

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES**  
**February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (19-04)**

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The special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and called to order by Mayor Georges Bilodeau at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT WERE:** Mayor Georges Bilodeau, Councillors Jane Armstrong, Gord Campbell, Nancy Jones-Scissons, Debora Kirby, Blair MacKinnon, Jock Pirrie (arrived at 8:30 p.m.), Darlene Walsh and Dale Wedgwood (arrived at 7:52 p.m.).

**REGRETS:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli; Treasurer John Stenger; Administrative Assistant Carla Slomke

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli requested that, as Treasurer Stenger was present, the Municipal Priorities discussion (Item 4-4) be moved forward on the Agenda. Council concurred.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Armstrong, as she had been absent, declared a pecuniary interest from the February 13/19 Regular Meeting with respect to General Business Items 8b-6 (By-law #19-15: to adopt a Municipal Investment Policy) and 8d-9 (to Surplus the 2002 International Plow Truck).

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

4-4. Municipal Priorities

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli provided the Staff Priorities (attached as Appendix 'A') and Capital Asset Management Planning Summary (attached as Appendix 'B'). Both documents were updated on February 27<sup>th</sup> by Treasurer Stenger to include some larger budgetary items requested to-date. Paper copies were provided to Council, with the additions marked in red. Clerk/Administrator Tonelli highlighted those additions.

Discussions pertaining to the Capital Asset Management Planning document were as follows:

Buildings -

Mrs. Tonelli noted that a figure is not yet known respecting the cost of roof repairs that will be required for the Ward 1 Hall.

Councillor Armstrong spoke to the plans for the outdoor rink at the Iron Bridge Recreation Centre and addressed the fact that they have an insufficient number of volunteers to assist in this endeavour.

Rolling Stock -

It was noted that Fire Chief Kent has advised that the Stn. #1 RAT replacement can be moved to 2025 from 2017/18.

Street Lights -

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli reported that Councillor Campbell pointed out that only 1 streetlight was identified in Thompson under Phase 1 and it should read "2". She noted that the final count of street lights has yet to be confirmed following the completion of Phase 2.

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In response to a query from Mayor Bilodeau, Treasurer Stenger spoke to the method of assembling the information.

Discussions pertaining to the Staff Priorities Summary were as follows:

**Transportation –**

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli spoke to the projects to which a commitment has been made, as part of the amalgamated tender process.

Councillor Jones-Scissons spoke to her request for consideration to resurface a portion of Basswood Lake Road from Little Basswood Beach to Civic #728 or preferably #528. On a query if Brownlee Road will be surface treated this year, Mrs. Tonelli reported that it would not be done until next year, which is standard practice.

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli advised that the 10-year roads asset management spreadsheet will become the roads plan. Chris Kirby of Tulloch Engineering has provided a draft of the document and Public Works Superintendent Hadikin is compiling a list of amendments. It is hoped that the document will be finalized by the end of March.

Councillor Walsh noted the need to replace the checkerboard signs at Nestorville Road and River Road. Mrs. Tonelli reported that Mr. Hadikin is in the process of adding arrow signs to the existing checkerboard signage and that she will have him attend to those areas.

Councillor MacKinnon addressed the need to attend to River Road.

Councillor Kirby questioned the status of the culvert request by Daniel Zook. Mrs. Tonelli advised that the project is on hold pending a decision by Mr. Zook.

Councillor Kirby questioned if there are surface treatment solutions that will not deteriorate from the Amish buggy and sleigh traffic. Mrs. Tonelli noted that Mr. Hadikin was going to make further inquiries about this dilemma when at the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conference this week.

Councillor Campbell queried Council's intention respecting intersection lighting along the Provincial Highway. Clerk/Administrator Tonelli noted that the next street light planned was for Hwy. 17 at Sunset Beach Road. Councillor Campbell noted that the Beaton Road intersection should also be placed on the list for consideration. This matter will be addressed further during budget deliberations.

**Environment -**

Councillor Jones-Scissons spoke to the previous Council discussions to proceed with restrictions at our landfills by implementing such things as ID tags, clear bags, and/or bag limits. Councillor Walsh noted the high volume of recyclables in the household trench at Ward 1 and the complaints she receives of Town of Thessalon residents using the Ward 1 Landfill Site. Council briefly deliberated options to control unauthorized users. It was agreed that the Councillors assigned to the Environment Portfolio meet soonest possible to discuss further and bring a recommendation forward. In response to a query from Councillor Campbell, Councillor Walsh spoke to the system in place at the Township of Plummer Additional. Clerk/Administrator Tonelli advised that she will touch base again with Bradley Cutler of The Continuous Improvement Fund, for his report.

On a query from Councillor Kirby, Clerk/Administrator Tonelli noted that we may be unable to proceed with further Iron Bridge storm drain replacements until such time as another grant becomes available.

**Parks –**

Councillor Jones-Scissons spoke to the need for signage of the school bell, now located atop the Library. Clerk/Administrator Tonelli will seek out former Mayor Reeves' assistance for wording on the sign and noted that

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there was some discussion about locating the signage at Tally-Ho Park but that no decisions had been made.

Mayor Bilodeau spoke to the needed work at Roe Park.

Recreation -

Councillor Jones-Scissons questioned if the Structural Reports for Buildings, that have been completed to-date, contain roof snow load limit information or if we know the load limits on any of the Municipal buildings. Clerk/Administrator Tonelli will investigate further.

Councillor MacKinnon spoke to the difficulties this season regarding the Little Rapids outdoor rink and advised of the liner damage last year.

On a query from Councillor Armstrong, Clerk/Administrator Tonelli will amend the Priorities list to relocate parks information contained under "Recreation" to the "Parks" heading.

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli discussed the cost of the Playground Inspections.

Councillor Jones-Scissons spoke to the Great Lakes Waterfront (Bicycle) Trail and discussions with members of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust.

Mayor Bilodeau addressed the need for tourism infrastructure.

Councillor Walsh expressed concerns regarding the bicycle trail.

Protection -

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli questioned if Fire Chief Kent had included additional station wear in this year's budget. Treasurer Stenger will investigate.

Councillor Wedgwood arrived at 7:52 p.m., directly from the OGRA Conference.

Culture -

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli spoke to the unfinished work respecting the library ramp. Councillor Armstrong made note of a new contracting business in the community.

Planning & Economic Development -

On a query, Clerk/Administrator Tonelli noted that there have been no complaints to-date respecting the Zoning By-law.

Council briefly deliberated timing for the Official Plan review and the hiring of a consultant for this work.

Councillor Jones-Scissons provided an update respecting the Huron North Community Economic Alliance.

Mayor Bilodeau and Councillor Wedgwood spoke to the status of the Industrial Park matters.

Councillor Jones-Scissons spoke to the promotional brochures and advised that any plans for updating them will be discussed further next week at the Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting.

Councillors Jones-Scissons and Kirby confirmed that any plans for a Catfish Derby would have to be addressed a year in advance and, therefore, such an event will not take place this year.

Governance/Administration -

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli reported that a new idea has come forward from the Human Resources Committee respecting the proposed maintenance caretaker and she will prepare a report to Council on the matter.

Council briefly deliberated the succession planning processes and challenges.

Treasurer Stenger departed Chambers at 8:06 p.m.

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Councillor Wedgwood briefly reported that it was recommended, at a session he attended at OGRA, to keep the asset management plan simple and not to include a lot of data.

4-1. Ministry of Tourism, Culture, & Sport – Summer Experience Program, Application Deadline March 13/19

**19-04-01** BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes  
*D. Walsh* Clerk/Administrator Tonelli to make application under the  
*B. MacKinnon* **2019 Summer Experience Program** for one student,  
through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the  
Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility, and the Citizenship  
and Immigration Division of the Ministry of Children,  
Community and Social Services. CARRIED.

4-2. By-law: Adopt a Tree Canopy & Natural Vegetation Policy (3rd Reading) effective March 1/19

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli provided Council with proposed additions to the policy and itemized how the policy supports the Official Plan. She advised that she has not yet heard from Wishart Law Firm respecting the concerns voiced at the previous Meeting of Council. Council supported the proposed additions/amendments and directed that the final paragraph of Section 9 be removed pending further investigation by Councillor Jones-Scissons with her contacts at Sault College, respecting nutrients.

**19-04-02** BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #19-11** being a by-law of  
*G. Campbell* the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to  
*D. Wedgwood* **Adopt a Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy**  
was read a third time and passed in open Council this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of February, 2019;  
AND THAT said by-law shall come into effect the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
March, 2019. CARRIED.

4-3. Training:

Tree Canopy & Natural Vegetation Policy:  
Addressed above.

Council Code of Conduct:

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli provided the key differences between the previous code of conduct and the new one. She outlined the key principles of the document.

Councillor Wedgwood spoke to a session he attended at OGRA with Fred Dean advising that there should be a gift limit contained in the document and it should be low. Clerk/Administrator Tonelli confirmed that this is identified in the document and that any anonymous gift must be turned in to the Clerk who will donate it to an approved charity/organization.

On a query from Councillor Campbell as to which local boards the document would apply, Clerk/Administrator Tonelli advised that she will have to inquire with the Town of Thessalon to ascertain the status of the Town & Twp. Cemetery Board and that, currently, there are no others. Discussion ensued.

Councillor Pirrie arrived at 8:30 p.m., directly from the OGRA Conference.

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Integrity Commissioner:

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli itemized the functions assigned to the Integrity Commissioner by the Municipality, as per the *Municipal Act, 2001*; and the duties of the members of Council under Section 5, 5.1 and 5.2 of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

Councillor Jones-Scissons noted the right of Municipal Council to have legal counsel present should there be an inquiry. Councillor MacKinnon noted that these matters should be spelled out in the rules and procedures to identify such things as who has standing, etc.

On a query from Councillor Wedgwood, Clerk/Administrator Tonelli confirmed that an orientation session will be set up with the integrity commissioner.

Councillor Walsh questioned who pays for advice from the integrity commissioner. Mrs. Tonelli noted that it will be the cost of the Municipality and that a reserve will be set up for integrity commissioner services.

Council briefly discussed conflicts of interest.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**19-04-03**

*D. Walsh*

*J. Pirrie*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CLERK