

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES**  
**April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (19-08)**

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The special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, April 24<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, Darlene Walsh and Dale Wedgwood.

**REGRETS:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli; Treasurer John Stenger; Assistant Treasurer Kevin Philipow

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Clerk/Administrator Tonelli spoke to two potential agenda items from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and a statement from MPP Mike Mantha re: provincial funding cuts to library services. Council directed that the items be included on the May 8/19 Regular Meeting Agenda, with no change to the evening's Agenda.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Kirby, as she had been absent, declared a pecuniary interest (indirect) with respect to Agenda Item 9-5 (Res. #19-05-22) from the March 13/19 Regular Meeting concerning a municipal donation to the Iron Bridge Agricultural Society's Music Fest.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

4-1. Motion: to clarify Council Travel Policy  
Council deliberated the matter and agreed to defer to the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Meeting pending receipt of the remuneration survey of the area municipalities.

4-2. Approve 2019 Amalgamated Tender Bids (Deferred from April 10/19 Regular Mtg.)

**19-08-01** BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the **2019**  
*B. MacKinnon* **amalgamated tender prices** as follows:  
*D. Walsh*

Blades	Valley Blades Ltd.	\$ 9,125.65
Calcium	Pollard Hwy. Products	\$123,986.99
Culverts (Plastic)	Corix Water Products	\$ 5,922.40
Culverts (Steel)	Corix Water Products	\$ 30,909.79
Sign Posts	Corix Water Products	\$ 1,316.45
Surface Treatment incl. Polymer	Duncor Enterprises Inc.	\$145,817.46

For a grand total of **\$317,078.74** including all applicable taxes. **CARRIED.**

4-3. Amend the Bereavement Policy, Res. #15-18-15, to increase expenditure from \$50 to \$75 for flowers or donation in memory of an immediate family member of Council, employee, volunteer firefighter or committee/board member of Council

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**19-08-02** BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rescinds Resolution #15-18-15 dated August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and authorizes the  
*D. Walsh* **Bereavement Policy** be set as follows:  
*D. Wedgwood*

1. An expenditure not to exceed \$100.00 for flowers or donation in memory of a council member, employee, volunteer firefighter or committee/board member of Council;
2. An expenditure not to exceed \$75.00 for flowers or donation in memory of an immediate family member of Council, employee, volunteer firefighter or committee/board member of Council. CARRIED.

4-4. Amend Res. #07-02-11 to increase the expenditure for a congratulatory floral arrangement or potted plant from \$50 to \$75

**19-08-03** BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rescinds Resolution #07-02-11 dated January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, in order to authorize that  
*J. Pirrie* upon the opening of a new business or ownership change  
*N. Jones-Scissons* of an existing business within Huron Shores, a **congratulatory floral arrangement or potted plant** be forwarded to said business at a cost not to exceed \$75.00. CARRIED.

4-5. Set a special public meeting for May 8/19, as recommended under the *Planning Act*, re: Consent File 2019-C-02 (Hebel)

**19-08-04** WHEREAS the Municipality has received an Application for  
*J. Armstrong* **Consent File No. 2019-C-02** for property located in the  
*D. Kirby* geographic Township of Thessalon being a proposal to sever a 5.6 hectare (14 acre) parcel of land, from the retaining 14.5 hectares (36 acres) on lands described as Lot 3, Lot 1 RCP H788 E of 1R3532 and N of 1R8890, in the Municipality of Huron Shores;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, as recommended under the *Planning Act*, a **Special Public Meeting** be set for Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers in order to receive public input either in support of, or against, the above-noted application;  
AND THAT the Regular Meeting of Council shall convene following adjournment of the Special Public Meeting. CARRIED.

4-6. Authorize funding application to Royal Canadian Legion re: Shore-Based Water Rescue Equipment

**19-08-05** BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes  
*N. Jones-Scissons* Clerk/Administrator Tonelli to submit an application for  
*J. Pirrie* funding under the **Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command Branches and Ladies' Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation**, as per the request of the Fire Department, for **shore-based water and ice rescue equipment**;  
AND THAT, should the application be approved, Council authorizes the Huron shores Fire Department to develop a **shore-based water and ice rescue policy and procedure**, to be approved by Council, in order that said equipment may be safely used to assist in shore-based rescue efforts. CARRIED.

**Municipal Budget Review 2019**

Items for budget consideration:

5-1. Ministry of Finance – Update re: Education Property Tax Rates  
Clerk/Administrator Tonelli reported that the Residential Tax Rate is down slightly from 0.170% in 2018 to 0.161% in 2019.

5-2. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – Ontario Launches \$30 Billion Infrastructure Funding Program, Application Period Begins March 18/19 (Deferred from April 10/19 Regular Mtg., Item 9-1)

5-3a. Hon. Monte McNaughton, Minister of Infrastructure – Update re: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)

5-3b. Ministry of Infrastructure – Cancellation of Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Top-Up & Revised OCIF Formula-Based Component Allocation Notice (Deferred from April 10/19 Regular Mtg., Items 9-2a & b)

**19-08-06**

*N. Jones-Scissons  
J. Pirrie*

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario cancelled the OCIF Top-Up Funding and advised that the Dean Lake Bridge application was not recommended to be fast-tracked under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Rural and Northern Communities Funding Stream;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, as recommended by Matt Kirby, Tulloch Engineering, Clerk/Administrator Tonelli make application under the **ICIP Rural and Northern Communities Funding Stream** for repairs to the **Dean Lake Bridge**;

AND THAT Council authorizes Tulloch Engineering to further pursue arrangements to complete a **detailed visual inspection and load evaluation report** for the Dean Lake Bridge as quoted by letter dated April 10, 2019.

CARRIED.

5-4. Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing (MMAH) – Notification of One-Time Municipal Funding Allocation (\$424,000, Res. #19-07-30, April 10/19)

See budget deliberations below for use of funding.

5-5. Assn. of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – AMO's Deeper Look at the 2019 Provincial Budget

5-6. Approve 2019 Tax Levy

Municipal Treasurer John Stenger reviewed his Report, dated April 1, 2019, with Council. He also addressed other items within the draft budget to which decisions have yet to be made, i.e.: iPads for Councillors at an approximate cost of \$11,000; individual emails for Councillors; added cold patch box for Ward 1 at a cost of \$5,500; and added costs for a detailed Dean Lake Bridge inspection.

Mayor Bilodeau reviewed the list of the items to be addressed coming out of the Finance Committee discussions, summarized on Page 3 of Treasurer Stenger's report.

Councillor Jones-Scissons noted the need to address the fees for the West and East Physician Recruitment Committees. Council deliberated the matter.

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Council discussed the loss of the 1/3 tax exemption. By a show of hands, with 4 in favour of a remuneration increase to offset the exemption benefit and 5 opposed, the matter was dropped.

Council discussed the request by Fire Chief Kent to create an honourarium for the Fire Department's Chaplain, who is also a member of the Department. By majority of Council, with 6 votes against, there will be no honourarium created this year.

Council addressed the request by Fire Chief Kent to increase the number of hours worked per week by the Fire Prevention Officer, from 35 to 40. Clerk/Administrator Tonelli advised that due to the FPO's participation on the Provincial Advisory Committee(s), his overtime hours will undoubtedly increase over the next three years if his regular hours are not increased to compensate for the extra time needed to sit on the Committee(s). Mayor Bilodeau noted that the Municipality may be in a position to contract out his services for training other Fire Departments, if there is a need by the surrounding communities. This will have to be investigated further. Until a full report is received by the Fire Chief regarding this matter, it was decided not to increase the FPO's 35-hour work week.

Respecting the Fire Agreement with Thessalon First Nation and the costs associated with outfitting our Fire Department, it was agreed that the current 3% increase per year should be further reviewed. The maintenance of McCreight's Road will also be addressed at a later date.

Council deliberated the next possible location for a street light, being the intersection of Hwy. 17 and Sunset Beach Road, at an approximate cost of \$18,000.00. At the recommendation of Clerk/Administrator Tonelli, a letter will be written to the Ministry of Transportation requesting that this intersection become a provincially-warranted street light location due to the Amish traffic.

Respecting the Main Street Revitalization Funding, the Economic Development Advisory Committee is to review all requests received by the Committees of Council at its May 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting and make a recommendation to Council on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Respecting the work to be completed on Veterans Bridge, Councillor Armstrong will inquire if funding assistance should be sought through the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs or the Algoma Sno-Plan Affiliation.

The "Grants to Others" items, that had not yet been addressed, were reviewed as follows:

- Algoma Veterinary Committee – supported;
- Road Donations – Council directed that the program remain the same for 2019 but, directed that Treasurer Stenger review it and provide Council with options for possible changes in 2020;
- CAFC – Council deliberated the matter and authorized a \$500.00 donation for 2019;
- Physician Recruitment – until further information is obtained respecting Council's contribution to both the East and West Committees, it was agreed that \$2,500.00 be given to each;
- Town and Township Cemetery Board - \$11,000.00 supported;
- Thessalon Library Board – Mayor Bilodeau read the letter from MPP Michael Mantha dated April 18/19, respecting the Provincial cut-backs to libraries. Council deliberated the contribution given to the Board. At the recommendation of Clerk/Administrator Tonelli, because of the existing

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2019 Agreement, Council concurred with the \$6,000.00 contribution this year but, will reassess the contribution for 2020. Council again requested that a count of users be sought from the Board;

- Thessalon Arena Donation – Treasurer Stenger reported the numbers of Huron Shores’ users, as provided by the Town of Thessalon. Following some discussion, Council supported a \$5,000.00 contribution for 2019, down from \$10,000.00 in all previous years;
- Iron Bridge Lions Club – Mayor Bilodeau addressed the fact that the donation originally provided by the Village of Iron Bridge was to assist in covering the cost of the Club’s municipal taxes. Council discussed the matter and supported a \$2,800.00 contribution, plus the \$400.00 already promised, for a total contribution of \$3,200.00; and
- RAIN – Council supported \$1,200.00 per year for next three years.

Treasurer Stenger discussed the quotations received from Tulloch Engineering for the biennial bridge inspections and Dean Lake Bridge detailed inspections. He recommended that the cost of the Dean Lake Bridge detailed inspections come from reserves. Council concurred.

Council reviewed the request received from FONOM to sponsor a high school student to attend CampMed. Council supported a \$400.00 contribution.

Treasurer Stenger and Clerk/Administrator Tonelli discussed with Council possible purchases to be made with the \$424,000.00 one-time unconditional funding to support our efforts to become more efficient and reduce expenditure growth in the longer term. Some suggestions included: iPads for Councillors; smart TV and wall mount; asset management costs; and IT improvements.

Mayor Bilodeau then opened discussions to questions from Council.

On a query from Councillor Jones-Scissons, Treasurer Stenger explained the reasons for the increase to transportation - roads and travel, as follows: 2019 road school, CVOR training and grader operator training, 3% wage increase and pay period cut-off; and fact that the Public Works Superintendent was off from August to December of 2018.

On a query from Councillor Pirrie regarding select Fire Department expenses, Treasurer Stenger explained that they are offset under Revenue.

Councillor Armstrong advised that she has not yet obtained quotes to replace some doors at the Recreation Centre. Therefore, that expense is not yet identified in the draft budget.

Councillor Kirby expressed concern about ensuring that the grass cutting contractor has a map outlining the areas not to be cut and that the Public Works Superintendent provides a list of the total km’s to be cut when hiring for this contract. Clerk/Administrator Tonelli confirmed that the bid is a lump sum amount and not based on price per kilometre, although we do request a price per km for any work required outside the scope of the contract. She noted that this is a renewal year and will not be going out for bids, providing both parties agree to the renewal. Councillor MacKinnon identified that the machinery still has to travel throughout the Municipality to reach all cutting locations.

Treasurer Stenger reported that the Municipality’s reserves are deficient and that Council should consider building upon them this year. Treasurer Stenger will provide a few OPTA scenarios for the May 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting in order

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that Council can review the number of households that would realize a tax increase/decrease, depending on the additional monies possibly being placed in reserves.

Mayor Bilodeau reported on a presentation provided by Johnson Twp. at the ADMA Meeting, regarding its MPAC appeals and the revenue realized from the endeavor.

On a query from Councillor Jones-Scissons, Mayor Bilodeau advised that the Province is asking municipalities to reduce its spending by 4%. Councillor Kirby expressed concerns with that recommendation, due to all of the bridge repairs that are required within the Municipality. Following some deliberation, Council concurred that taxes must be raised at least a bit each year in order that ratepayers not be faced with a substantial increase in any one year.

**19-08-07**  
*J. Armstrong*  
*D. Kirby*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Municipal Treasurer to make the necessary **adjustments to the proposed 2019 Municipal Budget** as per the Minutes of the Special Meeting held this date, Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019;  
AND THAT the adjusted 2019 Municipal Budget be presented to Council for final approval at the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Meeting. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**19-08-08**  
*J. Armstrong*  
*D. Kirby*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 9:09 p.m. CARRIED.

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MAYOR

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CLERK