

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES
March 22nd, 2017 (17-06)

The regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017, and called to order by Mayor Gil Reeves at 7:00 p.m.

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

REGRETS: Councillor Gord Campbell

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli advised that General Business Item 8d-1, to call the 2017 gravel tender has been deferred to April 12/17 meeting.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Armstrong with respect to the Armstrong Enterprises account and General Business Item 8d-2.

Councillor Wedgwood with respect to the Hughes Supply account.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

17-06-01 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the minutes of the
D. Walsh Regular Meeting of Council held Wednesday, March 8th,
L. Persia 2017, as circulated. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

17-06-02 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the
L. Persia **General Accounts**, excluding items of Pecuniary Interest,
D. Walsh for the period from March 9th to March 22nd, 2017, in the
amount of **\$346,000.39**. CARRIED.

17-06-03 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of
D. Walsh **Armstrong Enterprises** account in the amount of
L. Persia **\$855.00**. CARRIED.
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: J. Armstrong.

17-06-04 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the
L. Persia **Hughes Supply** account in the amount of **\$25.93**.
D. Walsh CARRIED.
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: D. Wedgwood.

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Council Reports:

Councillor Walsh spoke to her attendance at the **Thessalon Town & Twp. Cemetery Board** meeting on March 9/17.

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She advised that the 2017 budget has been drafted and the Municipality should receive a request for a contribution of \$11,500.00 from the Town of Thessalon shortly. This contribution request is more than in previous years as the Cemetery Board has agreed that all of Huron Shores would qualify for the resident rate, not just the residents of the former Twp. of Thessalon (Ward 1).

Councillor Wedgwood advised that his written report re: his attendance at the **2017 OGRA Conference** is in the works. He spoke to his attendance at the Small Town Forum during the Conference, the effect on municipalities with respect to amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act* and Bill 68, noting the update from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) included as Item 10-5 on the Agenda.

He also briefly spoke to the recycling bins at the Ward 3 landfill site, advising that they were not full when he attended the site.

Councillor Jones-Scissons spoke to her attendance at both the **Huron North (West) Physician Recruitment and Retention** and the **Huron North East Professional Recruitment and Retention Committees**. She briefly spoke to the budget discussions.

Mayor Reeves spoke to his attendance at a **90th Birthday** celebration for Pat Beemer at the Iron Bridge Lions Club on March 18/17 in order to present a certificate on behalf of the Municipality.

Staff Reports

Clerk's Department:

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli provided a report to Council pertaining to the following: General Business Item 8d-4; an update on the Healthy Kids Community Challenge Theme II "Water Does Wonders"; and a request for direction re: implementing alternative voting methods for the 2018 municipal election as the by-law must be in place by May 1/17.

GENERAL BUSINESS

8a. Planning Act Matters
None.

8b. By-laws
None.

8c. Minutes - Boards and Committees

8c-1. Iron Bridge Historical Museum Committee, January 9/17

8c-2. Huron Shores Public Library Board, February 7/17

17-06-05

B. MacKinnon

N. Jones-Scissons

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council **receives the Minutes** of the following municipal committees/boards:

- Iron Bridge Historical Museum Committee meeting, January 9th, 2017; and
- Huron Shores Public Library Board meeting, February 7th, 2017. CARRIED.

Minutes - Member organizations
None.

8d. Motions

8d-1. Motion: to call Tenders for spring gravel refurbish for various roads
Deferred.

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8d-2. Authorize payment to Armstrong Enterprises re: Top soil for Community Gardens
Councillor Armstrong declared a pecuniary interest.

17-06-06 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes payment in the amount of \$1,525.50 including applicable taxes to
B. MacKinnon **Armstrong Enterprises** for supply of **top soil for the Community Gardens** located at the Iron Bridge Recreation Centre and the Thessalon Township Community Centre;
N. Jones-Scissons AND THAT Treasury Department invoice the Algoma District Services Administration Board (ADSAB) for reimbursement as per the North Channel Healthy Kids Community Challenge Collaborative Agreement.
CARRIED.
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: J. Armstrong.

8d-3. Authorize staff to investigate ownership status of Mississagi Crescent abutting property located at 22241 Hwy. 17 (Roll No. 57 24 000 015 04500 0000)

In response to a query from Councillor Persia, Councillor Wedgwood and Clerk/Administrator Tonelli provided context as to the location and history of the subject property.

17-06-07 WHEREAS the property owner of Roll No. 57 24 000 015
B. MacKinnon 04700 0000 has requested, in writing, by letter dated
N. Jones-Scissons March 9, 2017 that: (1) the Municipality undertake action to confirm ownership of the land that is utilized as a road, being a portion of Mississagi Crescent and; (2) should the property being utilized as a road, be found to be in private ownership, that said owner hold no liability and is not charged property taxes for that portion of property and; (3) should it be found that the property is in private ownership, the owner and Municipality work collaboratively to develop an agreement to allow changes to be made to the legal description to be aligned with the Municipality using portions of the property as a public road;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be authorized to conduct research into the ownership of the parcel of land being utilized as a portion of **Mississagi Crescent, more particularly described as PARTS 3 and 4 on Plan 1R-4833**;
AND THAT, should it be determined that the Municipality does not own the property being utilized as a portion of Mississagi Crescent, negotiations take place with the Owner to have the property transferred to the Municipality.
CARRIED.

8d-4. Investigate & apply for funding Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Branches & Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation for Firefighter stabilizing equipment

17-06-08 WHEREAS it has been determined that funding under the
J. Armstrong Royal Canadian legion, Ontario Provincial Command
D. Kirby Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation does not support assistance for or modifications to rolling

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17-06-08 – cont. stock, as was authorized for application to be made, by Resolution No. 17-05-18;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Clerk/Administrator Tonelli to further pursue and, if eligible, make an application to the Foundation for two (2) **vehicle stabilization kits**;
AND THAT, should the application be approved, Council authorizes the Huron Shores Fire Department to develop a **vehicle stabilization utilization policy and procedure**, to be approved b Council, in order that said kits may be used at accident scenes to safely brace and support vehicles being accessed by EMS and auto extrication teams. CARRIED.

8e. Notices of Motion
None.

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION

9-1. Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show - 2018 registration, Deadline to reserve booth space March 31/17
Councillor MacKinnon spoke to the upcoming Little Rapids ATV Run, noting that the Outdoor Adventure Show would be an ideal venue to promote the 2018 ATV Run.

17-06-09 WHEREAS Council authorized registration and attendance at the 2017 Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show held February 24th-26th, 2017;
D. Kirby AND WHEREAS Councillors Jones-Scissons and Kirby advised in their report provided to Council at the March 8th, 2017 meeting that the Municipality's presence and promotional materials were received extremely positively by event attendees and recommended attending the event in 2018;
J. Armstrong NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes registration and attendance of up to two (2) municipal representatives to the **2018 Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show** to be held in February, 2018 in order to meet the March 31st, 2017 deadline to reserve booth space;
AND THAT the necessary funds be included in the 2017 Municipal Budget;
AND THAT it cover all associated expenses. CARRIED.

9-2. Twp. of Zorra – Support re: Request Minister of Education develop a policy enabling installation of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDS) in all Ontario schools

9-3. Algoma Sno-Plan Affiliation (ASPA) – Request purchase of McCreight's Bridge from Municipality
Council briefly deliberated the issues and concerns involved. Clerk/Administrator Tonelli also provided context with respect to previous discussions/collaborations with ASPA.

17-06-10 WHEREAS McCreights Bridge is considered an important link in the area's snowmobile and recreational trail system;
J. Armstrong AND WHEREAS Council, via Resolution #17-04-25 dated February 22nd, 2017, authorized proceeding with the
D. Kirby

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17-06-10 – cont. rehabilitation work on McCreights Bridge (estimated cost of \$75,000.00., as per the report from Tulloch Engineering Inc.) subject to the **Algoma Sno-Plan Affiliation (ASPA)** agreeing to participate in this work and future maintenance and repairs of the structure;
AND WHEREAS ASPA has subsequently requested, in correspondence dated March 8th, 2017, that the Municipality consider the sale of McCreights Bridge to ASPA for \$1.00 and, subject to the ASPA Board approval, would complete the needed repairs as outlined in the report from Tulloch Engineering Inc.;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes staff and the Public Works Commissioners to meet with ASPA representatives to discuss the **future ownership and rehabilitation of McCreights Bridge.**
CARRIED.

9-4. Accessibility Directory of Ontario – Community Accessibility Forums
2017, May 10/17, Sault Ste. Marie

9-5. Town of Thessalon – 2017 Budget Request re: Huron North (West)
Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee
Councillor Jones-Scissons briefly spoke to the correspondence received and that further information would be forthcoming.

17-06-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes that the **budget request** in the amount of \$4,000.00 received from the Town of Thessalon on behalf of the **Huron North (West) Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee** be included in 2017 Budget Deliberations. CARRIED.
D. Kirby
J. Armstrong

9-6. David & Joyce Ratz et al. – Response to Mayor Reeves’ letter re: Huron Shores Ward 4 Recreation Centre (Res. #17-04-22, February 22/17)

17-06-12 WHEREAS Council, via Resolution #17-04-22 dated February 22nd, 2017, authorized Mayor Reeves to respond in writing to the ratepayers who submitted correspondence requesting historical context and justification for locating the Fitness Centre at the **Huron Shores Ward 4 Recreation Centre;**
AND WHEREAS Mayor Reeves invited councillors to forward individual input to the Clerk/Administrator for inclusion in the letter;
AND WHEREAS, in response to the authorized letter from Mayor Reeves, the same ratepayers have submitted a subsequent letter, received March 17th, 2017, requesting further information with respect to the Ward 4 Recreation Centre including a comparability study of usage and costs with the other municipal recreation facilities;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, as per the *Municipal Act*, Council by 2/3 vote hereby suspends the requirement of a motion in order **to debate the issues and concerns noted in the March 17th, 2017 correspondence** received from ratepayers with respect to the Huron Shores Ward 4 Recreation Centre;
AND THAT a motion be brought forward should a recommendation be made. CARRIED.
B. MacKinnon
N. Jones-Scissons

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Mayor Reeves advised that staff, late yesterday, March 21/17, had received a list of names in support of the two letters received from David and Joyce Ratz, et al. Council was provided with the list this evening. Council discussed the matter and concerns raised by the correspondence. Mayor Reeves spoke to the specific queries contained in the letter and written response he would make to the signees and requested further input from councillors. Council concurred with the proposed response as detailed by Mayor Reeves.

17-06-13

J. Armstrong
B. MacKinnon

WHEREAS several ratepayers have signed and sent to Council a letter, subsequent to the initial letter addressed at the February 22nd, 2017 Regular Meeting, raising specific questions and concerns regarding the Huron Shores Ward 4 Recreation Centre project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Mayor Reeves to **respond in writing** to the questions and concerns expressed in the ratepayers' letter dated March 17th, 2017 with respect to the **Huron Shores Ward Four Recreation Centre Renovation Project.**

CARRIED.

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION

- 10-1. Family of Dawna King – Card of Thanks re: memorial donation
- 10-2. Ontario Farmland Trust – 2017 Farmland Forum, March 30/17, Orillia
- 10-3. Twp. of St. Joseph – Copy of correspondence to North Channel Healthy Kids Community Challenge Steering Committee re: billboard signage
- 10-4. Hon. Mitzi Hunter, Minister of Education – Update re: school closures & alternative uses of buildings, March 6/17
- 10-5. Assn. of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – Highlights of Bill 68: Modernizing Municipal Legislation, March 8/17
- 10-6. AMO Watch File, March 9/17
- 10-7. Hon. Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) – 2017 Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence, Nomination deadline April 28/17
- 10-8. North East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) – Rural Health Hubs & Health Links, March 15/17
- 10-9. AMO Watch File, March 16/17
- 10-10. Twp. of Plummer Additional – Sale by Sealed Tenders of Surplus Arena Items, Submission Deadline April 13/17
- 10-11. Municipality of Calvin – Support United Twps. Of Head, Clara & Maria re: request Ministry of Municipal Affairs rescind proposed Building Code change re: Mandatory 5-Year Septic System Inspections (Res. #17-05-19, March 8/17)
- 10-12. Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands – Copy of Correspondence to Premier Wynne requesting explanation re: waiving of Hydro delivery fees to residents on First Nation reserves & settlements, March 17/17

CLOSED SESSION

None.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW #17-23

17-06-14

D. Kirby
J. Armstrong

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #17-23**, being a By-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to **Adopt the Minutes** of the Council Meeting held on

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17-06-14 – cont. Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017, 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 22nd day of March, 2017. **CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

17-06-15 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 8:32 p.m.
D. Kirby **CARRIED.**
J. Armstrong

MAYOR

CLERK