

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES
February 12, 2020 (20-03)

The regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, and called to order by Mayor Georges Bilodeau at 7:05 p.m.

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

REGRETS: Councillors Jock Pirrie and Jane Armstrong

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli; Deputy Clerk Natashia Roberts;

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Wedgwood declared a pecuniary interest respecting Item 5 pertaining to the Hughes Supply Account.

Councillor Kirby declared a pecuniary interest respecting Item 5 pertaining to the Tulloch Engineering Account.

Councillor MacKinnon declared a pecuniary interest respecting Item 9-7 pertaining to the Iron Bridge Lions Club request for donation.

Councillor Jones-Scissons declared a pecuniary interest respecting Mayor Bilodeau's report regarding the teleconference with Thessalon First Nation Negotiator Jane Thomas.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

20-03-01 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the
G. Campbell Regular Meeting of Council held Wednesday, January 8,
D. Wedgwood 2019, as circulated. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

20-03-02 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the
G. Campbell General Accounts, excluding items of Pecuniary Interest,
D. Wedgwood for the period from January 8, 2020 to February 12, 2020
in the amount of **\$618,107.15**. CARRIED.

20-03-03 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the
G. Campbell **Armstrong Enterprises** accounts, dated January 9,
D. Wedgwood 2020, in the amount of **\$2,395.60**. CARRIED.

20-03-04 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the
D. Walsh **Hughes Supply** accounts, dated January 9 and January
D. Kirby 28, 2020, in the amount of **\$567.12**. CARRIED.
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: D. Wedgwood

20-03-05 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the
D. Walsh **Tulloch Engineering** accounts, dated January 9 and
D. Wedgwood January 28, 2020, in the amount of **\$7,567.93**. CARRIED.
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: D. Kirby

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Report:

The Report outlined the proposed 2020 roads projects.

Council deliberated and queried a number of items with further discussion taking place under Item 8d-1, below.

Council Reports:

Mayor Bilodeau spoke to the public consultation sessions he participated in, via web, on January 13 and 14, respecting **public health and emergency health services**, conducted by Jim Pine, Advisor to the Ministry of Health.

Mayor Bilodeau reported on his attendance at the **MNRF Draft Forest Sector Strategy session** on January 29, 2020, in Sault Ste. Marie.

Mayor Bilodeau spoke about AECOM's Well Report findings from the **Ward 1 Waste Disposal Site** on Highway 129 and that he will continue to research the levels of aluminum and iron found.

Clerk/Administrator advised of a teleconference she, Mayor Bilodeau and Councillor Campbell had with Thessalon First Nation Negotiator Jane Thomas and Susan Schaus, **Ministry of Indigenous Affairs**. Councillor Jones-Scissons declared a conflict of interest and departed Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m.

Councillor Campbell and Mayor Bilodeau discussed the conversation held with Dr. Thomas and Ms. Schaus.

At the behest of Councillor Wedgwood, Council instructed Clerk/Administrator to provide a letter to the Minister, with copy to Dr. Thomas, of all the contacts between the Municipality and the Ministries, respecting this matter, from 2006 to-date. Councillor MacKinnon spoke to the injunction, 4 years later, and Council concurred with concerns that this issue is not being carried forward.

With Council approval, Item 8e was moved forward.

Notices of Motion

Councillor Wedgwood presented a notice of motion to address, with the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs, the financial hardship the injunction is placing on the Municipality.

Councillor Jones-Scissons returned to Council Chambers at 7:50 p.m. I advised Councillor Jones-Scissons that the Notices of Motion had been moved forward.

GENERAL BUSINESS

8a. Planning Act Matters
None.

8b. By-laws
None.

8c. Minutes - Boards and Committees

On a query from Councillor Campbell, Clerk/Administrator will seek clarification respecting denial of the Treasurer's access to the Library account balance.

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20-03-06

D. Walsh
D. Kirby

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

- Huron Shores Public Library Board, December 3/19 and January 7/20; and
- Economic Development Advisory Committee, December 5/19.

CARRIED.

- Member organizations

Councillor Kirby sought clarification respecting the EARSA meeting minutes.

20-03-07

D. Kirby
D. Walsh

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the **Minutes** of the following board on which the Municipality has representation:

- Algoma Public Health – Recreational Centre Healthy Food, August 20/19;
- East Algoma Roads Superintendents Association, January 8/20;
- Algoma Public Health – Board of Health, November 27/19; and
- Algoma District Services Administration Board, November 23/19.

CARRIED.

8d. Motions

8d-1. Motion: to approve amalgamated tender requirements (*also see Report*)

Council further deliberated the proposed projects identified in the Public Works Superintendent's Report and, for the purpose of this evening's discussion specific to the amalgamated tender requirements, Council decided to remove the Eley Road surface treatment project and, at the recommendation of Councillor Wedgwood, conduct further research on the benefits of asphalt vs. surface treatment.

Clerk/Administrator advised that the updated Roads Inventory should be available soon. On queries from Councillors Campbell and Kirby, respectively, Clerk/Administrator will inquire with the Public Works Superintendent as to why patching material is not included in the amalgamated tender and inquire as to culvert sizing on the Dayton Road project.

20-03-08

D. Kirby
D. Walsh

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes participation in the **East Algoma Road Superintendent Association Amalgamated Tender Process** for Supplies and Materials required in 2020;
AND THAT the Materials and Supplies required be as set out in spreadsheet dated February 6th, 2020 entitled "2020 Amalgamated Tender Requisition Form".

CARRIED.

8d-2. Motion: to appoint Roger Mulligan to the Environmental Committee

20-03-09

D. Walsh
D. Kirby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Roger Mulligan to the **Environmental Committee**.

CARRIED.

8d-3. Motion: to authorize Clerk/Administrator to write joint letter with the Big Basswood Lake Association (BBLA) re results of the Septic System Re-inspection Survey

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Clerk Tonelli read aloud the proposed letter drafted by BBLA. Council discussed the draft letter, the Report (see Item 10-1), and follow-up by Algoma Public Health to address any faulty systems found.

20-03-10 WHEREAS the **Big Basswood Lake Association** (BBLA) has completed its Septic System Re-Inspection Survey of participating properties surrounding Big Basswood Lake;
N.Jones-Scissons AND WHEREAS Council, via resolution No. 18-04-19, agreed to act as a partner with the BBLA for administrative assistance as required;
D. Wedgwood NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Clerk/Administrator to work with the BBLA in delivering a letter regarding the results to all participants of the **Septic System Re-Inspection Survey**. CARRIED.

8d-4. Motion: to advertise for joint volunteer member on Seniors Advisory Committee for the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre
Clerk Tonelli spoke to the motion.

20-03-11 WHEREAS the **Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre** has invited members from the municipalities within the new catchment area to appoint a member to its Seniors Advisory Committee;
N.Jones-Scissons NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Clerk/Administrator to advertise, jointly with the Town of Bruce Mines, Township of Plummer Additional, and Town of Thessalon, for a joint volunteer member to the **Seniors Advisory Committee**. CARRIED.
B.MacKinnon

8d-5. Motion: to authorize Clerk/Administrator to write letter to Leigh Freeman re: Road 'K'

20-03-12 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Clerk/Administrator author a letter to Leigh Freeman, Negotiator, Ministry of Indigenous Affairs, for the Mississauga First Nation Highway Agreement, to confirm the Municipality's interest in historical **Road 'K'** and Council's concern respecting Provincial oversight and errors made in addressing these historical roads with municipal governments. CARRIED.
G. Campbell
D. Wedgwood

8d-6. Motion: to make application to OTF Seed Grant for Natural Playground
Councillor MacKinnon spoke to the motion.

20-03-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Clerk/Administrator to make an application for funding under the **Ontario Trillium Fund (OTF) Seed Grant** for the proposed **Little Rapids Natural Playground**, to be submitted by the February 26th, 2020 deadline. CARRIED.
B.MacKinnon
N.Jones-Scissons

8d-7. Motion: to confirm resignation of John Hamel from the Little Rapids Recreation Complex Committee, effective June 14/19

20-03-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts with regret the resignation of **John Hamel** from the **Little Rapids Recreation Complex Committee**, effective June 14th, 2019. CARRIED.
D. Kirby
N.Jones-Scissons

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION

9-1. Town of Deep River – Premiers to Develop Nuclear Reactor Technology

9-2. Michael Mantha, MPP – “Till Death Do Us Part Act” petition

20-03-15

N.Jones-Scissons
D.Wedgwood

WHEREAS correspondence was received from the Office of Michael Mantha, MPP, requesting support for the petition titled **Support Bill 153, the Till Death Do Us Part Act**. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize display of the above mentioned petition at the front desk of the Municipal Office until the end of March, 2020; AND THAT the signed petition be forwarded to Michael Mantha, MPP. CARRIED.

9-3a. Office of the Solicitor General – OPP Roundtable, Feb. 24/20, Sudbury
9-3b. AMO – Government announces consultation on re-composition of OPP Detachment Boards

20-03-16

D.Wedgwood
N.Jones-Scissons

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Mayor Bilodeau to attend the regional round table discussion convened by the Office of the Solicitor General to discuss the upcoming regulatory changes related to **Ontario Provincial Police services**, under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA, 2019); to be held February 24, 2020, in Sudbury; AND THAT it cover all associated expenses. CARRIED.

9-4. Statistics Canada – Community Snapshot Toolkit

9-5. Town of Thessalon – Huron North West Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee 2020 budget

20-03-17

N.Jones-Scissons
D.Wedgwood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs that the requested contribution of \$4,000.00 from the **Huron North West Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee** be deferred to 2020 Budget deliberations. CARRIED.

9-6. Communities in Bloom – Scotts Gro for good Grants

9-7. Iron Bridge Lions Club Inc. – request for financial contribution to Family Baseball Tournament Weekend

20-03-18

D. Kirby
D. Walsh

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes a donation in the amount of \$400.00 to the **Iron Bridge Lions Club** to assist with the cost of hiring a children’s face painter and balloon artist during its **Family Baseball Tournament**; AND THAT said donation be included in the 2020 Municipal Budget. CARRIED.
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: B. MacKinnon

9-8. Office of Michael Mantha MPP – Green New Democratic Deal consultations

9-9. Government of Canada – Universal Broadband Fund

9-10. Service Canada – Canada Summer Jobs applications (deadline Feb. 24)

20-03-19

B.MacKinnon
D.Kirby

20-03-19 – cont.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Clerk/Administrator to make application to **2020 Canada Summer Jobs** under Employment and Social Development Canada for six (6) individuals necessary to fulfill the requirements of the 2020 Summer Municipal activities. CARRIED.

9-11. Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries – Summer Experience Program applications (deadline Feb. 27)

20-03-20 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the
B.Mackinnon Clerk/Administrator to make application under the **2020**
D.Walsh **Summer Experience Program** for one (1) student,
through the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and
Culture Industries. CARRIED.

9-12. Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services – Poverty Reduction Strategy survey

9-13. Rainy River District Municipal Association – Resolution to Address Fair and Equitable Property Taxation Revenue on Railway Right-of-Ways Collected by Municipalities in Ontario

9-14. Seniors' Health Advisory Committee, Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District – request for resolution

20-03-21 WHEREAS public health care consistently ranks as the top
D.Wedgwood priority in public opinion polls;
G.Campbell AND WHEREAS Public Health provides vital health
promotion and prevention services based on the unique
demographic and economic, social, and cultural needs of
our communities;
AND WHEREAS the evidence from hospital amalgamation
in Ontario and across Canada is that they have cost
billions of dollars and have not yielded the promised
administrative savings but have taken money away from
frontline care;
AND WHEREAS there is no evidence to support the
proposed closure of 25 out of 35 local Public Health units,
the closure of 12 of 22 local ambulance dispatch centres,
and the closure of 49 out of 59 local ambulance services;
AND WHEREAS there is a deep consensus among virtually
all stakeholders that increasing acuity in our long-term
care homes requires additional staff and resources, not
cancellation of the two special funds and real dollar cuts to
per diem funding of our long-term care homes;
AND WHEREAS our local hospitals have been downsized
for an entire generation and cannot meet population needs
while sustaining real dollar cuts to hospital global budgets;
AND WHEREAS we recognize that the provincial
government has named a facilitator to conduct
consultations on the proposed closures and mergers of
local Public Health Units, local ambulance dispatch centres,
and local ambulance services;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality
of Huron Shores calls upon the Ontario government to halt
the closures of, mergers of, and cuts to our local health
care services including Public Health Units, land ambulance
services, hospitals and long-term care homes;
AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the
Ministries of Health and Long-Term Care and the Seniors'
Health Advisory Committee Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma
District. CARRIED.

9-15. Village of Merrickville-Wolford – Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation

9-16. Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition – AGM February 18/20

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION

10-1. Tulloch Engineering - Big Basswood Lake Septic Inspection Report

20-03-22

*N.Jones-Scissons
D.Kirby*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Clerk/Administrator be directed to contact Chairman, Larry Allcorn, Big Basswood Lake Association, to request that assumptive statements contained in the Summary of the **Big Basswood Lake Septic Inspection Report**, dated 2019, be removed or reworded. CARRIED.

- 10-2. Jim Wilson, MPP – Ontario Govs. supporting Ontario's beekeeping sector
- 10-3. Ontario Provincial Police Municipal Policing Bureau – News Bulletin Jan/20
- 10-4a. AECOM – Project Status Report #13 – Wards 1-4 (2016)
- 10-4b. AECOM – Project Status Report #2 – Wards 1-4 (2019)
- 10-4c. AECOM – letter to MOECC – Groundwater Monitoring Network Approval
- 10-5. Township of Perth South – Enforcement of Safety on Family Farms
- 10-6. AMO Watchfile – (a) Jan.23; (b) Jan.30; (c) Feb.6
- 10-7. Ontario Farmland Trust – 2020 Forum, March 26/20
- 10-8. City of Sarnia – OPG's Deep Geologic Repository Project
- 10-9. CENGN – Community Expressions of Interest for Sowerby and Dean Lake
- 10-10. Hydro One Networks Inc. Replacement of Wood Pole Transmission Structures located in Huron Shores
- 10-11. Biomass North Development Centre – cessation of operations
- 10-12. Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry – Forest Management Plan Inspection Northshore Forest 2020-2030
- 10-13. Township of Madoc – Joint and Several Liability Consultation
- 10-14. Ontario Electronic Stewardship – Dec. 31/20 Contract Termination
- 10-15. Ministry of the Solicitor General – update to Field and Advisory Services structure
- 10-16. HNCEA – November Newsletter

CLOSED SESSION

None

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

20-03-23

*D.Wedgwood
G.Campbell*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #20-09**, being a By-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to **Adopt the Minutes** of the Special Council Meeting and the Regular Council Meeting held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, authorizing the taking of any action authorized therein and thereby, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 12th day of February, 2020. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

20-03-24
D. Wedgwood
G. Campbell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 8:59 p.m.
CARRIED.

MAYOR

CLERK

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