

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH

MINUTES

Council Meeting –April 8, 2020

7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, Hilton Beach Municipal Office

3100 Bowker Street, Hilton Beach, Ontario

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Hope, Councillors Davison, Moore, Bailey Meeks and Grant.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

DELEGATIONS

1. Tom Desjardin – Pandemic issues

Mr. Desjardin advised that Premier Ford required that all campgrounds be closed with a few exceptions. He noted that three are able to stay in the park as it is their Canadian residence and four are able to stay as they are essential service workers. He noted that their laundromat will open through appointment with cleaning to take place after each use. They are also able to sell propane. This change represents a 90% loss to their business and he noted that the Province is not likely to lift these provisions at any time soon. He submitted a letter from Chris and Cindy Hore who also expressed concerns for the losses to their business. He advised that Algoma Public Health wants people to stay within their catchment areas for the hospital and there have been concerns that people are not following this recommendation. He is hoping that Council will have some form of direction and that they will try to cut costs during this difficult time.

2. CEMC Jerry Shields – Pandemic Emergency Management issues

CEMC Shields advised that there are now 552 persons in Ontario who have tested positive for COVID-19 which is an 11 – 12% increase over the previous day. In the Algoma District area, 9 have tested positive and all of them had recently had international travel so there is no community spread at this time. Most municipalities have closed their municipal buildings but continue to answer the telephone. A few municipalities have declared emergencies which is particularly important if volunteers are needed so that they can be covered by WSIB. Most municipalities have tried to raise awareness and meet with the Emergency Control Group, as needed. One issue that has been a concern is that in the event a case occurs in the Village, we are not provided with specific information regarding that individual. It was noted that if individuals violate the Provincial requirements, it is the O.P.P. who will deal with the enforcement. Canada Border Services and the RCMP can also enforce quarantine issues. With regard to cottagers, a municipality cannot control the movement of people. However, the border will stop people coming in from the U.S.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Council Meeting minutes of March 11, 2020

20-39 Moved by Councillor Moore
Seconded by Councillor Grant

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of March 11, 2020, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VOUCHERS

1. Total Voucher for the month of March, 2020 in the amount of \$48,749.90

20-40 Moved by Councillor Grant
Seconded by Councillor Davison

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council authorize the payment of Voucher #20-03 for March, 2020 in the amount of \$48,749.90.

CARRIED

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

1. Report from Clerk-Treasurer

20-41 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks
Seconded by Councillor Moore
THAT the marina and launch ramp be closed in accordance with the “non-essential” status established by the provincial government; and further that further consideration will be given once the provincial restrictions are lifted.

CARRIED

20-42 Moved by Councillor Davison
Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks
THAT the Hilton Yard Sale be cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns.

CARRIED

20-43 Moved by Councillor Grant
Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks
THAT Arts at the Dock, Car Show and Community Night be cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns.

CARRIED

20-44 Moved by Councillor Moore
Seconded by Councillor Davison
THAT the rent for units deemed as “non-essential” be cancelled until such time as the restrictions are lifted.

CARRIED

20-45 Moved by Councillor Moore
Seconded by Councillor Grant
THAT the penalty and interest on taxes be delayed until the end of April, 2020; and be reviewed further at that time.

CARRIED

20-46 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks
Seconded by Councillor Moore
THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council accept the notice of retirement from Karen Silver to take effect June 1, 2020, with regret.

CARRIED

20-47 Moved by Councillor Davison
Seconded by Councillor Grant
THAT the heating system controls for the three lower units be separated so that each unit can control their own heat; and that the cost be paid through the Modernization Grant.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/BOARDS

1. Minutes of the Hilton Union Library Board of March 9, 2020

20-48 Moved by Councillor Moore
Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks
THAT the minutes of the Hilton Union Library meeting of March 9, 2020, be received and filed.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE (Council Action)

1. E-mail from Township of St. Joseph re: Senior of the Year Award

20-49 Moved by Councillor Grant

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT Dana Stevens be recognized as Senior of the Year for the Village of Hilton Beach for all that she has contributed to the Village.

CARRIED

2. E-mail from Mayor Hope re: COVID-19
3. Letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing re: flexibility for municipalities to hold meeting during emergencies

The above items were received and filed.

4. E-mail from Ontario Clean Water Agency re: Hilton Beach Sewage Treatment Plant 2019 Annual Report

20-50 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks

Seconded by Councillor Grant

THAT the Annual Operating Report for the Hilton Beach Water Pollution Control Plant for the period January 1- December 31, 2019, be accepted.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE (RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHERS)

1. E-mail from the Town of Midland re: support for their resolution to request that the Federal Government waive property taxes for the year 2020 to provide financial help to alleviate the suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Letter from the Township of Tarbutt re support of resolution requesting that the provincial government provide hydro billing relief during the quarantine period as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic in addition to the suspension of time-of-use rates.

The above two items were received as information.

CORRESPONDENCE (RECEIVE AND FILE)

1. E-mail from Algoma District Services Administration Board re: cancellation of the 2020 Annual General meeting.

The e-mail was received as information.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pandemic Business Continuity Planning Policy

20-51 Moved by Councillor Davison

Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks

THAT the Pandemic Business Continuity Planning Policy for the Village of Hilton Beach, be adopted.

CARRIED.

2. Revised Village of Hilton Beach Emergency Plan

Proposed changes will be made for the next meeting.

MAYOR/COUNCILLOR ITEMS

Items discussed were as follows:

- A fire was discussed and it was noted that a house was saved.
- The Maple Street and Highway sign are broken and need to be repaired.

BY-LAW

1. By-law No. 2020-06, being a By-law to Amend By-law #919, being a By-law to regulate the proceedings of Council meetings to allow for the use of electronic participation at meetings.

20-52 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Grant

THAT By-law Number 2020-06, being a By-law to Amend By-law #919, being a By-law to regulate the proceedings of Council meetings to allow for the use of electronic participation at meetings during emergencies, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 8th day of April, 2020.

CARRIED

2. By-law No. 2020-07, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including the 8th day of April, 2020

20-53 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT By-law No. 2020-07, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including April 8, 2020, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 8th day of April, 2020.

CARRIED


ADJOURNMENT

20-54 Moved by Councillor Grant

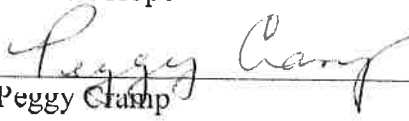
Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council adjourn at 10:12 p.m. to meet again on May 13, 2020 or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED.



Mayor Robert Hope



Clerk Peggy Cramp

Water/Sewer and Taxes

The Village of Hilton Beach Council has waived all penalties and interest on both taxes and water/sewer for April, May and June, 2020; and this will be reviewed again at that time.