

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES
April 8, 2020 (20-09)

The regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, and called to order by Mayor Georges Bilodeau at 7:23 p.m.

PRESENT (electronically): Mayor Georges Bilodeau, Councillors Jane Armstrong, Gord Campbell, Nancy Jones-Scissons, Debora Kirby, Blair MacKinnon, Jock Pirrie, and Dale Wedgwood

REGRETS: Councillor Darlene Walsh

STAFF (Council Chambers): Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli; Deputy Clerk Natasha Roberts

OBSERVERS (electronically): Jim Falconer

AGENDA REVIEW

Clerk/Administrator advised of Addendum #1 (Item 8b-4) being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Smelter Bay Aggregates.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Wedgwood declared a pecuniary interest respecting the Hughes Supply account.

Councillor Kirby declared a pecuniary interest respecting the Tulloch Engineering account, and Item 9-5 respecting the letter from the Iron Bridge Agricultural Society.

Councillor Armstrong declared a pecuniary interest respecting the Armstrong Enterprises account, Item 8b-1 respecting the by-law to approve zoning amendment File No. 2020-Z-01, and Item 9-5 respecting the letter from the Iron Bridge Agricultural Society.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

20-09-01 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the
N.Jones-Scissons Special and Regular Meetings of Council held Wednesday,
D. Wedgwood March 11, 2020, as circulated. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

20-09-02 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the
N.Jones-Scissons General Accounts, excluding items of Pecuniary Interest,
D. Wedgwood for the period from March 10, 2020 to April 8, 2020 in the
amount of **\$431,477.83**. CARRIED.

20-09-03 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the
N.Jones-Scissons **Armstrong Enterprises** accounts, dated March 10, 2020,
B. MacKinnon in the amount of **\$1,599.40**. CARRIED.
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: J. Armstrong

20-09-04 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the
N.Jones-Scissons **Hughes Supply** accounts, dated March 10, 2020, in the
J. Armstrong amount of **\$166.39**. CARRIED.
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: J. Armstrong

20-09-05 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the
D. Wedgwood **Tulloch Engineering** accounts, dated March 10, 2020, in
B. MacKinnon the amount of **\$474.60** CARRIED.
DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: D. Kirby

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

Council Reports:

Mayor Bilodeau reported that the teleconference with the Negotiator for **Thessalon First Nation** has been postponed due to COVID-19.

Councillor Armstrong reported that the **Northern Credit Union** will be temporarily closing some of its locations due to COVID-19. On April 20th the Iron Bridge branch will be closing and the Thessalon Branch will be reducing its hours to 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mayor Bilodeau expressed concern due to NCU being the only banking institution in Iron Bridge. The Branch Manager will be in contact with Clerk/Administrator Tonelli to discuss the temporary closure.

Staff Reports

Clerk's Report:

Clerk/Administrator provided a COVID-19 Update Report to Council. On a query from Councillor Jones-Scissons, Clerk/Administrator reported that she is researching if there is a need to close **boat launches** due to the accesses being located within our Parks. Council supported the closure if deemed necessary.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report entitled: "COVID-19 Taxation & Interest discussion", was received by Council. Clerk/Administrator reported that Council will have to provide instruction to staff should there be a desire to amend the current tax collection practices and due dates. Currently, due to COVID-19, staff has not yet applied April penalty to outstanding taxes.

GENERAL BUSINESS

8a. Planning Act Matters

None.

8b. By-laws

8b-1. By-Law #20-13: to approve Zoning Amendment App. File No. 2020-Z-01

20-09-06

D. Wedgwood
N. Jones-Scissons

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #20-13**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to **adopt Site Specific Zoning** with respect to **Application File No. 2020-Z-01**, to reduce the setback requirement from water, to facilitate the construction of a seasonal dwelling, on property described as CON 5 LOT 8PT PCL 4698 ACS; RP AR22 PART 1 CON 5 LOT 7PT; PCL 1972 ACS, Bright Township, in the Municipality Of Huron Shores, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 8th day of April, 2020. **CARRIED.**

8b-2. By-law #20-14: to adopt the Municipal Pandemic Influenza Plan

20-09-07

D. Wedgwood
B. MacKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #20-14**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores **to Adopt the Municipal Pandemic Influenza Plan**, to be

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20-09-07-cont. incorporated with the Municipal Emergency Plan, was read a first, second and third time in open Council this 8th day of April, 2020. CARRIED.

8b-3. By-law #20-15: eSCRIBE Software Ltd. Subscription Agreement

20-09-08 BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #20-15** being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to authorize the Clerk/Administrator to Execute the **Agreement with eSCRIBE Software Ltd. for Electronic Agenda and Meeting Management Software eSCRIBE Lite – Accessibility Bundle**, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 8th day of April, 2020. CARRIED.
J. Armstrong
B. MacKinnon

8b-4. By-law #20-16: to enter into agreement with Smelter Bay Aggregates re: Full-Load Hauling during Half-Load Period on a Portion of Brownlee Road

20-09-09 BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #20-16**, being a By-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores, to enter into an Agreement with **Smelter Bay Aggregates Corp.** to permit full load hauling during half load restrictions, on the portion of **Brownlee Road** from Highway 17 to its pit entrance was hereby read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 8th day of April, 2020. CARRIED.
D. Wedgwood
D. Kirby

8c. Minutes - Member organizations

8c-1. Algoma Public Health Board of Health, February 26/20

20-09-10 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the **Minutes** of the following board on which the Municipality has representation:
B. MacKinnon
N. Jones-Scissons
- Algoma Public Health Board of Health, February 26/20. CARRIED.

8d. Motions

8d-1. Motion: to rescind Resolution #20-06-09 and postpone setting a special meeting to discuss Council composition, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

20-09-11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council **rescinds Resolution #20-06-09**, dated March 11, 2020, and postpone setting the special meeting of Council to discuss Council composition, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. CARRIED.
D. Wedgwood
J. Armstrong

8d-2. Motion: to appoint Nicholas Richards to Fire Dept. (Station 2)

20-09-12 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints **Nicholas Richards** to the Fire Department, Station #2, subject to medical approval. CARRIED.
D. Kirby
B. MacKinnon

8d-3. Motion: to accept 2020 amalgamated tender bids

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20-09-13 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the **2020**
J. Armstrong **amalgamated tender prices,** pending calculation
D. Kirby confirmations, as follows:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Price</i>
Surface Treatment		
incl. Polymer	Duncor Enterprises Inc.	\$127,353.60
Calcium	Pollard Hwy. Products	\$113,452.00
Blades	Valley Blades Ltd.	\$ 6,025.84
Culverts	Iconix Waterworks Ltd.	\$ 75,205.03

for a grand total of **\$322,036.47**, including all applicable taxes, with provision of all contracts being conditional, due to Provincial mandates respecting the COVID-19 Pandemic. **CARRIED.**

8d-4. Motion: to support the 5-year renewals for all existing MTO permitted signage

20-09-14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Treasurer
J. Armstrong to renew all existing **MTO permitted signs** under the
D. Wedgwood new 5-year permit program. **CARRIED.**

8e. Notices of Motion
None.

9. LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION

9-1. Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre – Coronavirus Resources Hub and Online Map

20-09-15 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes staff to
D. Wedgwood participate in the Algoma Partners **Coronavirus**
J. Armstrong **Resources Hub and Online Map** being offered by the
Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre. **CARRIED.**

9-2. AECOM – Draft Ward 3 (Iron Bridge) Landfill Site Design and Operations Report

20-09-16 BE IT RESOLVED THAT approves the **Ward 3 Landfill Site**
N Jones-Scissons **Design and Operations Report** prepared by AECOM
D. Kirby Canada Ltd., dated March 2020. **CARRIED.**

9-3. Municipality of Grey Highlands – request support for electronic delegations

20-09-17 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the resolution from
N Jones-Scissons the Municipality of Grey Highlands related to support of
D. Wedgwood Electronic Delegations;
AND THAT the Municipality of Huron Shores sends a letter of support, in principle, with respect to the Municipality of Grey Highlands Council resolution calling for **electronic delegations for small and rural municipalities** as this Provincial Government has requested municipalities be respectful of taxpayers' money, and that the technology has improved to a state where this can and should be done;
AND THAT this letter be circulated to the Municipality of Grey Highlands for further distribution. **CARRIED.**

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9-4. Township of Tarbutt – It’s Official, We Really Don’t Matter! request for support

9-5. Iron Bridge Agricultural Society – cancellation of MusicFest 2020

20-09-18 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes that the 2020
N Jones-Scissons contribution to the Iron Bridge Agricultural Society, for its
B. MacKinnon MusicFest, that has been cancelled due to the COVID-19
Pandemic, be kept by the Society to be put towards the
2021 MusicFest. CARRIED.

9-6. Township of St. Joseph – Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre Senior of the Year Award

9-7. Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre – request for financial support

10. LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION

10-1. Algoma Public Health – Community Assistance and Bulletin

10-2. MPP Michael Mantha – Local regulations during 2020 smelt run

10-3. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Restricted Fire Zone Declaration due to Covid-19

10-4. Town of Kingsville – request for electricity billing relief during Covid-19

10-5. AMO – Watchfile – March 12, 19, 26, April 2

10-6. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Operation of Seasonal Trailer Parks and Recreational Campgrounds – Amended Essential Business Order as of April 3, 2020

10-7. Town of Midland – Direct Payment of Federal Funds to Municipalities to Waive Property Taxes for the Year 2020 – Financial help to alleviate the suffering from Covid-19 Pandemic
Council deliberated the motion.

20-09-19 WHEREAS Council has reviewed the proposal by the Town
N.Jones-Scissons of Midland in seeking the Federal Government to provide
D. Kirby direct payment of funds to municipalities and waive
property taxes for the Year 2020 by percentage dependent
on assessed property values;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of
the Municipality of Huron Shores supports the concept of
waiving 2020 property taxes in lieu of direct grants
from either the Provincial and/or Federal Government to
municipalities, in order to provide relief, both financially
and psychologically, to Canadian ratepayers;
AND THAT Council respectfully requests that the Provincial
and Federal Governments seriously consider this concept
in setting out plans to alleviate the suffering being caused
by the COVID-19 Pandemic. CARRIED.

10-8. Ministry of Finance – Property Tax Initiatives in responding to Covid-19

10-9. Township of Johnson – letters to ADSAB, APH, MPAC, OPP re:
Municipal Levy and Covid-19

Council deliberated the motion. It was agreed that a special meeting be called for April 22nd in order to further discuss possible taxation/penalty deferrals. Until Council has opportunity to conduct said review, April penalty will not be added to taxes.

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N.Jones-Scissons
D. Kirby

WHEREAS, as with the Township of Johnson and, undoubtedly, all municipalities in Ontario, the COVID-19 Pandemic has caused this Municipality grave concerns respecting the health and welfare of its ratepayers and the municipal cash flow;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Township of Johnson in its letters to: Algoma District Services Administration Board; Algoma Public Health Board; Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; and Ministry of Finance (respecting the OPP Levy), **seeking a municipal levy payment deferral** until such time as the municipal fiscal picture is much clearer;

AND THAT Clerk/Administrator be authorized to forward said concerns to each of the above-noted bodies, as well as the Township of Johnson. CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

20-09-21

J. Armstrong
N.Jones-Scissons

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #20-17** being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to **Adopt the Minutes** of the Special Council Meeting, the Special Public Meeting, and the Regular Council Meeting held Wednesday, April 8, 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 8th day of April, 2020. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

20-09-22

D. Kirby
B. MacKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 8:25 p.m. CARRIED.

MAYOR

CLERK