

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES
July 25th, 2018 (18-20)

The special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, July 25th, 2018, and called to order by Mayor Gil Reeves at 7:00 p.m.

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

REGRETS: Councillor Nancy Jones-Scissons

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli

AGENDA REVIEW

Clerk Administrator Tonelli advised of the need, due to its time sensitivity, to add Item 5-5, being the gazebo installation at the Community Gardens. Council instructed that items 5-4 and 5-5 be addressed in reverse.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

Planning Act Matters:

4-1. Notice of Application for Consent File No. 2018-C-2 Easement re: Demyne Avenue

Special Meeting Business:

5-1. Include purchase of running boards (\$700.00 + Taxes) with approved purchase 2018 Dodge 4x4 Half-Ton Truck

18-20-01 WHEREAS Council, via Resolution #18-17-24 dated June
D. Wedgwood 13th, 2018, authorized the purchase from Algoma Chrysler
G. Campbell of the new Public Works **2018 Dodge 4x4 Half-Ton Truck** at a cost of \$41, 451.79 including taxes;
AND WHEREAS the Public Works Superintendent requested the installation of running boards, an additional cost not originally included in the approved quote;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the **purchase of the running boards** for the new Public Works 4x4 half-ton truck at the quoted cost of \$700.00 plus applicable taxes;
AND THAT Council acknowledges that the total cost of the truck with the running boards is still within the approved budget for said purchase. CARRIED.

5-2. Add an Automatic Greasing System Kit to the Plow Truck purchase
Defeated following deliberation

18-20-DEFEATED WHEREAS Council, via Resolution #18-17-27 dated June
G. Campbell 13th, 2018, authorized the Clerk/Administrator, following
D. Wedgwood review of the tenders received for the **Tandem Plow Truck Combination Sanding Unit**, to award the tender for said unit;
AND WHEREAS one tender was received by the July 11th, 2018 closing date, from TMS Truck Centre for a

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Western Star 4700SB Tandem Plow Truck Combination Sanding Unit in the amount of \$292,063.19 incl. taxes;
AND WHEREAS Public Works Superintendent Hadikin has recently receive information regarding the benefits of automatic greasing system kids;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes, as per the recommendation of the Public Works Superintendent, to include the purchase of a Groeneveld EP-O **Automatic Greasing System Kit** to the **Tandem Plow Truck Combination Sanding Unit** purchase at an additional cost of \$4,850.19, being still within the total budget approved for said purchase.

DEFEATED.

RECORDED VOTE:

L. C. (Gil) Reeves	Yea	B. MacKinnon	Yea
J. Armstrong	Nay	L. Persia	Yea
G. Campbell	Nay	<u>D. Walsh</u>	Nay
N. Jones-Scissons	Absent	D. Wedgwood	Nay
D. Kirby	Nay		

- 5-3. Permit the Metis Nation of Canada Canoe Journey to stay overnight at Beharriell Park on Monday, July 30th

18-20-02

D. Wedgwood
L. Persia

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the participants in the **Metis Nation of Ontario Youth Canoe Journey** to stay overnight at **Beharriell Park** on July 30th, 2018, as per the e-mail request received July 23rd, 2018 from Michael Richardson, Director, Challenges Canada Inc.;
AND THAT the participants are mindful to ensure that their activities do not interfere with neighboring residents' lawful use and enjoyment of their properties. CARRIED.

- 5-5. Authorize purchase of supplies from Rosenberg Building Supply Inc. re: 10'x10' Gazebo at Little Rapids Community Garden & seek quotes
Councillor Armstrong declared a pecuniary interest.

18-20-03

D. Walsh
D. Wedgwood

WHEREAS the original supplier to provide the materials to construct 2 - 10'x10' gazebos at the Community Gardens is no longer able to provide said materials;
AND WHEREAS the original quote for materials for 2 gazebos was at a cost of \$1,321.10 but, the lowest quote recently obtained for 1 gazebo is \$1,125.80;
AND WHEREAS the construction of the gazebos in the Spring of 2018 by Public Works crews, as per Resolution #17-18-18, was not possible;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the purchase of supplies from Rosenberg Building Supply Inc., for **1 - 10'x10' gazebo** to be located at the **Little Rapids Community Garden**;
AND THAT staff be authorized to obtain contract quotes and award the work for construction of the gazebo for completion no later than August 2, 2018;
AND THAT the added cost of the installation be funded from the Partnership Reserve. CARRIED.
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: J. Armstrong.

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5-4. Discussion re: to deliberate and review the number of boards, committees and organizations served by Council and the time commitment involved outside the regular, special and public meetings of Council, in order to assess if it is feasible to reduce its numbers

18-20-04

J. Armstrong
D. Kirby

WHEREAS a second petition respecting the size of Council was received at the Regular Meeting of Council of December 13, 2017, entitled: "Public Petition to Reduce the Number of Councillors from 8 to 4 with Mayor as Head (5 in Total)", the first having been received October 9, 2013;

AND WHEREAS Council has deliberated the matter previously at a number of Regular Meetings of Council and also had a special meeting of Council on April 20, 2016, with no changes being made;

AND WHEREAS Council authorized, via Resolution #18-03-11, that another special meeting be held to further deliberate the matter;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it desirable to discuss the matter in the absence of a motion:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, by 2/3 vote, Council hereby suspends the requirement of a motion in order to **debate the size of Council** and to review the portfolios, boards, committees and organizations served by Council and the time commitment involved outside the regular, special and public meetings of Council, in order to assess if it is feasible to reduce its numbers;

AND THAT a motion be brought forward should a recommendation for change be made. CARRIED.

Mayor Reeves reported that his research has revealed that the remuneration for Huron Shores Council is within \$200.00 of Councils of similar size. He also advised that an Association of Municipalities of Ontario survey reveals that 15% of Municipal Councillors are paid by meeting and 10% of Mayors are paid by meeting, in Ontario.

Each Council member reported the number of hours spent at each of the active Committees/Boards listed on the "Council/Committee Appointments 2014-2018 Term of Council", including volunteer hours. Mayor Reeves reported on the hours provided to him by Councillor Jones-Scissons. The total number for all appointments added to 1001 hours, or the equivalent of 125.125 hours per year, on average, for each Council member. Therefore, if the size of Council was reduced to 4 members, each member would spend approximately 250 hours per year, on average, on the currently active committees/boards.

Councillor Armstrong reported on her experience as a Protection to Persons and Property Commissioner and the recommendation of Solicitor Paul Cassan at the Council Code of Conduct Workshop to eliminate Commission portfolios in order to discourage lobbying. Mayor Reeves agreed that, within the context of Bill 68, it would be advisable to recommend to the new Council that Commissioner portfolios be eliminated. He advised that some Councils conduct Committee of the Whole meetings and that it might be a better approach than this Council's portfolio structure.

Council deliberated the elimination of portfolios. Mayor Reeves advised that it would result in 30% of the workload being redistributed and all of Council would receive information through Committee of the Whole. Councillor

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Campbell visualized longer and more meetings if portfolios are eliminated. Mayor Reeves noted that perhaps it would be better to strike an ad-hoc committee when necessary rather than having portfolios. Councillor Wedgwood agreed with Councillor Campbell. Mayor Reeves noted that some of the portfolios may still require specific committees for a finite period and for a specific purpose, such as a finance committee during budget deliberations.

Councillor Kirby questioned if Council is required to sit on some of the Committees identified on the list, such as, the Housing Advisory Committee. Council concurred that the inactive committees be identified as such or struck and reinstated only when needed.

Councillor Armstrong noted that there are some Councillors who sit on the Recreation Committees and others who assist in all aspects of its operations. She expressed the importance of Council representation on each Committee to identify Council interest.

Councillors Walsh and Persia concurred with Council the comments expressed.

Councillor Campbell observed the recent need for 3 meetings per month and that our secondary duties are double that of our primary duties as Councillors.

Councillor Wedgwood supported Mayor Reeves' comments respecting commissioners. He also noted that the Housing Advisory and Water Power Planning Committees could now be eliminated.

Councillor MacKinnon supported the recommendation to strike the inactive committees. He did not agree with the legal opinion respecting the elimination of lobbying. Councillor MacKinnon noted that Councillors are liable and will be lobbied whether in Committee or as individual council members. He also provided an example of the disconnect with the Province requiring expertise on certain Boards such as the Health Network Board and Algoma Public Health Board, where the Province is requiring Boards to actively seek professionals to govern big organizations and yet, not permitting Council members, with expertise, to use it. Mayor Reeves responded that he did not know that the expertise should not be drawn upon.

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli discussed her recent email with Wishart Law Firm with regard to differentiating between a Council member as a volunteer vs. his/her role as a Councillor. It was recommended by the Law Firm that Council consider a volunteer policy to expressly address the change in role when a Councillor acts as a volunteer and Clerk/Administrator Tonelli agreed that this would be advisable.

Mayor Reeves recommended wording for a notice of motion. Councillor Kirby questioned if Council was going to further discuss the size of Council and the ward system. Mayor Reeves advised that the notice of motion could include a recommendation to review Council composition, including the size, make-up and number of them in order to deal with Council business in a way that protects Council. Councillor MacKinnon recommended that two motions be brought forward. Council deliberated the content.

Mayor Reeves brought forward the following notice of motions:

