



The Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores
Regular Meeting Minutes

21-14
May 26, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

Council Members Present: Mayor Georges Bilodeau, Councillor Dale Wedgwood, Councillor Nancy Jones-Scissons, Councillor Jane Armstrong, Councillor Blair MacKinnon, Councillor Gord Campbell, Councillor Darlene Walsh, Councillor Jock Pirrie, Councillor Debora Kirby

Staff Present: Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli, Deputy Clerk Natasha Roberts, Treasurer John Stenger, Public Works Superintendent Harry Hadikin, Kelsey Nyman

Gallery: Via Zoom: Nancy Richards; and Shirley Cooke (entered at 7:40 p.m.)

1. Call To Order

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on May 26, 2021, and called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Council and Staff Attendance:

In Council Chambers: Mayor Bilodeau; Councillor Kirby and Pirrie; and Clerk/Administrator Tonelli.

Via Zoom: Councillors Armstrong, Jones-Scissons, MacKinnon, and Wedgwood; Treasurer Stenger; and Deputy Clerk Roberts

Via Telephone: Councillor Campbell

2. Agenda Review

A Report from Councillor Jones-Scissons was added to the Agenda under Councillor Reports.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3.a G. Bilodeau: Broadband Funding - Councillor Jones-Scissons

Mayor Bilodeau declared a pecuniary interest respecting the Councillor Jones-Scissons' Broadband Funding Report and any discussion respecting the Broadband Project as he is Chair of H&M COFI Corporation.

4. Adoption of Council Minutes

21-14-01

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by N. Jones-Scissons

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the **Minutes** of the Special Public Meeting, Regular Meeting and Closed Session held Wednesday, May 12, 2021, as circulated. **CARRIED**

5. Adoption of Accounts

6. Delegations and Petitions

7. Council and Staff Reports

7.a Councillor Reports

7.a.1 Broadband Funding - Councillor Jones-Scissons

G. Bilodeau declared a conflict on this item. (Mayor Bilodeau declared a pecuniary interest respecting the Councillor Jones-Scissons' Broadband Funding Report and any discussion respecting the Broadband Project as he is Chair of H&M COFI Corporation.)

Chair Bilodeau departed Council Chambers at 7:10 p.m. Acting Mayor Wedgwood took the Chair. Councillor Jones-Scissons reported on her recommendation that a portion of Modernization Funding be utilized to fund the H&M COFI project. She also advised of Mayor Bilodeau's recent FONOM Executive Award for his tireless efforts in promoting broadband expansion to the area. Acting Mayor Wedgwood commended Mayor Bilodeau on his recent FONOM award and the (Ad-Hoc Broadband) Committee for all their work. Council deliberated Councillor-Jones Scissons'

recommendation, with further discussion to take place later during the meeting. Mayor Bilodeau returned to Council Chambers and resumed the Chair at 7:22 p.m.

7.a.2 FONOM Conference - Mayor Bilodeau

Mayor Bilodeau reported on the FONOM Conference he attended, via Zoom, on Tuesday, May 18th. He also advised that he was humbled to have received the 2021 Executive Award which was bestowed upon him because of the mandate given to him by this Council to lobby for the H&M COFI Project. As Mayor Bilodeau had not been in Chambers during Councillor Wedgwood's earlier congratulatory announcement, he reiterated his congratulations to Mayor Bilodeau and the Committee for their excellent work to-date.

7.b Staff Reports

7.b.1 Cell phone usage, FN-21-07

7.b.2 2021 Draft Budget Report Package

7.b.3 Canada Summer Jobs Report #2

8. General Business

8.a Planning Act Matters

8.a.1 Motion: Council decision re: Provisional Consent File No. 2021-C-04

21-14-02

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by N. Jones-Scissons

WHEREAS an **Application for Consent File No. 2021-C-04** to sever land from property described as CON 1 LOT 6NPT PCL 171 ACS; RP 1R-8397 PART 1 RP 1R-6224; PART 5, Gladstone Township, to be conveyed to property described as CON 1 LOT 6 NPT PCL 2914 ACS; RP 1R-6907 PART 1, Gladstone Township, has been received;

AND WHEREAS Planning Consultant Peter Tonazzo, by Planning Report dated May 7, 2021, recommends approval of the application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT under the provisions of Section 53 of the Planning Act, Council grants Provisional

Consent to **Consent File No, 2021-C-04** to sever a 85m x 162m parcel, totaling approximately 1.218 hectares, from 11 Bright Lake Road and convey it to 27 Bright Lake Road, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the severed portion be tied on title to property at 27 Bright Lake Road; CON 1 LOT6 NPT PCL 2914 ACS; RP 1R-6907 PART 1, Gladstone Township;

2. The following documents must be provided for the transaction described in order that Planning Act Approval may be granted:

- Draft Transfer Application Form - two copies to be provided;
- Draft Schedule to the Transfer Application form - on which is set out the entire legal description of the parcel in question. This Schedule must also contain the names of the party(ies) indicated on Page 1 of the Transfer Deed of Land Form or Transfer Application form;

3. Plan of Survey:

- A Reference Plan of Survey which bears the Land Registry Office registration number and signature as evidence of its deposit therein, illustrating the parcels to which the consent approval relates;

- Provide two paper copies and one digital copy of said reference plan of survey;

4. Municipal Road Transfer:

That any public road allowance for Bright Lake Road fronting and lying within the limits of the severed parcel, that are not currently held in the ownership of the Municipality of Huron Shores, must be described as a separate part or parts on the Registered Plan of Survey, and said part or parts shall be transferred to the Municipality of Huron Shores at no cost, free and clear of any and all encumbrances.

CARRIED

8.b By-laws

None.

8.c Minutes - Boards and Committees

None.

8.d Motions

8.d.1 2021 Budget Review, FN-21-04

Treasurer Stenger provided a high-level overview of the draft budget, as provided. He addressed some specific budget items and answered questions from Council.

Amendments/discussions, respecting the draft budget, not addressed by resolution of Council, were as follow:

- removal of Transportation Roads Construction Project #4 (Bolton River Road Turn-around);
- removal of \$200.00 under Grants to Others - Agricultural Society Fall Fair, as the event is not taking place this summer;
- removal of the Little Rapids Natural Playground project (both expenditure and reserve line-items), as funding was not provided for the project. It will remain on a wish list for future funding possibilities;
- seek input from Public Works Superintendent respecting Roads Minor Equipment items;
- Asphalt vs. Surface Treatment Report to be completed prior to determination of the 2022 construction season projects;
- removal of the Iron Bridge Recreation Centre renovation project (both expenditure and reserve line-items) until funding opportunities become available;
- \$180,000 added to the draft budget, for a total of \$190,000, to be considered for Broadband Investment once funding announcements have been made;
- Treasurer will further review penalty and interest and tax arrears revenues;
- elimination of the hiring of 1 summer student;
- reduction in cost of new phone system by \$3,000.; and
- reduction in Council training and travel budget due to COVID-19.

The Treasurer reported that the budget has been prepared such that the recreation facilities will be opening this season. If they do not reopen, any cost savings will be placed in reserves for those facilities.

On a query from Councillor Jones-Scissons respecting the allocation for the Modernization funding, Mayor Bilodeau declared a pecuniary interest and departed Council Chambers at 8:15 p.m. Acting Mayor Wedgwood took the Chair and Council further deliberated the matter. Mayor Bilodeau returned to Council Chambers and resumed the Chair at 8:56 p.m.

Treasurer Stenger reviewed the General Accounts with Council and noted the increase in administrative travel, due to the closure of the Northern Credit Union in Iron Bridge.

Council discussed the extra cost of the recycling bins resulting from added mileage costs due to the inability of the contractor to travel over Dean Lake Bridge because of the reduced weight limit.

Council briefly discussed the cost to remove the unsafe buildings on Municipal properties acquired through tax sales.

Treasurer Stenger reviewed budget items that he had highlighted. The discussion was interrupted at 9:13 p.m. due to a Zoom issue. This postponed the meeting for approximately 5 minutes.

The Thessalon First Nation Fire Services Agreement was discussed. Clerk was directed to bring a report back to a future Council Meeting respecting negotiations for a new agreement.

Treasurer Stenger was directed to write a letter to the OFSC, with copy to the Iron Bridge Nighthawks, respecting the COVID-19 funding received for Veterans Bridge and that, without additional financial support from OFSC, the funding received, to-date, will only cover repairs to bring the bridge back to foot traffic only.

Council directed that, with the direction received this evening, Treasurer Stenger present a final draft budget at the June 9th Meeting to target no more than a 2.3% increase and the motion presented this evening be deferred to the June 9th Meeting.

21-14-Deferred

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by N. Jones-Scissons

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Municipal Treasurer to make the necessary **adjustments to the proposed 2021 Municipal Budget** as per the Regular Meeting held this date, Wednesday, May 26, 2021, authorizing a total, to be determined, to be raised through taxation;
AND THAT the adjusted 2021 Municipal Budget be presented to Council for final approval at the June 9th, 2021 Regular Meeting.

21-14-03

Moved by D. Wedgwood
Seconded by B. MacKinnon

WHEREAS the 2005 one-ton is being replaced in 2022;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT any repairs to the **2005 one-ton**, unrelated to required safety matters, be removed from the 2021 draft budget. **CARRIED**

21-14-04

Moved by N. Jones-Scissons
Seconded by B. MacKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council instructs that the remainder of the unspent **Modernization Funding**, in the amount of \$360,368., be allocated as follows:
- computer equipment: approximately \$18,200., and;
- Municipal share of the high-level flood assessment project and Broadband investment: approximately \$342,200., with the amounts to be applied to each to be determined once funding announcements are known. **CARRIED**

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: G. Bilodeau

RECORDED VOTE:

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

8.d.2 To request amendment to Canada Summer Jobs Contract , CL-21-07

21-14-04

Moved by J. Armstrong
Seconded by D. Wedgwood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Clerk/Administrator to request an amendment to the Canada Summer Jobs Contract as follows: from 3 Museum Assistants to 2 Municipal Assistants;

AND THAT Clerk/Administrator proceed with all administration associated with hiring the students for the 2021 summer season.

CARRIED

8.e Notices of Motion

None.

9. Letters & Communications for Action

9.a Shirley Cooke

21-14-05

Moved by N. Jones-Scissons

Seconded by D. Kirby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Clerk/Administrator to contact OPP regarding its ability to assist with speed limit control on Little Rapids Road and to investigate the cost of speed display signage, and provide a report back to Council soonest possible.

CARRIED

10. Letters & Communications for Information

10.a AMO Watchfile - May 13, 20, 2021

10.b Town of Cochrane

11. Closed Session

12. Confirming By-law

21-14-06

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by J. Armstrong

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #21-20**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to **Adopt the Minutes** of the Special and Regular Council Meetings held Wednesday, May 26, 2021, authorizing the taking of any action authorized therein and thereby, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 26th day of May, 2021.

CARRIED

13. Adjournment

21-14-07

Moved by D. Kirby

Seconded by N. Jones-Scissons

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK