

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES
June 15th, 2016 (16-18)

The special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, June 15th, 2016, and called to order by Mayor Gil Reeves at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Gil Reeves; Councillors Jane Armstrong, Gord Campbell, Nancy Jones-Scissons, Debora Kirby, Blair MacKinnon, Leo Persia, Darlene Walsh and Dale Wedgwood.

REGRETS: None.

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

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes or additions.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

- 4a. Little Rapids Recreation Complex Committee – Request inclusion of rink proposal re: fundraising, activities & budgeting

Councillor MacKinnon voiced his support respecting the request. On a query from Councillor Walsh regarding the commencement timeframe, Mayor Reeves explained that all committees would have to be considered in any review to establish a fundraising revenue policy, while, at the same time, addressing Council's obligation to its ratepayers, and that the timing would be established with the policy.

16-18-01

N. Jones-Scissons
B. MacKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to prepare a **Recommendation Report** respecting request #2, contained in the letter dated June 10, 2016, from the **Little Rapids Recreation Complex Committee**, being a request for Council to consider authorizing 60% of all fundraising to be applied to Committee goals and projects and 40% to be applied to building maintenance and capital;

AND THAT said report be included on the September 14, 2016 Council Agenda. CARRIED.

- 4b. Municipal Budget Review 2016

Mayor Reeves thanked staff for providing the package of material in order to conduct the budget review. Mayor Reeves provided an overview of the levy calculation and reported the recommendation of the Audit and Finance Committee. He reported that the recommended levy will result in a tax increase for all properties in Huron Shores.

Mayor Reeves reported the approximate requisition increases between 2015 to 2016 for the following:

OPP:	\$78,000.00
Social Services:	\$4,000.00
Land Ambulance:	\$5,000.00
Algoma Public Health:	\$3,000.00

representing a \$90,000.00 increase to the budget to which Council has no control.

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Mayor Reeves reported other notable expenses in this year's budget. He advised that reserves will be drawn down by approximately \$1,000,000.00 with only \$400,000.00 to be transferred back.

Treasury assistant Kevin Philipow provided Council with the proposed list of capital expenditures and outlined the spreadsheets previously provided, being the proposed budget, summary of grants to others, tax rate summary, assessment summary, and the frequency distribution of tax impact by property.

Council reviewed the proposed grants to others and agreed to changes recommended, with the exception of discussions surrounding the donation to the Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition. This item will be addressed in a separate motion at the June 22nd Meeting of Council. It was decided that the donation towards the Northern Cancer Foundation PET Scanner would commence in 2017.

The hours per week paid to the fire prevention officer was discussed and Council supported the recommendations of the Audit and Finance Committee in maintaining the position at 35 hours per week. At the request of Mayor Reeves, Council supported an increase to the Fire Chief's annual honorarium to \$5,000.00 per year.

At the recommendation of the Audit and Finance Committee, Council supported budgeting the following as the top three items on the list of needs of the Little Rapids Recreation Complex Committee: players benches (dug-outs); Hall shingles; Gazebo electrical upgrades.

Mayor Reeves requested that the Councillors appointed to each of the Committees assist with maintaining the Committee's priority capital needs list and timely budget submissions. It was agreed that a financial workshop be held with the Committee members later this year. A letter will be sent to all Committees outlining a new schedule for budget submissions into 2017 and beyond. Discussion ensued regarding the need for business plans and lifecycle costing for any new infrastructure proposed. These requirements and training to complete them will be part of the financial workshop. A brief discussion was held regarding the difficulty of committees to include building maintenance and capital needs with their budgets. This matter will also be addressed with the training. It was agreed that Council must do whatever it can do assist the Committees in the budgeting processes.

The Iron Bridge Recreation Centre budget request was discussed. It is understood that various items in the request are dependent on financial funding from other levels of government and will not happen without the external funding. There is no impact on the budget as the municipal funding for the items will come from reserves.

Councillor Jones-Scissons voiced concern about complaints received respecting high taxes. She also noted the grant funding for the Huron Shores Ward 4 Recreation Centre and although appreciates the grant, has received complaints respecting the location of the facility.

On a query from Councillor MacKinnon, Clerk/Administrator Tonelli reported that this is the final year of the 3-year wage negotiation agreement. On a query from Councillor Armstrong, Mayor Reeves noted that the budget identifies the hiring of a building maintenance position by October 1st of this year.

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Councillor Kirby confirmed the budget allowance of \$15,000.00 for a new ramp for the Library.

Council reviewed the changes made to the proposed budget this evening.

Councillor Campbell discussed the drawdown of reserves and need to replenish them.

Mayor Reeves advised Council of the additional aggregate placed on Ward 4 Roads from the Jerome Pit contract with Gilbertson and the need to increase that line item.

16-18-02 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Municipal
N. Jones-Scissons Treasurer to make the necessary **adjustments to the**
D. Walsh **proposed 2016 Municipal Budget** as per the Minutes
of the Special Meeting held this date, Wednesday, June
15th, 2016;
AND THAT the adjusted 2016 Municipal Budget be
presented to Council for final approval at the June 22nd
2016 Regular Meeting. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

16-18-03 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 8:38 p.m.
J. Armstrong CARRIED.
D. Kirby

MAYOR

CLERK