

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES
January 28th, 2015 (15-02)

The regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, January 28th, 2015, 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, Debora Kirby, Blair MacKinnon, Darlene Walsh and Dale Wedgwood.

REGRETS: Councillor Nancy Jones-Scissons

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli; Administrative Assistant Carla Slomke

AGENDA REVIEW

None.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Wedgwood with respect to the Hughes Supply account.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

15-02-01 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the minutes of the
J. Armstrong Regular Meeting of Council held Wednesday, January 14th,
D. Kirby 2015, as circulated. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

15-02-02 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the
D. Kirby **General Accounts**, excluding items of Pecuniary Interest,
J. Armstrong for the period from January 15th to January 28th, 2015, in
the amount of **\$142,441.60**. CARRIED.

15-02-03 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the
J. Armstrong **Hughes Supply** account in the amount of **\$93.57**.
D. Kirby CARRIED.
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: D. Wedgwood.

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Council Reports

Councillor Bilodeau provided Council with a report outlining his and Councillor Wedgwood's attendance at the **Algoma Soil and Crop Improvement Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM)** held in Bruce Station, January 21/15. He also spoke to a meeting held after the AGM.

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Mayor Reeves reported that as per Resolution No. 14-28-24, he, Councillor Wedgwood and Clerk Tonelli met with Mr. and Mrs. Norris on January 15/15 to discuss Mrs. Norris's letter regarding the **Mississagi River Flood Plain**.

Staff Reports

Public Works Report:

Superintendent Hadikin's report dated January 27th, 2015, was provided to Council. His report provided updates with respect to the following: quotes received for the purchase of new seasonal load restriction signage; response to correspondence from Midway Lumber re: Sherwood Road maintenance and winter road conditions (Item 9-3); planned spring ditching on Watson Road; and Unit #8 Plow Truck maintenance issues.

Planning Report:

Deputy Clerk Eagleson provided Council with copies of previous staff reports with respect to the process to stop up and close the **unopened Hazel Road allowance** as well as establishment of the land value for disposition of portions of dedicated road allowances. This information is to provide context for councillors in order to consider sale values with respect to the portions of Roe Avenue that are to be sold and sale of any future surplus lands.

Clerk's Report:

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli spoke to the Board Governance Workshop she and Councillors Walsh and Jones-Scissons attended. Mrs. Tonelli will provide all of Council with a copy of the power point presentation. She also advised of upcoming events being hosted by the Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition.

GENERAL BUSINESS

8-1. By-law: Agreement with Bell for Effective Locate Protocol

15-02-04
J. Armstrong
D. Kirby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #15-03** being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to enter into an Agreement with **Bell Canada with respect to implementing an effective locate protocol** was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 28th day of January, 2015. CARRIED.

8-2. Proposed By-law Amendment to Fire Protection Service Agreement with Thessalon First Nation (Deferred from January 14/15)

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli provided information with respect to the option discussed at the previous meeting of Council. Council deliberated the issues and directed the Clerk to include a 3% increase/year in the draft agreement.

15-02-05
J. Armstrong
D. Kirby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes staff to provide to the **Thessalon First Nation**, for review, the draft amended **Fire Protection Service Agreement** with the Municipality. CARRIED.

8-3. Authorize Council remuneration review

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli was directed to include the 2007 and 2014 surveys with the next Council package. Council discussed various issues of concern.

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15-02-06

J. Armstrong
B. MacKinnon

WHEREAS Huron Shores has not changed Head of Council remuneration since January 2001 and has neither reviewed, nor changed, councillor remuneration since January 2007;

AND WHEREAS a 2007 council remuneration survey of similar sized municipalities and a 2014 survey of neighbouring municipalities is available for comparison purposes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Finance and Audit Commissioners to review the data recently made available, and provide a recommendation regarding **council remuneration** for consideration at the February 11, 2015 meeting of Council. CARRIED.

8-4. Commence internal/external position postings in preparation for the retirement of the Receptionist/Accounting Assistant
Council deliberated a number of items relative to the matter.

15-02-07

B. MacKinnon
G. Bilodeau

WHEREAS Council acknowledged, via Resolution #14-26-26, receipt of correspondence from Terry Lou Allen advising of her intention to retire from the position of Receptionist/Accounting Assistant effective June 27th, 2015;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Clerk/Administrator to **commence internal/external position postings**, as per the Human Resources Policy B 2.02, in preparation for the noted retirement of the **Receptionist/Accounting Assistant** CARRIED.

8-5. Authorize staff to request a scope change respecting the Kirby/Tulloch Bridge replacements MIII funding

15-02-08

J. Armstrong
B. MacKinnon

WHEREAS the Kirby and Tulloch Twin Bridge Replacements Project received funding through the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) Program;

AND WHEREAS the project is approximately \$51,000.00 underspent due to ineligible engineering fees incurred prior to award of the project;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interest to apply surface treatment from the existing surface treatment from just west of and over the new culverts installed in accordance with the MIII project up to the next road intersection;

AND WHEREAS the amount underspent, which includes the Municipality's share, will cover the associated costs for the noted surface treatment application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes a request to the **Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs** to change the scope of the **MIII CP-00245 Kirby and Tulloch Twin Bridge Replacement Project**, to reduce the engineering budget and increase the construction budget, to allow for the application of approximately 1.5 km of surface treatment in the location of the project to utilize all of the funding allocated under the program. CARRIED.

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8-6. Authorize staff to commence Stop Up and Close Procedures for a portion of Roe Avenue between 14ft. strip (area of By-law 14-59) and the travelled Sunset Beach Road

15-02-09

J. Armstrong
D. Walsh

WHEREAS Plan M-226, being a Plan of Subdivision registered in 1961, laid out lands dedicated to the Municipality to be used for public highways identified as Hazel Road and Roe Avenue;
AND WHEREAS a portion of Roe Avenue was the access to Hazel Road;
AND WHEREAS Council has given first and second readings to By-law #14-42 and #14-59 being By-laws to stop up and close the road allowance dedicated for public highway as Hazel Road and a portion of Roe Avenue in Plan M-226;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes staff to commence proceedings to **Stop Up and Close the portion of Roe Avenue** fronting and easterly of the South Pt Lot 1 Plan M-226; Part 2 AR-2239; and the 14 ft. portion of Roe Avenue subject of By-law #14-59; to west limit of the road commonly known as Sunset Beach Road, in order that said lands can be made available for transfer to adjacent landowners;
AND THAT the costs will include but not necessarily be limited to, the fees proportionate, for survey and legal transfer of the said parts of Roe Avenue, which shall ultimately be borne by the recipients of the said parcels created. CARRIED.

8-7. By-law: to amend sale of land by-law (2nd & 3rd Reading)

15-02-10

D. Wedgwood
B. MacKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #15-01** being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to establish procedures of Council with respect to the **sale of real property owned by the Municipality** was read a second and third time and passed in open Council this 28th day of January, 2015;
AND THAT By-law #09-50 is hereby rescinded. CARRIED.

8-8. Authorize investigation re: hosting the Stewardship Youth Ranger Program

Council discussed the responsibilities involved in hosting this program.

15-02-DEFEATED

B. MacKinnon
D. Wedgwood

WHEREAS the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) have contacted the Municipality with respect to hosting its 2015 Stewardship Youth Ranger Program;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes staff to investigate the feasibility of the Municipality hosting the MNRF's **2015 Stewardship Youth Ranger Program** and report findings for Council consideration at the February 11th, 2015 Regular Meeting. DEFEATED.

8-9. Receive the Minutes of the Iron Bridge Recreation Committee, December 15/14

15-02-11

D. Wedgwood
G. Bilodeau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Minutes of the **Iron Bridge Recreation Committee** meeting held December 15th, 2014. CARRIED.

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION

9-1. Tulloch Engineering – Iron Bridge Sidewalk Beautification Concept Design & quotation to complete a detailed design cost estimate (Forwarded from January 14/15)

15-02-12 WHEREAS Council received the Huron Shores Economic
D. Wedgwood Development Strategic Plan in June 2012;
G. Bilodeau AND WHEREAS a recommendation in said plan was to implement a Community Improvement Plan for Iron Bridge, one element being sidewalk beautification along the Highway 17 corridor;
AND WHEREAS the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) recommended, and Council authorized, the hiring of **Tulloch Engineering Inc.** to draft a design plan and estimate for the above-noted highway corridor improvement;
AND WHEREAS Chris Kirby of Tulloch Engineering Inc., in e-mail correspondence dated November 27th, 2014, has provided a detailed design cost estimate and the EDAC, following review, has recommended that potential funding sources be explored in order to proceed with the Detailed Design Plan for the Iron Bridge Walkway and Storm Sewer Improvements;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes staff, as recommended by the EDAC, to investigate funding sources in order to proceed with the **Detailed Design Plan for the Iron Bridge Walkway and Storm Sewer Improvements.** CARRIED.

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli reported on a follow-up e-mail from Chris Kirby of Tulloch Engineering advising of the planned MTO improvements and timeline necessities should Council wish to incorporate this project with those improvements.

9-2. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – Invitation to 2015 FONOM/MMAH Northeastern Municipal Conference, May 6-8/15, Sudbury

15-02-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Councillors
D. Wedgwood Walsh, Jones-Scissons and Mayor Reeves to attend the
G. Bilodeau **FONOM/MMAH Northeastern Municipal Conference** to be held from May 6th-8th, 2015, in Sudbury;
AND THAT it cover all associated expenses. CARRIED.

9-3. Midway Lumber Mills Ltd. – Concerns re: Road conditions on Sherwood Rd.

Mayor Reeves spoke to Superintendent Hadikin's report with respect to this matter.

9-4. Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNR) – Invitation to Join the Sault Ste. Marie District Elk Advisory Committee

Mayor Reeves spoke to Councillor Wedgwood's role in stimulating the Ministry to take action with respect to area elk concerns. Councillor Wedgwood spoke to the efforts of the Elk Concerns Sub-Committee. Councillor Bilodeau spoke to the elk status survey provided by the MNR. He also reported that a letter advising of the MNR committee was sent to

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all sub-committee members and that the list of sub-committee members was forwarded to MNRF.

15-02-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Councillor Dale
B. MacKinnon Wedgwood to sit as the Municipality of Huron Shores
J. Armstrong representative on the new **Sault Ste. Marie District Elk
Advisory Committee** established by the Ministry of
Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF). CARRIED.

9-5. MNRF – Invitation to Bid re: McCreight’s Dam Ontario Ranger Camp Clerk/Administrator Tonelli reported that the Municipality currently does not receive a payment-in-lieu for this property. Potential taxation concerns will be discussed in closed session.

9-6. Blind River & District Chamber of Commerce – What Should be in the 2015 Ontario Budget? (2015 Pre-Budget Survey), Survey Closes February 13/15

9-7. Biomass Innovation Centre, Nipissing University - Northern Ontario Bioeconomy Strategy: Seeking Community Information, Survey Closes February 6/15

15-02-15 WHEREAS e-mail correspondence from Francis Gallo of
D. Wedgwood Nipissing University, dated January 19, 2015, advises that
D. Walsh the Biomass Innovation Centre and the Union of Ontario
Indians have partnered to develop a **Northern Ontario
Bioeconomy Strategy** to explore economic opportunities
and innovations to participate in the new forest
bioeconomy;
AND WHEREAS said correspondence offers this
municipality the possibility of participation in development
of a Bioeconomy Strategy;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council
authorizes staff to complete the survey provided through
Nipissing University, to learn about this Municipality’s
strategic direction and to assist with identifying available
opportunities, potential barriers and possible most suitable
locations for future biomass-related projects and
initiatives;
AND THAT Council authorizes the attendance of Councillor
Bilodeau and Wedgwood at the Community Seminar
proposed by this group to be held in Sault Ste. Marie on
February 27, 2015;
AND THAT it cover all associated expenses for attendance
at same. CARRIED.

9-8. Blind River & District Chamber of Commerce – Business Community & Economic Development Symposium on Workforce Challenges & Opportunities, February 2-3/15, Elliot Lake

15-02-16 WHEREAS the Municipality received an invitation to attend the
D. Walsh “**Business Community and Economic Development
Symposium on Workforce Challenges and Opportunities**”,
D. Wedgwood sponsored by ELNOS, Algoma Workforce Investment
Committee, the Province of Ontario and Elliot Lake Centre for
Development;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes
Councillor Bilodeau to attend the said symposium to be held

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15-02-16 – cont. February 2nd and 3rd, 2015 at the White Mountain Academy in Elliot Lake;
AND THAT it covers all associated expenses to attend.

CARRIED.

9-9. Coalition for Algoma Passenger Trains (CAPT) – Request support for next stage of the process to keep ACR passenger train
Councillor Bilodeau spoke to this issue.

15-02-17
G. Bilodeau
G. Campbell

WHEREAS, the Algoma Central Railway (ACR) Passenger Service provides a significant return on Transport Canada's investment of \$2.2 million, which generates between \$38 million and \$48 million in annual economic benefits for the region;

AND WHEREAS, the total economic impact of the ACR Passenger Service includes tax revenue which accrues to all levels of Government estimated at between \$5.1 million and \$6.4 million, as well as generating employment opportunities estimated at approximately 170 to 220 jobs;
AND WHEREAS the discontinuation of the ACR Passenger Service will result in a loss of the economic benefits, tax revenue and jobs noted and an additional one-time economic impact on the values of properties located on, or in close proximity to the rail line, in an amount ranging between \$60 million and \$67 million;

AND WHEREAS discontinuation of the passenger service will result in businesses, communities and residents being unable to access their properties, homes and cottages via public thoroughfares;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada Minister Raitt stated on April 14, 2014, that: "The government is pleased to extend funding for another year to continue operation of ACR's passenger rail service between Sault Ste. Marie and Hearst. This funding will give local stakeholders time to explore long-term solutions for passenger rail service in the area.";

AND WHEREAS, there has been a productive and collaborative effort of all affected stakeholders, including municipalities, First Nations, passengers, property owners, tourist operators and CN to develop a thoughtful, sustainable long-term solution for the ACR Passenger Service;

AND WHEREAS, affected Members of Parliament have been kept fully informed throughout this process, and their co-operation and positive engagement with the Working Group to-date have been greatly appreciated;

AND WHEREAS, after an Expression of Interest and Request for Proposals, a qualified third party operator has signed a letter of intent with CN to operate the ACR Service, on a self-sustaining basis after five years;

AND WHEREAS there is currently a request by the stakeholders and third party operator that the Government of Canada enter into a five-year, \$7-million contribution agreement (maximum) similar in design and structure to the annual contribution agreement Transport Canada has had with CN;

AND WHEREAS said five-year contribution agreement includes a 45% net subsidy reduction for the agreement

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15-02-17 – cont. period and more importantly fully terminates at the conclusion of the agreement.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores supports this request that the **Government of Canada** urgently provide funding toward the **Algoma Central Railway Passenger Service** initiative;
AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded, as per the request of the Coalition for Algoma Passenger Trains (CAPT), to the Hon. Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport Canada and ministerial staff; the Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister for FedNor and staff; Bryan Hayes, MP Sault Ste. Marie; Carole Hughes, MP Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing; and CAPT. CARRIED.

9-10. Association of Municipal Clerk-Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) – Request AODA 10th Anniversary Success Stories

9-11. Algoma Public Health (APH) – Request Review of Municipal Official Plan

15-02-18 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes participation in the **Official Plan Review** financed through the Healthy Communities Project, as per the invitation received from **Algoma Public Health** in e-mail correspondence dated January 20th, 2015;
G. Bilodeau
G. Campbell AND THAT staff forward the Municipality's Official Plan as well as any other pertinent documents to Algoma Public Health for said review. CARRIED.

9-12. D. Lemelin, National President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) – Request for Support to Save Canada Post

9-13. Canadian Civil Liberties Assn. (CCLA) et al. – Request support re: Bill 52, the *Protection of Public Participation Act*

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION

10-1. Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Natural Resources Canada & FedNor – Response to Council Support of Union Gas re: TransCanada Pipeline (TCPL) Energy East Oil Pipeline Concerns (Res. #14-26-23, Nov. 26/14)

10-2. Sault Area Hospital Fdn. – Heart of Gold Gala & Auction, March 28/15, Sault Ste. Marie

10-3. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – Invitation to Ontario Forest Industries Assn (OFIA) Annual Meeting, February 25/15, Toronto

10-4. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – Do Lower Gas Prices Mean Lower Federal Gas Tax Fund Payments?, January 14/15

10-5. AMO Watch File, January 15/15

10-6. City of Pembroke – Copy of Correspondence to Premier Wynne re: OPP Billing Model, January 13/15

15-02-19 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to forward to the **City of Pembroke** Council Resolution #14-11-25 advising of Huron Shores' support for the motion from the **'Under 5,000 Population' Municipalities** requesting that the Province of Ontario require property owners in the
G. Campbell
G. Bilodeau

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15-02-19 – cont. unincorporated areas to pay their fair share for policing, social services and other emergency services. CARRIED.

Council briefly discussed correspondence received from the Province with respect to the potential taxing of unincorporated areas.

10-7. Hon. Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing (MMAH) – Requirements for the 2014 Municipal Performance Measurement Program (MPMP)

10-8. Coalition for Algoma Passenger Trains (CAPT) – Great News: 3rd party operator signs a contract with CN, January 13/15

10-9a. AMO – AMO’s 2015 Pre-Budget Submission Outline, January 6/15

10-9b. AMO – 2015 Pre-Budget Submission, January 22/15

10-10. AMO Watch File, January 22/15

10-11. C. Slomke & Family – Card of Thanks

CLOSED SESSION

15-02-20 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceeds in Camera at 8:11 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:
G. Campbell
G. Bilodeau

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- the subject matter relates to the consideration of a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act if the council, board, commission or other body is the head of an institution for the purposes of that Act.

CARRIED.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

15-02-21 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council returns to open session at 8:28 p.m. CARRIED.
G. Campbell
G. Bilodeau

9-5. MNRF – Invitation to Bid re: McCreight’s Dam Ontario Ranger Camp

15-02-22 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Mayor Reeves to author a letter to Wayne Fiset, District Manager, MNRF, stating Council’s objections and concerns to the sale of **McCreight’s Dam Ontario Ranger Camp**. CARRIED.
J. Armstrong
D. Kirby

15-02-23 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Reeves, representing the Head of the **Municipal Freedom and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)** for the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores respond to the MFIPPA request from D.G.S. Investigations Inc. dated January 14, 2015. CARRIED.
D. Kirby
J. Armstrong

CONFIRMING BY-LAW #15-04

15-02-24 BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #15-04**, being a By-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to **Adopt the Minutes** of the Council Meeting held on
G. Campbell
G. Bilodeau

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15-02-24 – cont. Wednesday, January 28th, 2015, and authorizing the taking of any action authorized therein and thereby, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 28th day of January, 2015. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

15-02-25 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 8:31 p.m.
G. Campbell CARRIED.
G. Bilodeau

MAYOR

CLERK