

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES**  
**June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (15-15)**

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The special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 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, Nancy Jones-Scissons, Debora Kirby, Blair MacKinnon, Darlene Walsh and Dale Wedgwood.

**REGRETS:** None

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

**AGENDA REVIEW**

No changes.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

4 (a) Appoint Danielle Gagnon to the Huron Shores Fire Dept. Stn. 2

**15-15-01** BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints **Danielle**  
*N. Jones-Scissons* **Gagnon** to the Huron Shores Fire Department, Station  
*B. MacKinnon* 2, subject to medical approval. CARRIED.

4 (b) Appoint Gerald Daub to the Huron Shores Fire Dept. Stn. 2

**15-15-02** BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints **Gerald Daub** to  
*B. MacKinnon* the Huron Shores Fire Department, Station 2, subject to  
*N. Jones-Scissons* medical approval. CARRIED.

4 (c) Authorize Brett Cooke to join the Huron Shores Fire Department for the period from June 17/15 to September 7/15 under the same terms and conditions as the Junior Firefighter Program

**15-15-03** WHEREAS a student is interested in gaining exposure to  
*N. Jones-Scissons* fire fighter training and equipment in preparation for a  
*B. MacKinnon* college program;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes **Brett Cooke** to attend the practices and training of the Huron Shores Fire Department, under the same terms and conditions as the Junior Firefighter Program, for the period from June 17<sup>th</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. CARRIED.

4 (d) Accept the late submission of the Harris Creek Road Association Roads Donation Application

**15-15-04** WHEREAS the Harris Creek Road Association Roads  
*B. MacKinnon* Donation Application Form has been received following the  
*D. Walsh* May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 deadline;  
AND WHEREAS the donation is included in the 2015 Proposed Budget;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes late receipt of the 2015 application form and

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**15-15-04 – cont.** donation to the **Harris Creek Road Association**;  
AND THAT said Committee be advised that no further late  
submission allowances will be granted and subsequent  
applications must be received by the established annual  
submission deadline. CARRIED.

4 (e) 2015 Municipal Budget Review

Mayor Reeves explained how the interim and final tax billings are calculated.

Mayor Reeves reported the increases to the 2015 requisitions and reduction in the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) as follows:

Ontario Provincial Police:	\$52,900.00
Land Ambulance:	\$12,400.00
Algoma Public Health:	\$2,400.00
OMPF Reduction:	\$11,100.00
TOTAL	\$78,800.00

He reported that, based on the fact that \$28,000.00 represents a 1% increase to the municipal levy, the above-noted requisitions and OMPF reduction are causing an increase of over 2% to the municipal levy.

Mayor Reeves reported that following the initial meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee, Departments reviewed their budgets for further reductions and use of reserves, resulting in a budget reduction of \$2,920,000.00, and a levy of \$2,848,896.00. The goal this evening is to further reduce the amount needed from taxation to no more than \$2,600,000.00, which would result in a tax rate decrease of 1.58%.

Council reviewed recommendations from the Audit and Finance Committee, addressed other items, and amended the budget as follows:

- Fire Department remuneration increase reduced to 2%;
- Back-up generator for Fire Department administration building to be removed from 2015 budget and reconsidered in 2016;
- Removed increase to the Fire Department Professional and Social Development Fund;
- Transfer to Fire Department reserve reduced to \$82,000.00;
- Fire Station 2 renovation removed from 2015 budget to be reconsidered in 2016;
- Gravel royalties will not be transferred to reserve this year;
- Transfer to Road Equipment reserve reduced to \$80,000;
- Draw from roads reserves to complete the Street Light project;
- Draw \$21,268.00 from Waste Closure Reserve for the Ward 2 well installations, sampling and reporting;
- Draw \$7,700.00 from Ward 1 Recreation Reserve to fund the dug-outs;
- Draw \$12,000.00 from the 12-sided barn reserve to fund the barn addition and display boards;
- Museum Capital costs of \$14,843.00 all to be drawn from reserves;
- Invoice of \$8,000.00 from the Thessalon Library Board was addressed. As there is no agreement as yet, a contribution of \$6,000.00 will remain as budgeted;
- Reduce consultant fees for structural inspections from \$15,820.00 to \$7,500.00;
- Savings realized under student wages in the amount of \$2,400.00 will be applied to Municipal Office building maintenance;
- The Jerome Pit project to crush, haul and place gravel will be delayed to later in the Fall to realize a savings of \$12,000.00;

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- Council will seek a proposal from the Huron Shores Library Board prior to consideration of having the Library open an additional 8 hours per week;
- Huron Shores Library Board Capital was reduced to \$6,000.00 to be expended as they deem fit;
- Councillor Walsh queried all phone expenses. Treasurer Leach explained. \$400.00 has been budgeted to install a land line and phone at Ward 4 Recreation Centre. Staff to further research all phone expenses;
- A budget was approved to allow for the hiring of a maintenance employee at a maximum of 24 hours/week. A job description, wage scale and transportation requirements must be determined prior to posting the position;
- Draw from Ward 2 recreation and community centre reserve for lawn mower;
- On a query from Councillor Walsh, the Roads Municipal Drainage Notes will be amended to change the word "salary" to "contract fees";
- Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to keep the donation to the Town of Thessalon for the Arena at \$10,000.00;
- Council discussed requiring Council packages to be sent electronically. Staff will send via email prior to looking into software packages.
- On a query from Councillor Armstrong who reported that the Iron Bridge Recreation Centre had budgeted to draw most of its expenditures from reserves, Council agreed that once Treasury has determined the reduction based on the decisions made this evening, that any difference between that number and the desired levy of \$2,600,000.00 be applied to reduce the transfer from Arena Reserve.

**15-15-05**  
*B. MacKinnon*  
*D. Walsh*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Municipal Treasurer to make the necessary **adjustments to the proposed 2015 Municipal Budget** as per the Minutes of the Special Meeting held this date, Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015;

AND THAT the adjusted 2015 Municipal Budget be presented to Council for final approval at the June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Regular Meeting. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**15-15-06**  
*N. Jones-Scissons*  
*B. MacKinnon*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 9:45 p.m. CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CLERK