

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HURON SHORES
April 22, 2020 (20-10) - Special

The special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, April 22 2020, and called to order by Mayor Georges Bilodeau at 7:06 p.m.

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

STAFF (Council Chambers): Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli

STAFF (electronically): Treasurer John Stenger; Deputy Clerk Natasha Roberts

OBSERVERS (electronically): Tim Armstrong; Krystal Summers (at 7:20 p.m.); Joanne's iPad (8:15 p.m. – 8:17 p.m.)

AGENDA REVIEW

Councillor Wedgwood asked to provide a Flood Conditions Report. Council concurred.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

4. Business

4-1. Motion: to institute a targeted penalty relief program due to COVID-19
Council deliberated the matter

Krystal Summers logged into the Zoom Meeting as an observer at 7:20 p.m.

20-10-01 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Main Motion be amended by
B. MacKinnon striking out the words "Delay application of penalty on the
J. Pirrie March 31 installment until June 1" and inserting the words
"Delay application of penalty on the March 31 installment
until August 1". CARRIED.

RECORDED VOTE:

G. Bilodeau	Yea	B. MacKinnon	Yea
J. Armstrong	Yea	J. Pirrie	Yea
G. Campbell	Yea	D. Walsh	Yea
<u>N. Jones-Scissons</u>	Nay	D. Wedgwood	Yea
D. Kirby	Yea		

20-10-02 WHEREAS it is recognized that the restrictions imposed on
J. Armstrong citizens due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and
D. Kirby Provincial declaration of emergency made on March 17,
2020, have placed a financial burden on many ratepayers;

20-10-02 – cont. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council institutes
a targeted penalty relief program as follows:

- Delay application of penalty on the March 31 installment until August 1;
- Delay application of penalty on the May 29 installment until August 1;
- Immediately apply penalty and interest on taxes due prior to March 30, 2020;
- Ratepayers with Preauthorized Payments (PAD) shall

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be given the option to suspend the May installment, until July 31, by advising the Treasurer in writing prior to May 15, 2020;

- Ratepayers with post-dated payments shall be given the option to suspend the May installment, until July 31, by advising the Treasurer in writing prior to May 15, 2020; and
- NSF charges shall not be waived if ratepayers are given the opportunity to withdraw the payments.

AND THAT said program be further reviewed at the May 13, 2020 Meeting of Council. CARRIED.

RECORDED VOTE:

G. Bilodeau	Yea	B. MacKinnon	Yea
J. Armstrong	Yea	J. Pirrie	Yea
G. Campbell	Yea	D. Walsh	Nay
<u>N. Jones-Scissons</u>	Nay	D. Wedgwood	Yea
D. Kirby	Yea		

4-2. Motion: to suspend requirement of a motion in order discuss Council Expenses Report

20-10-03

B. MacKinnon
J. Pirrie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, by 2/3 vote, Council hereby suspends the requirement of a motion in order to discuss the allowance for the Treasurer to issue a Form **T2200** Declaration of Conditions of Employment to members of Council who are entitled to deduct expenses incurred in the conduct of his/her duties;
AND THAT following said discussion, should a member of Council wish to proceed with a motion, it be brought forward at the May 13, 2020 Meeting of Council.

CARRIED.

Members of Council provided their perspective on the matter, including discussion on CRA research and the loss of the 1/3 tax free exemption for municipal officials and the decision of Council, last year, not to increase Council remuneration to compensate for that loss. Treasurer Stenger reported on the CRA legal opinion letter received from the Municipal Finance Officers' Association. He explained that it will rest with each member of Council to defend the T2200 Form with CRA, if audited. He will await Council direction on issuing Forms to those members of Council who request them. Clerk/Administrator Tonelli asked that if a Councillor wants a motion to be brought forward respecting the matter, he/she contact her to instruct that it be added to the May 13 Agenda.

4-3. Motion: to authorize Mayor Bilodeau to author a letter to HNCEA M respecting Broadband for the region

Councillor Bilodeau provided his perspective on the motion.

Joanne's ipad logged into the Zoom Meeting as an observer from 8:15 p.m. to 8:17 p.m.

20-10-04

N.Jones-Scissons
D. Wedgwood

WHEREAS, at the March 11/20 Meeting of Council, Resolution No. 20-06-18 was adopted, advising of Council's disappointment with the outcome of the Broadband RFP conducted by the Huron North Community Economic Alliance (HNCEA);
AND WHEREAS Council appointed an Ad-hoc Broadband Committee to remain active in furthering Huron Shores

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20-10-04 – cont. Broadband efforts;
AND WHEREAS this Municipality has been made aware of a request from Bell to various municipalities, within central Algoma and the HNCEA's catchment area, seeking letters of support for Bell's CRTC application for broadband funding;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Mayor Bilodeau to author a letter to HNCEA seeking out any further actions taken and planned by HNCEA respecting a regional broadband solution and requesting a full explanation and documentation to its members as to its decision to not move forward with awarding the RFP, against the recommendation of the HNCEA Broadband Task Group;
AND THAT Council authorizes Mayor Bilodeau to author a letter to the Mayors/Reeves of the municipalities located between the Township of Macdonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional and the Township of Nairn and Hyman, to seek out their regional Broadband wants and needs. CARRIED.

4-4. By-law #20-18: to enter into an agreement with the property owner of Roll No. 5724 000 003 09900 0000 to allow for a full-load haul during Half-Load Restriction on a Portion of Little Rapids Road and Collver Road

20-10-05 BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #20-18**, being a By-law of D. Kirby the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores, to N.Jones-Scissons enter into an Agreement with the property owner of Roll No. 5724 000 003 09900 0000, to permit full load hauling during half load restrictions, on the portion of **Little Rapids Road** and **Collver Road** from the intersection of Highway 129 directly to the property, strictly for the purpose of transporting equipment to allow for tile drainage of said property, was hereby read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 22nd day of April, 2020. CARRIED.

On a concern from Mayor Bilodeau regarding the use of Zoom, Deputy Clerk Roberts discussed the safety precautions being utilized by using the waiting room feature and ensuring that the most recent version of Zoom is being utilized.

COUNCILLOR REPORT:

Councillor Wedgwood advised that, due to COVID-19, the **Mississagi River Flood Monitoring Committee** did not conduct its annual meeting but, that he is in contact with Andrew Joyce, of Evolugen (formerly Mississagi Power Trust). Councillor Wedgwood reported that he has been advised that there is room in all forebays of the river system and that it is in good shape to handle the spring freshet, barring any significant rain events. He advised that Deputy Clerk Natasha Roberts has provided all Committee members with the annual report.

ADJOURNMENT

20-10-05 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 8:23 p.m.
D. Kirby CARRIED.
N.Jones-Scissons

MAYOR

CLERK

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