



The Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores

Regular Meeting Minutes

22-13

May 25, 2022, 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
Council Members Absent:	Councillor Debora Kirby
Staff Present:	Deputy Clerk Roberts, Treasurer Stenger, Administrative Assistant Nyman, Deputy Clerk (in-training) Burgler
Gallery:	Dan McCambridge, Michael Groh

1. Call To Order

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, and called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Council and Staff Attendance:

Council Chambers: Mayor Bilodeau; Councillors Armstrong, MacKinnon, Wedgwood, and Pirrie; Deputy Clerk Roberts

Via Zoom: Councillors Walsh and Jones-Scissons; Treasurer Stenger; Assistant Deputy Clerk Burgler; Administrative Assistant Nyman

Via Phone: Councillor Campbell

2. Agenda Review

No changes.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3.1 N. Jones-Scissons re: item 6.1 - ROCK Networks Inc. and H&M COFI Board

Member of the Board of Directors.

3.2 G. Bilodeau re: Item 6.1 - ROCK Networks Inc. and H&M COFI Board

Board Member of H&M COFI Corporation.

3.3 G. Bilodeau re: item 8.4.4 - to Investigate a Volunteering Policy

Relation to volunteer.

3.4 J. Armstrong re: item 9.3 - Reform Gravel Mining Coalition (RGMC)

Part owner of Armstrong Enterprises.

4. Adoption of Council Minutes

22-13-01

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by D. Wedgwood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council held Wednesday, May 18, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Adoption of Accounts

None.

6. Delegations and Petitions

6.1 ROCK Networks Inc. and H&M COFI Board

Equity Investment Opportunity in the H&M COFI Project

N. Jones-Scissons declared a conflict on this item. (Member of the Board of Directors.)

G. Bilodeau declared a conflict on this item. (Board Member of H&M COFI Corporation.)

Mayor Bilodeau and Councillor Jones-Scissons departed the room at 7:10 p.m., Councillor Wedgwood assumed the chair as Deputy Mayor to address this item.

Michael Groh appeared before Council on behalf of Joe Hickey, President, to present an investment opportunity respecting the H&M COFI Project.

Mr. Groh stated the project is proposed to serve 18,663 households within 43 communities; including 2580 households within 12 First Nation communities. This network is designed for future growth to serve 50,000 plus homes, businesses, and institutions. H&M COFI is seeking equity investment to own up to 20% of the project.

Mr. Groh provided a project update, spoke briefly about the return on investment, project value, and advised of their current fundraising approach. Based on interest level, a signed Non-Disclosure Agreement would provide access to a data room of material.

Deputy Mayor Wedgwood provided Council an opportunity for questions.

On a query from Councillor Mackinnon, Mr. Groh explained that the number of homes considered to be under served has been provided through ISED or the UBF Fund, and confirmed by the Ministry of Infrastructure. Councillor Mackinnon expressed concerns respecting other competitors providing similar services, as well as the subsequent changing to funding priorities due to the changes in Government over time.

On query from Councillor Armstrong, Mr. Groh confirmed the project would be funded through community investments from the communities that have expressed interest.

Councillor Campbell inquired about a map displaying the proposed area and residences that will be included, to which Mr. Groh informed Council that the map is unavailable at this time, but will be released to communities once approved by ISED. Councillor Campbell noted that a map will need to be provided before Council makes any decisions on their investment.

Assistant Deputy Burgler inquired about the current status of the project and physical work occurred to date.

On query from Councillor Armstrong, Mr. Groh advised that the current project requires them to connect only the under served homes. He advised that there would be a distribution point located in Iron Bridge and in Thessalon. Mr. Groh addressed Councillor Mackinnon's concern respecting the location of the distribution point in Thessalon and the fibers ability to cross highways. Dan McCambridge provided additional comments and confirmation that the fibers would be crossing highways.

Dan McCambridge also addressed the fees owners may be required to assume when requesting services in the future. Mr. Groh clarified that each household would have a drop point, and if at any point within the

next 5 years the property owners, or subsequent owners, wish to connect, there would be no fee required to do so.

With no further questions or comments, Mr. Groh thanked Council for their time. Deputy Mayor Wedgwood thanked Mr. Groh for his presentation.

Mayor Bilodeau and Councillor Jones-Scissons returned at 7:53 p.m.

Dan McCambridge departed the Council Chambers at 7:53 p.m.

Michael Groh exited the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

7. Council and Staff Reports

None.

8. General Business

8.1 Planning Act Matters

8.2 By-laws

8.2.1 By-law #22-41 to Enter into Land Use Agreement for the installation and use of Dry Hydrant

On property described as CON 1 S PT LOT 3 RP 1R10779; PARTS 1 AND 6

22-13-02

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by J. Armstrong

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #22-41** being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to enter into a **Land Use Agreement** for the installation and use of a **Dry Hydrant** on property described as CON 1 S PT LOT 3 RP 1R10779; PARTS 1 AND 6, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 25th day of May, 2022;
AND THAT Fire Chief Kent and Clerk/Administrator Tonelli be authorized to sign said agreement. **CARRIED**

8.2.2 By-law #22-42 to Enter into Land Use Agreement for the installation and use of Dry Hydrant

On property described as PLAN H786 LOT 11 RCP

22-13-03

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by B. MacKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #22-42** being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to enter into a **Land Use Agreement** for the installation and use of a **Dry Hydrant** on property described as PLAN H786 LOT 11 RCP, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 25th day of May, 2022;
AND THAT Fire Chief Kent and Clerk/Administrator Tonelli be authorized to sign said agreement. **CARRIED**

8.2.3 By-law #22-43 to Adopt Disconnect from Work Policy

22-13-04

Moved by J. Armstrong

Seconded by B. MacKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #22-43** being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to adopt the **Disconnect from Work Policy**, as per Resolution #22-12-12 dated

May 18th, 2022, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 25th day of May, 2022;
AND THAT said policy shall be incorporated into the Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual. **CARRIED**

8.2.4 By-law #22-44 to Adopt Driveway Culvert Policy

On query from Councillor Pirrie; Deputy Clerk Roberts confirmed the resolution is in respect to driveway permits to allow for new construction.

22-13-05

Moved by N. Jones-Scissons
Seconded by D. Wedgwood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #22-44** being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to adopt the **Driveway Culvert Policy**, as per Resolution #22-12-11 dated May 18th, 2022, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 25th day of May, 2022. **CARRIED**

8.2.5 By-law #22-45 to Standardize Operating Guidelines for Hours and Operations of all Waste Disposal Sites amendment to By-law #16-08

On query from Councillor Armstrong; Deputy Clerk Roberts confirmed councils decision to strike the proposed waste site fees, and that the by-law is to reflect the updates in respect to the Waste Site User Identification Cards.

22-13-06

Moved by D. Walsh
Seconded by D. Wedgwood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #22-45** being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to Standardize Operating Guidelines for Hours and Operations of all Waste Disposal Sites, as per Resolution #22-12-10 dated May 18th, 2022, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 25th day of May, 2022. **CARRIED**

8.2.6 By-law #22-46 to Authorize Agreement with GrantMatch

22-13-07

Moved by J. Armstrong
Seconded by J. Pirrie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #22-46** being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to enter into agreement with **GrantMatch Corp.** to develop and manage a proactive Government Funding application process, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 25th day of May, 2022.

Yea (6): D. Wedgwood, N. Jones-Scissons, J. Armstrong, G. Campbell, D. Walsh, and J. Pirrie

Nay (1): B. MacKinnon

Abstain (1): G. Bilodeau

CARRIED (6 to 1)

8.2.7 By-law #22-47 to Authorize Confidential Agreement with Ontario Charging Network LT (Ivy)

22-13-08

Moved by D. Walsh

Seconded by J. Pirrie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT **By-law #22-47** being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to enter into a Confidential Agreement with **Ontario Charging Network LT (Ivy)** to discuss mutually advantageous business ventures regarding electric vehicle charging and battery energy storage, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 25th day of May, 2022. **CARRIED**

8.3 Minutes - Boards and Committees

Minutes - Boards and Committees (Internal)

8.3.1 Joint Health and Safety Committee - April 7, 2022

8.3.2 Economic Development Advisory Committee - March 3, 2022

22-13-09

Moved by J. Pirrie

Seconded by N. Jones-Scissons

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Minutes of the following municipal boards/committees:

- Joint Health and Safety Committee - April 7, 2022
- Economic Development Advisory Committee - March 3, 2022

CARRIED

Minutes - Board and Committees (Joint/External)

8.3.3 Algoma District Services Administration Board - February 24, 2022

22-13-10

Moved by J. Armstrong

Seconded by D. Wedgwood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Minutes of the following joint boards and organization on which the Municipality has representation:

- Algoma District Services Administration Board - February 24, 2022

CARRIED

8.4 Motions

8.4.1 to amend Travel Policy

Councillor Armstrong spoke to the motion; expressing concerns respecting the payment process of out of pocket expenses compared to Council Per Diem. Councillor Jones-Scissons requested additional clarification respecting the process of expense form submission.

Deputy Clerk Roberts took note that Council requests that wage and Per Diem to be paid out separately from mileage and expenses.

22-13-11

Moved by D. Walsh
Seconded by J. Pirrie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes an **amendment to the Travel Policy** to add the following description under Meals:

Breakfast - The cost of breakfast may be claimed only when the individual has been travelling on municipal business for more than one hour before the recognized time for the start of the day's work or 7:00 a.m. whichever is later.

Dinner - The cost of evening meal may be claimed when the individual is not expected to return to their residence before 6:30 p.m.;

AND THAT gratuities for Uber(s) also be included;

AND THAT said policy be adopted by by-law at the June 8th, 2022 Meeting of Council. **CARRIED**

8.4.2 to authorize Hatch presentation of Flood Risk Assessment at June 22, 2022 Meeting

Deputy Clerk Roberts confirmed June 22, 2022 meeting date with Hatch Ltd. which will include a delegation lasting approximately 15 to 20 minutes with questions. Deputy Clerk Roberts informed council that the document files are large and may be restricted when attempting to upload to eScribe; if so, documents can be provided on a USB flash drive or alternatively, a hard copy.

22-13-12

Moved by N. Jones-Scissons
Seconded by D. Wedgwood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Hatch Ltd attendance at the Regular June 22nd, 2022 Council Meeting for presentation of the Flood Risk Assessment. **CARRIED**

8.4.3 to authorize Application to Evolgen's Community Application Program

Dock Repairs at Roe Park

Deputy Clerk Roberts informed council that investigations need to be conducted in respect to Municipal contribution prior to applying for funding.

Councillor Wedgwood spoke to the motion, and informed Council of his intent to bring his design and estimated cost to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for deliberation.

22-13-13

Moved by J. Armstrong
Seconded by D. Wedgwood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Economic Development Advisory Committee to investigate a possible funding opportunity through **Evolugen's Community Support Application program** for a longer term solution for the Bright Lake dock system. **CARRIED**

8.4.4 to Investigate a Volunteering Policy

G. Bilodeau declared a conflict on this item. (Relation to volunteer.)

Mayor Bilodeau departed the room at 8:16 p.m., Councillor Wedgwood assumed the chair as Deputy Mayor to address this item.

On query from Councillor Armstrong, Deputy Clerk Roberts explained the difficulty in implementing a policy for only Economic Development Advisory Committee members as the municipality has many committees with volunteering members.

Councillor Armstrong request clarification on past practices respecting payment of board committee expenses and suggested striking ' at trade shows' from the motion to include all volunteers acting as a representative for the Municipality outside the Algoma Region.

Councillor Jones-Scissions stated her concerns and suggested implementing a contractor fee, stating a maximum payout.

Councillor MacKinnon spoke to the motion, advising that once volunteers are paid, they are no longer considered a volunteer.

Treasurer Stenger commented on the motion and explained that only Council holds the only authority to budget a volunteer's Per Diem.

Council agreed to strike 'at trade shows' from the motion.

Mayor Bilodeau returned at 8:25 p.m.

22-13-14

Moved by N. Jones-Scissions

Seconded by J. Armstrong

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize staff to investigate the development of a **Volunteer Policy**;

AND THAT said Volunteer Policy allocate a daily reimbursement equal to the Council Per Diem Policy when volunteers/committee members are acting as representatives of the municipality outside the Algoma Region

CARRIED

8.5 Notices of Motion

9. Letters & Communications for Action

9.1 Town of Rainy River

Connecting Link Program

9.2 Huron Central Railway

Request for Support

22-13-15

Moved by D. Walsh

Seconded by J. Armstrong

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores supports, in principle, the efforts of the **Huron Central Railway to secure the funding** necessary to enable the railway between Sault Ste. Marie and the CPR connection in Sudbury to continue to provide a short-line freight service;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Rick McLellan, President of Huron Central Railway, and Joe Fratesi and Steve Butland, Co-Chairs of the Huron Central Railway Stakeholders' Working Group.

CARRIED

9.3 Reform Gravel Mining Coalition (RGMC)

New Gravel Extraction Licensing Applications

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

Council deliberated the matter.

22-13-16

Moved by D. Walsh

Seconded by J. Pirrie

WHEREAS Ontario currently has over 5000 licenced pits and quarries located throughout the province that are able to meet the expected near term needs of Ontario's construction industry;
AND WHEREAS applications continue to be submitted without a definitive determination if there is a need for additional supply;
AND WHEREAS gravel pits and quarries are destructive of natural environments and habitats;
AND WHEREAS pits and quarries have negative social impacts on host communities in terms of noise, air pollution, and truck traffic;
AND WHEREAS the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to combat climate change has brought awareness to the very high carbon footprint associated with the production of concrete and asphalt which are major end-users of aggregates;
AND WHEREAS there is an obligation to consult with First Nations peoples regarding the impacts of quarries on treaty lands and a responsibility to address those impacts;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario government be requested to impose an immediate **temporary moratorium on all new gravel mining applications** pending a broad consultation process including with First Nations, affected communities, independent experts and scientists to chart a new path forward for gravel mining in Ontario which:

- Proposes criteria and processes for determining the need for new gravel licences;
- Recommends updated policies and restrictions for gravel mining below the water table to reflect current groundwater sciences;
- Develops new guidelines for reprocessing in order to ensure sustainable aggregate supplies;
- Recommends a fair levy for gravel mining that includes compensation for the full environmental and infrastructure maintenance costs to the local community of extraction and distribution of aggregate;
- Provides greater weight to the input by local municipalities to lessen the social impacts from mining operation and trucking through their communities;
- Proposes revisions to application procedures which fully honour First Nations' treaty rights;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, AMO, and the Municipality of Halton Hills.

DEFEATED

9.4 Township of Tarbutt

Request for Support re: NOSM University and Northern Ontario communities to transform Human Health Resource Planning

22-13-17

Moved by D. Walsh

Seconded by N. Jones-Scissons

WHEREAS Northern Ontario residents have less access to health care and a higher rate of health inequity than any other place in Ontario;
AND WHEREAS a mental health crisis is looming with record high addictions, PTSD and trauma being three times higher in Northern Ontario than anywhere else in Canada;
AND WHEREAS physician remuneration in Northern Ontario is inadequate to compete with other, wealthier southern Ontario communities who can provide enhanced recruitment and incentives;
AND WHEREAS it has been proven that access to medical services brings jobs and other health care professionals to communities, in addition to economic growth, improved health of the population, and attraction of industry;
AND WHEREAS there is a desperate need for expanded residency programs at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University NOW for primary care and emergency physicians, as well as paediatricians, anesthesiologists, psychiatrists, OB/GYN and other specialties, without waiting for Royal College approval which takes roughly 18 months;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Health respond to the requests from the **NOSM University and Northern Ontario communities** to transform **Human Health Resource Planning** immediately to relieve the health care crisis occurring now, with no doctors, a severe nursing shortage, limited powers of nurse practitioners and lack of access to other health disciplines;
AND THAT the Province accelerate the approval process so that expanded medical student intake can commence in the fall of 2022;
AND THAT this resolution be circulated to all Northern Ontario municipalities, ADMA, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health, Northern Ontario MPP's, and Dr. Sarita Verma, President, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University. **CARRIED**

10. Letters & Communications for Information

10.1 The Royal Canadian Legion

2022 Charitable Foundation Submissions

11. Closed Session

12. Confirming By-law

22-13-18

Moved by N. Jones-Scissons

Seconded by D. Wedgwood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law **#22-48**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores to Adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Wednesday, May 25, 2022, authorizing the taking of any action authorized therein and thereby, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 25th day of May, 2022. **CARRIED**

13. Adjournment

22-13-19

Moved by J. Armstrong

Seconded by N. Jones-Scissons

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK