



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**21-25**  
**September 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**

Council Members Present: 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

Council Members Absent: Mayor Georges Bilodeau

Staff Present: Clerk/Administrator Deborah Tonelli, Deputy Clerk Natasha Roberts

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**1. Call To Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday September 8, 2021, and called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Acting Head of Council (Deputy Mayor) Dale Wedgwood.

Council and Staff Attendance:

Council Chambers: Deputy Mayor Wedgwood; Councillors Kirby and Pirrie; and Clerk/Administrator Tonelli.

Via Zoom: Councillors Armstrong, MacKinnon, Jones-Scissons and Walsh; and Deputy Clerk Roberts

Via Telephone: Councillor Campbell.

**2. Agenda Review**

Agenda items 7.1 and 8.4.5 were deferred to the next regular meeting of Council.

At the request of Councillor Pirrie, Deputy Clerk Roberts was asked to make an inquiry with the Planning Consultant respecting any possibility to defer Item 8.2.1. Council agreed to proceed with the meeting and receive Deputy Clerk's information under Agenda Item 8.2.1.

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**3.1 D. Wedgwood - Item 5.2**

Employed by Hughes Supply.

**3.2 D. Kirby - Item 5.3**

Deemed Pecuniary Interest. Family members employed by Tulloch Engineering

**3.3 J. Armstrong - Item 9.4**

Employed by Northern Credit Union.

**3.4 J. Armstrong - Item 7.4**

Part owner of Armstrong Enterprises, being the company engaged to build the driveway access.

**3.5 J. Armstrong - Item 8.2.1**

Part owner of Armstrong Enterprises, being the company that will be engaged to install the septic system, if approved.

- 3.6 J. Armstrong - Item 8.4.6**  
Has family members covered by the plan.

**4. Adoption of Council Minutes**

**21-25-01**

Moved by J. Pirrie  
Seconded by J. Armstrong

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council **adopt the minutes** of the Special and Regular Meeting and Closed Session of Council held Wednesday, August 11, 2021, and Special Meeting and Closed Session of Council held Wednesday September 1, 2021 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**5. Adoption of Accounts**

**5.1 General Account**

**21-25-02**

Moved by D. Walsh  
Seconded by J. Pirrie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the **General Accounts**, excluding items of Pecuniary Interest, for the month of August 2021, in the amount of **\$520,987.78**.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Hughes Supply**

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

Councillor Kirby assumed the Chair to address this item.

**21-25-03**

Moved by J. Armstrong  
Seconded by D. Walsh

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the **Hughes Supply** account, dated August 19, 2021, in the amount of **\$309.84**.

**CARRIED**

**5.3 Tulloch Engineering**

D. Kirby declared a conflict on this item. (Deemed Pecuniary Interest. Family members employed by Tulloch Engineering).

**21-25-04**

Moved by J. Armstrong  
Seconded by J. Pirrie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves payment of the **Tulloch Engineering** account, dated August 19, 2021, in the amount of **\$1,764.70**.

**CARRIED**

**6. Delegations and Petitions**

None.

**7. Council and Staff Reports**

**7.1 Public Works Report - Grinder Brushing Equipment**

Deferred.

**7.2 Treasurer's Report - Health Plan Renewal , FN-21-14, FN-21-14**

To be addressed under Item 8.4.6.

**7.3 Clerk's Report - Immunization Policy**

Clerk/Administrator reported that she had hoped to gather information as to what other municipalities were adopting, but had not yet had opportunity to compile that documentation. The proposed vaccination policy will be addressed under Item 8.4.8.

**7.4 Planning Report - Driveway Access on unopened Road Allowance (Richard Avenue), PL-21-03**

J. Armstrong declared a conflict on this item. (Part owner of Armstrong Enterprises, being the company engaged to build the driveway access)

Clerk/Administrator spoke briefly to this Information Report.

**8. General Business**

**8.1 Planning Act Matters**

None.

**8.2 By-laws**

**8.2.1 By-law 21-38: Site Specific Zoning Amendment to Permit Farmer's Market with Grocery Store**

J. Armstrong declared a conflict on this item. (Part owner of Armstrong Enterprises, being the company that will be engaged to install the septic system, if approved)

Deputy Clerk reported that the required notice, as per the *Planning Act*, respecting the Site Specific Zoning Amendment application has been given and it is the recommendation of the Planning Consultant, that Council make a decision on the matter this evening. Council deliberated. While there was concurrence that Council should not stand in the way of a business to succeed or fail, concerns were voiced that the existing condition of Tait Road does not appear suitable for the proposed operation and may not sustain the traffic that the proposed operation could attract. With so many other roads/bridges in need of improvement, there was concern that taxpayers may not support an expenditure to improve Tait Road.

Deputy Mayor authorized Councillor Kirby to ask a question of Jayne Baxter. Councillor Kirby queried if the applicant had investigated other possible locations or had approached the Economic Development Advisory Committee when developing the business plan. Mrs. Baxter responded that they looked at several locations along the Hwy. and no others were conducive for a destination market. She identified the planned components of the market and explained that the destination theme and the matter of the road were addressed in the Planning Report. Mrs. Baxter furthered that they have put a lot of thought, time and effort into the Plan and that this is the final step.

**21-25-DEFEATED**

Moved by B. MacKinnon

Seconded by D. Walsh

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #21-38, 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-04, to permit a Farmer's Market consistent of a cafe, u-pick fruits and vegetables, a 74.32m<sup>2</sup> (825 sq.ft.) grocery store, vender areas for the sale of local agricultural products and crafts, a maple syrup

operation and other uses customarily associated with a Farmer's Market, on property located at 33 Tait Road, in the Municipality of Huron Shores, subject to the following special provisions:

1. That the maximum gross floor area associated with the grocery store not exceed 74.32m<sup>2</sup> (825 sq.ft.)
2. That for the purposes of this By-law, the grocery store is an accessory use to the Farmer's Market, therefore should the Farmer's Market cease operation, the grocery store cannot continue to operate in the absence of the Farmer's Market, without an amendment to this By-law;
3. That the required lot size for the proposed Farmer's Market be reduced from 1 hectare to 0.55 hectare.
4. Under the provisions of Section 41 of the Planning Act, the property be deemed as subject to Site Plan Control;

AND THAT By-law #21-38 was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 8th day of September, 2021

Yea (2): D. Wedgwood, and N. Jones-Scissons

Nay (5): B. MacKinnon, G. Campbell, D. Walsh, J. Pirrie, and D. Kirby

Abstain (1): J. Armstrong

Absent (1): G. Bilodeau

**DEFEATED (2 to 5)**

**8.2.2 By-law #21-39 Enter into Agreement with Hatch to undertake Comprehensive Flood Risk Assessment**

**21-25-05**

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by D. Kirby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law #21-39, being a By-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to enter into an agreement with **Hatch** for consulting services to provide a Comprehensive Flood Risk Assessment, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 8th day of September, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**8.2.3 By-law 21-40 Enter into Customer Service Contract with Hydro One**

**21-25-06**

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by D. Kirby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #21-40**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores, to enter into a Customer Service Contract with **Hydro One** to allow for a Basic Connection for the **Street Light** to be installed at the intersection of **Highway 17 and Sunset Beach Road**, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021;

AND THAT the Treasurer be authorized to sign said Agreement.

**CARRIED**

**8.2.4 By-law #21-41: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - COVID-19 Transfer Payment Agreement**

**21-25-07**

Moved by D. Kirby

Seconded by J. Pirrie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #21-41**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores, to enter into a **Transfer Payment Agreement** with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario for Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (**ICIP COVID-19** Resilience Infrastructure Stream - Local Government Intake Stream Projects, for the **rehabilitation of Veterans Bridge**, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 8th day of September, 2021;

AND THAT Mayor Bilodeau and Clerk/Administrator Tonelli be authorized to sign the Agreement.

**CARRIED**

**8.3 Minutes - Boards and Committees**

Minutes - Boards and Committees (Internal)

**8.3.1 Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)**

**21-25-08**

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by D. Walsh

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the **Minutes** of the following municipal committee:

- Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) – June 10, 2021

**CARRIED**

Minutes - Board and Committees (Joint/External)

**8.3.2 East Algoma Road Superintendents Association**

**21-25-09**

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by D. Kirby

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

- East Algoma Road Superintendents Association - July 14, 2021

**CARRIED**

**8.4 Motions**

**8.4.1 to accept Minutes of Settlement**

**21-25-10**

Moved by G. Campbell

Seconded by N. Jones-Scissons

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the **Minutes of Settlement** arising from a Request for Reconsideration from MPAC as follows:

**57 24 000 004 02100 0000** from Residential Taxable (RT) 2016 CVA \$353,600 and Farm Taxable (FT) 2016 CVA \$68,400 to Residential Taxable (RT) 2016 CVA \$348,600 and Farm Taxable (FT) 2016 CVA \$68,400 effective January 1, 2021.

**CARRIED**

#### **8.4.2 to surplus various pieces of Fire Department Equipment**

**21-25-11**

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by D. Walsh

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declares the following **Fire Department items to be surplus:**

- 17 - Scott Breathing Apparatus regulators/packs
- 58 - 2215 psi air receivers -some not currently certified
- 12 - 2400 psi cascade bottles
- 35 - Scott AV3000 masks
- 9 - tpass 3 pass alarms
- 3 - super type pass alarms
- 6 - metal frames for Scott packs
- 1 - 2415 PSI Breathing air compressor -functional when removed but will require recertification and probably filters;

AND THAT it authorizes surplus items to be sold, traded, donated or disposed of, as deemed appropriate by the Fire Chief.

**CARRIED**

#### **8.4.3 to authorize 1-year extension or audit services with KPMG**

**21-25-12**

Moved by G. Campbell

Seconded by D. Walsh

WHEREAS, via **By-law #13-53**, the Municipality and KPMG LLP entered into an Agreement for provision of external auditor services;

AND WHEREAS, in email correspondence dated August 31st, 2021, Michael Marinovich of KPMG LLP proposed a 1-year extension of the Agreement on the same terms as the previous extension, adjusting the rate for inflation;

AND WHEREAS, following discussions with Michael Marinovich, Treasurer John P. Stenger recommends acceptance of the proposal;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council **accepts the 1-year extension proposed** for provision of external auditor services with **KPMG LLP**, for 2021;

AND THAT Council acknowledges the proposed fee of \$23,165, not including HST, from the August 31st, 2021 email correspondence from KPMG LLP;

AND THAT Council directs the Treasurer to conduct and Request for Proposal (RFP) for Auditing services in 2022 for a term not exceeding five years.

**CARRIED**

**8.4.4 to authorize AECOM - Scope Change #2**

Clerk/Administrator explained the scope change.

**21-25-13**

Moved by D. Walsh

Seconded by J. Pirrie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Clerk/Administrator to sign **Scope Change Authorization No. 2** regarding our Contract with **AECOM** under By-law No. 21-05.

**CARRIED**

**8.4.5 to amend the Procedures for the use of the Grinder Brushing Equipment attachment**

Deferred.

**8.4.6 to renew the Employee Health Plan, FN-21-14**

J. Armstrong declared a conflict on this item. (Has family members covered by the plan)

**21-25-14**

Moved by N. Jones-Scissons

Seconded by J. Pirrie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the **Health Plan Renewal for Group Policy #G: 812879** with Equitable Life and administered by Matrix Benefits Services for 2021/2022, at an **overall increase of 4.05%** to the Group Plan, as recommended by Treasurer, John P. Stenger and Donald MacDonnell of Doncar Insurance Services Limited in his correspondence to East Algoma Community Futures Development Corporation, dated August 11th, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**8.4.7 to authorize Public Superintendent's attendance at AORS Meeting, conditional on COVID-19 restrictions**

**21-25-15**

Moved by N. Jones-Scissons

Seconded by J. Pirrie

WHEREAS in 2018, Council authorized, by Resolution No. 18-17-21, Public Works Superintendent to attend the **Association of Ontario Road Supervisors** (AORS) meetings in his capacity as **President of the East Algoma Road Supervisors Association** (EARSA) and to cover his wages, all eligible expenses not covered by EARSA or AORS, and permitted the use of the Public Works half-ton to travel to and from the meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council affirms that the permission granted in 2018 is in perpetuity for as long as Public Works Hadikin remains President of EARSA.

**CARRIED**

**8.4.8 to develop an Immunization Policy**

Council members provided their comments respecting a mandatory policy.

**21-25-16**

Moved by N. Jones-Scissons

Seconded by D. Kirby

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Clerk/Administrator prepare a Mandatory Vaccination Policy for its members of Council, employees and volunteers requiring them to be fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine series by October 31, 2021;  
AND THAT the policy include an accommodation in accordance with the Human Rights Code and medical accommodation.  
AND THAT said policy be brought before Council for adoption at its September 22nd Meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

**8.4.9 to participate with the Town of Blind River in obtaining quotes for alternative voting method**

Staff confirmed that it will be made clear that participation in obtaining quotes does not commit the Municipality to proceed with any alternative voting methods.

**21-25-17**

Moved by D. Walsh

Seconded by D. Kirby

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Blind River has approved the use of Internet or Telephone Voting as their alternative voting method for the 2022 Municipal Election;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes administrative staff to participate with the Town of Blind River in obtaining **quotes for alternative voting methods.**

**CARRIED**

**8.5 Notices of Motion**

None.

**9. Letters & Communications for Action**

**9.1 County of Perth**

**9.2 The Corporation of the Township of Chapple**

**9.3 City of Hamilton**

**9.4 Northern Credit Union**

J. Armstrong declared a conflict on this item. (Employed by Northern Credit Union)

Deputy Mayor Wedgwood spoke briefly to the motion.

**21-25-18**

Moved by D. Walsh

Seconded by N. Jones-Scissons

WHEREAS a letter has been received from Northern Credit Union (NCU) respecting a potential funding option to provide the Municipality with equity to invest in the **H&M COFI Project;**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council acknowledges the **NCU letter** received August 31, 2021, and awaits additional required information from H&M COFI Corporation in order that Acting Head of Council Dale Wedgwood may call a special meeting, as previously instructed by Resolution No. 21-22-23.

**CARRIED**

**9.5 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Clerk/Administrator requested that Council members contact her with any project ideas for the funding.

**21-25-19**

Moved by D. Walsh  
Seconded by J. Pirrie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Clerk/Administrator provide a report to Council at the next regular meeting, respecting possible funding application proposals for the **Municipal Modernization Program, Intake 3.**

**CARRIED**

**9.6 Ontario Trillium Foundation**

Councillor Armstrong spoke to the motion.

**21-25-20**

Moved by J. Armstrong  
Seconded by D. Kirby

WHEREAS the Ontario Trillium Foundation is supporting Ontario's Recovery with the **Community Building Fund – Capital stream**, by providing support for non-profits, indigenous communities and Municipalities in the community sport and recreation sectors;  
AND WHEREAS project costs that are eligible for funding include construction/renovation, fixed equipment, and development costs, up to 100% of the total project cost up to a maximum of \$500,000.00;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council instructs Clerk/Administrator Tonelli to make application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for **renovations to the upstairs of the Iron Bridge Recreation Centre**, for the maximum amount permitted under the Community Building Fund – Capital Stream.

**CARRIED**

**9.7 AMO Communications**

Clerk/Administrator recommended that Council consider budgeting for the installation of a second flag pole in order to fly flags other than the Canada Flag. Council will give further thought as to whether or not it should declare the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a Statutory Holiday.

**21-25-21**

Moved by J. Armstrong  
Seconded by D. Walsh

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation;  
AND WHEREAS the recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the recommendations in the TRC's Calls to Action;  
AND WHEREAS all Canadians and all order of government have a role to play in reconciliation;  
AND WHEREAS Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the Federal Government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;  
AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced September 30, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores does hereby commit to recognizing September 30, 2021, as the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** (National Orange Shirt Day) by sharing the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities; AND THAT all administrative staff be requested to wear orange on September 30<sup>th</sup> should it fall on a work day.

**CARRIED**

**9.8 AMO Communications**

**21-25-22**

Moved by D. Kirby

Seconded by J. Pirrie

WHEREAS, effective September 19, 2021, as per Bill 215, *Main Street Recovery Act, 2020*, municipal governments will be unable to regulate noise related to the delivery of goods to: retail business establishments; restaurants, including cafes and bars; hotels and motels; and goods distribution facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Clerk/Administrator bring an amendment to the **By-law to Control Noises** (#15-14) to the next regular meeting of Council in recognition of the pending changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, respecting the regulation of noise.

**CARRIED**

**9.9 Town of Plympton-Wyoming**

**21-25-23**

Moved by G. Campbell

Seconded by J. Pirrie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores supports the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent in calling upon the Federal Cabinet and ISED Minister to overrule the CRTC's reversal of the 2019 Rates Order which set wholesale internet prices that would facilitate greater competition and promote innovate broadband services and more affordable prices for consumers, and immediately re-implement the evidence-based **2019 Rates Order**.

**CARRIED**

**10. Letters & Communications for Information**

**10.1 AMO Watchfile**

**10.2 Municipality of Chatham-Kent**

**10.3 W.C Eaket Secondary School**

**10.4 Gravel Watch Ontario**

**10.5 Alex Tulloch**

**10.6 Farm Credit Canada**

**10.7 City of Brantford**

**10.8 Town of Plympton-Wyoming**

**11. Closed Session**

None.

**12. Confirming By-law**

**21-25-24**

Moved by D. Kirby  
Seconded by D. Walsh

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #21-42**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to Adopt the Minutes of the Special and Regular Council Meeting held Wednesday, September 8, 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 8th day of September, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**13. Adjournment**

**21-25-25**

Moved by D. Kirby  
Seconded by G. Campbell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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MAYOR

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CLERK