



The Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores
Regular Meeting Minutes

21-15
June 9, 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

Gallery: Delegation: Via Zoom: Paul Norris, Ontario Waterpower Association (departed at 7:35 p.m.)
Gallery: Via Zoom: Amy Chevis; Shirley Cooke; Gary Garton; Andrew Gobeil (entered at 7:26 p.m.); Paul Perry (entered at 7:26 p.m.); and Nancy Richards

1. Call To Order

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on June 9, 2021, and called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Council and Staff Attendance:

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

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

Via Telephone: Councillor Campbell

2. Agenda Review

Clerk/Administrator noted that should Council wish to do a proclamation respecting the delegation this evening, it may be done following the Ontario Waterpower Association presentation by Paul Norris. Council authorized the addition of Item 9.12, being correspondence from the Ontario Land Tribunal.

At the request of Councillor Armstrong, a motion will be brought forward for Item 9.6, respecting the AECOM letter.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3.a J. Armstrong - To authorize Education Assistance Program request from N. Richards

Nancy Richards is a family member

3.b J. Armstrong - To let gravel tender

Part owner of a gravel business - Armstrong Enterprises

3.c D. Kirby - Tulloch Engineering

Family Members employed with Tulloch Engineering

3.d D. Wedgwood - Hughes Supply

Employed with Hughes Supply

4. Adoption of Council Minutes

21-15-01

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by D. Walsh

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Special and Regular meeting of Council held Wednesday, May 26, 2021 as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Adoption of Accounts

5.a General Accounts

21-15-02

Moved by N. Jones-Scissons

Seconded by J. Armstrong

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the **General Accounts**, excluding items of Pecuniary Interest, for the month of May 2021, in the amount of **\$264,963.18**.

CARRIED

5.b Hughes Supply

D. Wedgwood declared a conflict on this item. (Employed with Hughes Supply)

21-15-03

Moved by J. Armstrong

Seconded by J. Pirrie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the **Hughes Supply** account, dated May 27, 2021, in the amount of **\$76.10**.

CARRIED

5.c Tulloch Engineering

D. Kirby declared a conflict on this item. (Family Members employed with Tulloch Engineering)

21-15-04

Moved by D. Wedgwood

Seconded by N. Jones-Scissons

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the **Tulloch Engineering** account, dated May 27, 2021, in the amount of **\$1,827.75**.

CARRIED

6. Delegations and Petitions

6.a Paul Norris, Ontario Waterpower Association

Mayor Bilodeau welcomed Paul Norris to speak about the Ontario Waterpower Association. Mr. Norris provided a power point presentation outlining: information about the Association; the community members of the Association; the Waterpower facilities in Ontario; benefits of

waterpower; the Ontario Waterpower Champions Charter; Waterpower Day; and membership in the Association, including access to a GIS service.

Mayor Bilodeau advised of our Mississagi River Monitoring Committee. On a query from Councillor Wedgwood, Mr. Norris advised that the membership fee is \$100.00. On a query from Councillor Jones-Scissons, Mr. Norris advised that, in 2009, he and a negotiating team, renegotiated the Power Purchase Agreements for ~140 hydro facilities with the then Ontario Power Authority that has now become the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO). He provided examples of how smart business will require municipal support for projects. On a query from Councillor Wedgwood, Mr. Norris explained that there were a series of amendments made to the Water Power Management Plans in 2018 that were administrative in nature. He will provide the Municipality with a copy of the "Maintaining Water Power Management Plans Policy and Procedure".

Mr. Norris thanked Council for their time and the work they do as Councillors at the local level. Mayor Bilodeau thanked Mr. Norris for his presentation.

6.b Proclamation

At the behest of Councillor Armstrong, it was agreed that the Municipality become a member of the Ontario Waterpower Association.

21-15-05

Moved by N. Jones-Scissons

Seconded by J. Pirrie

WHEREAS the Ontario Waterpower Association was founded in 2001 to represent the common and collective interests of the province's original green energy sector – waterpower;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Huron Shores and surrounding area have benefited from more than a Century of affordable, reliable and sustainable waterpower;

AND WHEREAS waterpower is the original community power – embedded in dozens of villages, towns, Indigenous communities and cities across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS community waterpower projects create social, political, environmental, economic and technological benefits;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Georges Bilodeau hereby proclaims June 20th as **Waterpower Day**;

AND THAT the Municipality become a member of the organization.

CARRIED

7. Council and Staff Reports

7.a Clerk's Report - General Matters, CL-21-08

7.b Clerk's Report - Alternative Voting Methods , CL-21-09

7.c Treasurer's Report - 2021 Budget Update, FN-21-08

7.d Public Works Report - Financial Matters

8. General Business

8.a Planning Act Matters

8.b By-laws

8.b.1 By-law #21-21

21-15-06

Moved by J. Armstrong

Seconded by D. Kirby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #21-21**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to **adopt Site Specific Zoning** with respect to **Application File No. 2021-Z-02**, to permit an addition to existing cottage and accessory use storage, on property described as PCL 7492 SEC ACS; LOT 14 PL M251 EXCEPT PT 1 1R4268, Day Township, in the Municipality Of Huron Shores, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 9th day of June, 2021.

CARRIED

8.b.2 By-law #21-22

Council directed deferral of the matter to the June 23rd Meeting of Council, in order to receive legal input prior to making a decision.

21-15-Deferred

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by D. Walsh

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #21-22**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores, to award the **2021 Municipal Roadside Grass Cutting Contract**, following review of tender discrepancies with legal Council, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 9th day of June, 2021.

8.b.3 By-law #21-23

Clerk/Administrator reported on tenders received.

21-15-07

Moved by J. Armstrong

Seconded by D. Kirby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #21-23** being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to award the **2021 Municipal Roadside Brushing Contract** to JI Enterprises and the cost for the service, as per the quote received, shall be \$135.00 per hour, excluding HST, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 9th day of June, 2021.

CARRIED

8.c Minutes - Boards and Committees

8.d Motions

8.d.1 To authorize report respecting alternative voting methods

Clerk/Administrator reported that the pros and cons respecting alternative voting methods utilized by other Ontario municipalities will be investigated.

21-15-08

Moved by D. Walsh

Seconded by J. Pirrie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes staff to investigate alternative voting methods in preparation for the 2022 Municipal

Election and provide options and recommendations at a future meeting for Council consideration.

CARRIED

8.d.2 To let gravel tender

J. Armstrong declared a conflict on this item. (Part owner of a gravel business - Armstrong Enterprises)

21-15-09

Moved by D. Kirby

Seconded by J. Pirrie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores **tender for the supply, haul and placement of 5,000 cu. yds. of 5/8" Granular "M" Gravel** to be distributed as follows:

2,000 cu. yds. on various roads in Ward 1;

2,000 cu. yds. on various roads in Ward 2;

1,000 cu. yds. on various roads in Ward 4;

AND THAT the material supplied for this Tender shall be subject to Ontario Provincial Standards for Roads and Public Works – Specifications for Materials and field performance;

AND THAT bidders be advised that they are required to analyze gradation for proportions of content and to provide to the Municipality upon request, the results of said gradation for each aggregate pit utilized in supplying material to fulfill this tender;

AND THAT closing time and date for tender be Monday, June 21, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED

8.d.3 To authorize Education Assistance Program request from N. Richards

J. Armstrong declared a conflict on this item. (Nancy Richards is a family member)

21-15-10

Moved by N. Jones-Scissons

Seconded by D. Walsh

WHEREAS Nancy Richards has expressed interest in registering for the Municipal Administration Program (MAP) (Units 1 to 4) and has applied for education assistance under the Municipal Education Assistance Program;

AND WHEREAS Clerk/Administrator Tonelli recommends Council support of this request;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT **Nancy Richards** be granted **education assistance**, as outlined in Human Resources Policy D4.08-3, to complete the MAP.

CARRIED

8.d.4 To authorize use of 12-Sided Barn for Farmers' Market for 2021 Season

On a query from Councillor Kirby, Clerk/Administrator confirmed that Will Samis will be designated as the responsible person.

21-15-11

Moved by D. Kirby

Seconded by J. Pirrie

WHEREAS the Sowerby Heritage Centre Committee has been requested to open the Cordukes/Weber 12-sided Barn for its seasonal Farmers' Market;

AND WHEREAS the Committee has received information from Algoma Public Health advising of all the protocols and practices that must be set in place in order to hold a Farmers' Market during the COVID-19 Pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, providing the Sowerby Heritage Committee meets all of the Provincial Orders and Guidelines and the protocols and practices set out by Algoma Public Health, and a responsible person is designated to ensure the

above-noted parameters are being followed, it be permitted to open the basement of the **Cordukes/Weber 12-sided Barn** in order to operate the **Farmers' Market** for the 2021 season;

AND THAT should any of the requirements not be followed, the Farmers' Market be immediately shut down until such time as the requirements can be met;

AND THAT Council may, at any time, review this decision.

CARRIED

8.d.5 To approve 2021 budget levy

Following deliberation of items, Council directed the following:

- addition of membership to the Ontario Waterpower Association;
- respecting the Public Works Report concerning Truck #7 (1-ton) repairs and maintenance budget, Council directed that all monies in that line item that have not already been spent on the truck be removed from the budget (\$16,000 reduction);
- addition of \$4,000.000 budget to add hitch and rewiring of electrical system to Truck #8 (Plowtruck) in order to tow the 2-ton hot box; and
- authorization to update JDLINK software to each grader.

21-15-12

Moved by J. Armstrong

Seconded by J. Pirrie

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, June 9th, 2021, authorizing a total of \$3,487,106 to be raised through taxation;

AND THAT the adjusted 2021 Municipal Budget be presented to Council for final approval at the June 23rd, 2021 Regular meeting.

CARRIED

8.d.6 To accept successful bid respecting the sale of 2 Allen Street

Clerk/Administrator opened the 4 bids received.

21-15-13

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by J. Armstrong

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the tender submission from Joanne Stacey and Lawrence Meinert for the purchase of 2 Allen Street, in the amount of \$10,000.00;

AND THAT Clerk/Administrator proceed with the necessary administration for said sale.

CARRIED

8.e Notices of Motion

None.

9. Letters & Communications for Action

9.a Brent Chevis

21-15-14

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by N. Jones-Scissons

BE IT RESOVED THAT Clerk/Administrator respond to Mr. Brent Chevis respecting Municipal maintenance to be undertaken this summer on the seasonally maintained portion of **Woodside Road**.

CARRIED

9.b Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

9.c Sault Ste. Marie Crime Stoppers

9.d County of Perth

9.e Municipality of Calvin

9.f AECOM

21-15-15

Moved by J. Armstrong

Seconded by N. Jones-Scissons

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Clerk/Administrator respond to Kyle Hampton, Project Manager with AECOM, respecting Council's disappointment with

his recommendation that upgrading to paved shoulders is not required on Hwy. 17 between Iron Bridge and Thessalon and not recognizing the global concerns respecting bicycles travelling on Hwy. 17 and the dangers it includes;

AND THAT Mr. Hampton be made aware that although the Great Lakes Waterfront Bicycle Trail does meander along Municipal roads through the subject area, many bicyclists prefer to stay on Hwy. 17, with, sadly, 2 bicycle deaths having occurred along this stretch of Hwy., with the most recent in 2018;

AND THAT mixed modes of transportation in this area, with increased Amish buggy traffic, is of significant concern and warrants further review and reconsideration of the recommendation;

AND THAT this Resolution be copied to MPP Michael Mantha, and Heather Hamel, MTO Project Engineer.

CARRIED

9.g Town of Fort Erie

21-15-16

Moved by N. Jones-Scissons

Seconded by D. Kirby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Huron Shores supports the **Town of Fort Erie** in its call on the Federal Government to cease further consideration of eliminating **capital gains tax** exemptions on primary residences;

AND THAT this resolution be provided to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Premier of Ontario, MPP Michael Mantha, MP Carol Hughes, the Association of Municipalities Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, FONOM, and the Town of Fort Erie.

CARRIED

9.h Frank Lajambe

Council deliberated the matter.

21-15-17

Moved by D. Kirby

Seconded by N. Jones-Scissons

WHEREAS Frank Lajambe has requested that the Municipality forward a letter to all improved property owners who utilize the Municipally unmaintained portion of Demonye Avenue in order to address an offer he is making to possibly avoid proceeding with an application he has before the Ontario Land Tribunal;

AND WHEREAS the hearing date for the matter is set for Thursday, July 8, 2021;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Lajambe will proceed with the Hearing if matters cannot be negotiated with the above-noted property owners;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council instructs the Clerk/Administrator to receive the required number of letters contained in post-marked envelopes, from Mr. Lajambe, address them and mail them on Mr. Lajambe's behalf.

CARRIED

9.i NOHFC

Councillor Armstrong and Clerk/Administrator are to review the required budget for this item and bring information back to Council.

21-15-18

Moved by J. Armstrong

Seconded by N. Jones-Scissons

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Clerk/Administrator investigate if the proposed Iron Bridge Recreation Centre renovations would satisfy the requirements of the NOHFC Rural Enhancement Funding Stream and bring information back to the June 23rd Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

9.j FedNor Outreach

9.k Olivia Gobeil

Council deliberated the matter.

21-15-19

Moved by N. Jones-Scissons

Seconded by J. Armstrong

WHEREAS correspondence has been received, requesting that Council review development restrictions on SEC 8 SE1/4 PT SEC 9 SW1/4 PT, being 78 Dean Lake Road, in the designated Flood Prone Area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the letter and correspondence, dated June 9, 2021, and authorizes an application for site-specific zoning amendment be made, in accordance with the regulations under the *Planning Act*.

CARRIED

9.1 Ontario Land Tribunal

21-15-20

Moved by B. MacKinnon

Seconded by D. Walsh

WHEREAS a **Notice of Hearing** proceeding under subsection 53(19) of the Planning Act has been received from the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) for **Case No.: PL210005**;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Clerk/Administrator Tonelli to communicate with the Municipality's solicitor in preparation of the hearing to be held Thursday, July 8th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED

10. Letters & Communications for Information

10.a AMO Watchfile

10.b Township of Matachewan

10.c E4M

10.d Township of the Archipelago

10.e Township of the Archipelago

10.f FONOM

10.g Gravel Watch Ontario

10.h Northern Ontario School of Medicine

10.i Town of Halton Hill

10.j Regional Municipality of York

11. Closed Session

None.

12. Confirming By-law

21-15-21

Moved by N. Jones-Scissons

Seconded by D. Walsh

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #21-24**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to **Adopt the Minutes** of the Regular Council Meeting held Wednesday, June 9, 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 9th day of June, 2021.

CARRIED

13. Adjournment

21-15-22

Moved by D. Kirby

Seconded by J. Pirrie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK