

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES
May 9th, 2018 (18-12)

The special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, May 9th, 2018, and called to order by Acting Mayor Gord Campbell at 7:00 p.m.

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

REGRETS: Mayor Gil Reeves and Councillor Leo Persia

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli; Public Works Superintendent Harry Hadikin

AGENDA REVIEW

Council directed that Items 4-5 to 4-7 be addressed prior to Item 4-4. Clerk/Administrator Tonelli advised that Item 4-5 can be deferred to a later meeting of Council. Council concurred that it be deferred.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

4-1. Authorize advertisement in Discover Us! Magazine, Submission Deadline May 18/18

18-12-01 BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the interest of regional
J. Armstrong promotion, Council authorizes participation in the annual
D. Walsh "**Discover Us!**" tourism magazine, published by *The Standard*, and approves a ¼-page Ad at a cost not to exceed \$395.00 + HST. CARRIED.

4-2. Authorize attendance at Municipal Invasive Species Wkshp., Richards Landing, May 22/18

18-12-02 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Councillors
D. Walsh Wedgwood and Kirby to attend the **Invasive Species**
J. Armstrong **Workshop** being held May 22nd, 2018, in Richards Landing;
AND THAT it cover all associated expenses. CARRIED.

4-3. Authorize Mayor Reeves to issue correspondence to the Ministry of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation (MIRR) & the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNRF) re: Midway Lumber Mills Ltd.

18-12-03 WHEREAS, on May 3, 2018, the Economic Development
B. MacKinnon Advisory Committee (EDAC) hosted Mike Morgan,
N. Jones-Scissons President of Midway Lumber Mills Ltd., in order to hear his concerns regarding the effects of the Thessalon First Nation Boundary Claim on **Midway Lumber Mills Ltd. wood supply;**

AND WHEREAS EDAC has requested that further to Resolution No. 18-08-26 and letter sent April 16, 2018 to the Honourable Nathalie Des Rosiers, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, a subsequent letter be sent to both the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) and Ministry of Natural Resources

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18-12-03 – cont. and Forestry (MNR) addressing the impacts of the restrictions imposed upon wood harvesting in the District; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Reeves author another letter addressed to both MIRR and MNR to further identify the impacts as expressed by Mike Morgan; AND THAT a copy of the letter be forwarded to significant staff members of MIRR and MNR, Mr. Mike Morgan, Town of Thessalon, Town of Bruce Mines, Township of Plummer Additional, Thessalon First Nation, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. CARRIED.

4-5. Motion: Direction re: Ontario's Main Street Revitalization Initiative (By-law #18-26, April 11/18)
Deferred as per Agenda Review.

4-6. Authorize attendance at Code of Conduct Drafting Workshop – June 7

18-12-04 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Mayor Reeves, Councillors Blair MacKinnon and Nancy Jones-Scissons to attend the **Code of Conduct Drafting Workshop** facilitated by **Wishart Law Group** on June 7th, 2018 in Blind River; AND THAT it cover all associated expenses. CARRIED.
B. MacKinnon
N. Jones-Scissons

4-7. Requested projects for Cameco Community Appreciation Day, June 2018, Submission Deadline May 14/18

18-12-05 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recommends the following items for inclusion on the proposed June 2018 **Cameco Community Appreciation Day** work-wish list:
B. MacKinnon
N. Jones-Scissons

- Flowerbeds at the Municipal Office and the Library;
- Installation of fencing at Iron Bridge Recreation Centre; and
- Provision of material for, and construction of, 8 wooden benches and 2 wooden picnic tables for the Iron Bridge and Little Rapids Community Gardens.

CARRIED.

4-4. Discussion re: 2018 & Future Municipal Priorities

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli provided the Staff Priorities (attached as Appendix 'A') and Capital Asset Management Planning Summary (attached as Appendix 'B'), both updated to May 9, 2018. She also provided a copy of the Five Year Road Construction Capital Plan with Rehabilitation Projects, with the caveat that it was being provided as a sample only and that the plan has yet to be updated following the 2013 flood.

Acting Mayor Campbell requested that each Councillor provide his/her two top priorities.

Councillor Jones-Scissons offered the following:

- (1) surface treatment on Basswood Lake Road west as far as 911# 393, in order to ease snowplowing operations, accommodate school buses, and reduce dust to property owners; and
- (2) implementation of beaver baffles on Pickerel Creek in areas of concern to alleviate high water levels on Little Basswood Lake. Public Works Superintendent spoke to beaver dams on private properties. There was

nothing at law to address the problem unless the Municipality chooses to create a Municipal Drain.

Councillor MacKinnon offered the following Human Resources priorities:

- (1) hire treasurer; and
- (2) hire building maintenance caretaker. Councillor MacKinnon offered that in his opinion said caretaker could take on some management roles such as managing project contracts.

Councillor Wedgwood offered the following Roads priorities:

- (1) more priority be given to patching surface treatment; and
- (2) maintenance schedule be developed to ensure single-surface treatment applications on existing surface treated roads when required. Councillor Wedgwood voiced his concern that many surface treated roads have deteriorated because they are not receiving the single layer application when required.

Councillor Kirby advised that she had more than 2 priorities but, offered the following:

- (1) ensure completion of roads, culverts and bridges work required; and
- (2) acting on AECOM Reports re: Waste Disposal Sites.

Councillor Armstrong voiced her highest priority of:

- (1) hiring of building maintenance caretaker; and offered Councillor Kirby the opportunity to voice another priority. Councillor Kirby addressed her 3rd priority, being the need for increased signage and video surveillance at all Waste Disposal Sites to eliminate illegal depositing of debris.

Councillor Walsh outlined her priorities as follows:

- (1) the need for a clear understanding by Council of staff wages and whether they are comparable to other municipalities. She expressed the concern regarding our inability to attract qualified experienced candidates for the treasurer position and that the wage may be too low;
- (2) the need for a 5-year road plan in order that Council members, when asked, can address the plan with ratepayers.

Acting Mayor Campbell noted his priorities as follows:

- (1) roads matters;
- (2) amendment and enforcement of the clean yard by-law.

Acting Mayor Campbell then summarized the main concerns as being roads priorities and human resources matters.

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli reviewed last year's priorities with Council as outlined in the April 5, 2017 Minutes, and progress to-date.

Public Works Superintendent Hadikin reported that the 5-year road plan will be updated with the asset management plan and CGIS program, once Tulloch Engineering provides its roads update. On a query from Councillor Wedgwood, Mr. Hadikin advised that Tulloch Engineering was to be working on the update this week. On a query from Acting Mayor Campbell, Mr. Hadikin advised that he tries to keep the budget totals within reason of previous years' budgets. Acting Mayor Campbell recommended that he budget all requirements and leave it to Council to determine which projects will be completed in a given year.

Public Works Superintendent showed videos of the road conditions at the following locations:

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- Maple Ridge Road: from Hwy. 17 east for 1 km; and from Township Line east for 1 km;
- Dayton Road: from Maple Ridge Road to 4th Line; from Vine Bridge to 911 #1402; and from 911 #1532 to Horan Road.

He expressed the serious concern of buggy traffic ruining the surface treatment.

Council deliberated the pros and cons of surface treatment application versus maintaining gravel roads. Councillor Armstrong noted that gravel roads can be repaired with grading. Councillor Kirby recommended going back to gravel and calcium on some roads that sustain high buggy traffic. Councillor Jones-Scissons noted that surface treatment saves on the budget. Councillor Armstrong expressed her concern that surface treatment is not standing up to buggy traffic. Councillor Wedgwood advised that part of the reason that it is not standing up is because it is old and hasn't been resurfaced within the recommended timeframe. Councillor Kirby expressed concern that many of the surface treated roads do not have a good base. Public Works Hadikin confirmed that in some cases the old road bases consist of the material pulled onto the road to create ditches. Public Works Hadikin spoke to the recent use of polymer and manufactured stone in hopes that the surface treatment will better withstand buggy traffic but, that it has not been in use long enough to test the theory. He also noted the poor drainage on Dean Lake Road and that it requires a complete rebuild. Clerk/Administrator Tonelli reminded Council of its previous decision not to surface treat any graveled roads until all surface treated roads are brought back to a standard condition.

Councillor Walsh queried why Hydro One left limbs on the sides of MacLean Road. Public Works Hadikin noted that Hydro One's practice is to leave limbs for natural habitat and rotting purposes.

On a query from Councillor Kirby, Public Works Superintendent advised that he does require more money than is allotted in a year in order to repair the existing roads concerns. Councillor Kirby recommended, knowing the history, that some of the surface treated roads be milled and receive calcium rather than being resurfaced.

Council discussed the detour loops.

Councillor MacKinnon noted that his concern is to ensure a good road bed before surface treatment is applied. Public Works Hadikin discussed the recent use of geotextile and its success to-date. On a query from Councillor Jones-Scissons, Mr. Hadikin stated that he hopes for road improvements and that he is endeavoring to save the roads that he can but, noted that many of the surface treated roads require more than a layer of single surface treatment to repair them. Graveled roads can be graded.

Acting Mayor Campbell discussed the cost of needed bridge replacements. Public Works Hadikin spoke to the bridge priorities and recommended that the Potomac Bridge be addressed prior to the Bolton River Bridge due to the higher volume of traffic over the Potomac. On a query from Councillor Wedgwood, Mr. Hadikin noted that the cost of culverts is about 20% cheaper than a bridge installation but, that the cost could be eaten up to prepare the approaches. Mr. Hadikin advised that if a bridge is properly maintained, it will last longer than a culvert.

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli noted that the additions to the Capital Asset Management Planning Summary are in red and that because the budget is

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not yet passed, not all items listed may be approved by Council. Councillor Armstrong spoke to the need for a dishwasher at the Recreation Centre. Council concurred with staff recommendation to trade in the Equinox with the ½ ton request for quotations. The condition and needed repairs to the 2006 ½ ton were also discussed, and will have to be addressed further if it is Council's direction that said vehicle be used by the maintenance caretaker to be hired. Clerk/Administrator Tonelli was directed to work on a job description for that position. The cleaning contract was briefly discussed. Mrs. Tonelli noted that some of the municipal facilities are cleaned by volunteers and are not included under the cleaning contract.

On a query from Councillor Kirby, Public Works Superintendent advised of the challenges in covering the landfill pits with an awning when not in use. He discussed the cost of surveillance cameras. Councillor Kirby expressed her concerns regarding the extended life expectancy of the Ward 2 site. She questioned if it should be better gated. Public Works Hadikin noted that he has addressed most issues.

Public Works Superintendent Hadikin addressed Roe Park with Council and stated that he was unable to work on it last summer due to the wet season. He recommended that if Council does wish to mow the area, that it be tile drained at an approximate cost of \$20,000. He stated that the playground equipment has caused a dam for the water to lie behind. Councillor Armstrong noted that the installation was not completed as intended. Further discussion will have to be held in this regard.

Councillor Armstrong addressed the need to purchase Fire Department bunker gear this year as the current gear has reached its 10-year life limitation. She also noted that Deputy Fire Chief Richards reminded her of the need to replace the tanker in 2019/20.

Councillor Walsh discussed her recommendation last year to hold public information meetings and that, in her opinion, meetings to summarize the Municipality's income and expenses with its ratepayers would be beneficial.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

18-12-06

J. Armstrong
D. Kirby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED.

MAYOR

CLERK