provide his opinion respecting the access. Mr. Hoff reported that he sought the opinion of his solicitor and was advised that there is neither a municipal road nor easement through his land. He advised that he wishes to consult with his solicitor again with all the documentation he has been given at the meeting this evening. Mr. Hoff stated that his current position is that the access is his private driveway and that there is no evidence to contradict that.

Mr. Hoff answered queries of Council respecting his historical understanding of the access and configuration of his property.

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5. Discussion/Motion: to approve recommendation from ad hoc committee re: former road between Woods Side Road and Chevis Road

Mayor Reeves reported that the sole purpose of the meeting this evening is to discuss an access matter regarding the property depicted on the map and that Council has heard from two property owners who have different opinions with respect to the status of the road.

Mayor Reeves reported that the Ad Hoc Committee met earlier today upon receiving solicitor advice and sought a number of hypotheses, courses open, etc. Mayor Reeves then read the notice of motion and recommendation of the Ad Hoc committee. Council discussed the following: potential of landlocked property; 5% reserve for roads; seeking any documentation that might prove it to be a municipal road; gravel application for 2007 Retriever Trials; suggestions for a resolve by the property owners. Mayor Reeves outlined options to resolve the matter. Council discussed the *Road Access Act*.

14-16-01 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives
D. Wedgwood the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee established
E. Eldner to review the matter of access through portions of
Sections 7, 17 and 18, Thompson Township.
CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

14-16-02 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 7:46 p.m.
E.W. Linley CARRIED.
J. Armstrong

MAYOR

CLERK