

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH

MINUTES

Council Meeting –January 29, 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, Bailey Meeks and Grant. Councillor Moore was absent with notification.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

DELEGATIONS

1. Tom Desjardin re: Snowmobile Trail Land Use permission, grading and ditching

Tom Desjardin was present at the meeting and discussed the following items with Council:

- There is a trail along Birch Street from the Marina to M & N. The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs carries insurance for liability which takes the onus off the municipality. A form is required to give permission for use of the trail.
- Mayor Hope asked if they have thought of opening the Kaskawan Trail to Sixth Street for snowmobiles. It would be nice as not everyone wants to take the ice. Signage is difficult to find the way to the trail from the Village. Further investigation would be required.
- There is concern regarding erosion control for the new ditching that took place in 2019 along South Street. Council should consider placing filter cloth and gabion stone along the sides of the ditches in early spring. Hydro seeding is another method that would reduce erosion.
- There is a spring that crosses Ash Street just beyond the crest of the hill. The snow plow hits it every time it goes over the hill resulting in a deep cut in the road. Some stone should be placed in it now but it should be corrected in the spring. The road should be sloped towards the ditch and filled with gabion stone.
- The ice build-up on the roads is really bad, particularly at the South Street hill. Council advised that the grader will deal with this issue in the next couple of days.
- Concern was expressed regarding the problem with continued repairs of the turn-off valves in the Village.
- One less boat should be placed next to the Waterfront Centre to allow for plowing that area.

20-01 Moved by Councillor Grant

Seconded by Councillor Davison

THAT the Memorandum of Understanding for the prescribed snowmobile trail land use permission, be approved for the Village of Hilton Beach portions of the trail.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Council Meeting minutes of December 11, 2019

20-02 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks

Seconded by Councillor Grant

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of December 11, 2019, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VOUCHERS

1. Total Voucher for the month of December, 2019 in the amount of \$112,557.69

20-03 Moved by Councillor Grant

Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council authorize the payment of Voucher #19-12 for December, 2019 in the amount of \$112,557.69.

CARRIED

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

1. Report from Clerk-Treasurer

Items discussed were as follows:

- Recycled bottles from the landfill are no longer accepted at the former Mom’s Restaurant. The Clerk is to speak with Councillor Moore as she advised that she would be looking for alternative locations.
- A new streetlight has been installed on East Street but it has not been turned on yet as Algoma Power requires an abundant amount of paperwork;
- Accessibility policies and procedures require updating;
- A by-law is to be prepared to indicate that no municipal water will be turned off unless it is for emergency purposes as owners are required to be able to turn off their water at the entrance to the building – and – owners are responsible for their water lines from the curb stop to the building and in the building. It has been found that when the Village turns the valve off and on when residents are away, the valves do not last and it is very costly to replace them.
- Various items are being considered for the Modernization Grant and further decisions will be made during budget deliberations;
- The snow plowing costs for 2019 fell within the budget but it is expected that the budget will have to increase next year;
- A new job description will be prepared as the job formerly held by Tanya Alexander has changed significantly over the years. The position will then be advertised.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/BOARDS

1. Minutes of the Hilton Union Library Board of December 9, 2019

20-04 Moved by Councillor Davison
Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks
THAT the minutes of the Hilton Union Library Board meeting of December 9, 2019, be received and filed.

CARRIED

2. Draft Minutes of the St. Joseph Island Planning Board of December 9, 2019

20-05 Moved by Councillor Grant
Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks
THAT the draft minutes of the St. Joseph Island Planning Board of December 9, 2019, be received and filed.

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Hilton Beach Recreation Committee of January 8, 2020

Council requested that the Recreation Committee provide the wording for both sides of the new banner sign that will advertise both Arts at the Dock as well as the Car Show.

20-06 Moved by Councillor Grant
Seconded by Councillor Davison
THAT the minutes of the Hilton Beach Recreation Committee of January 8, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE (Council Action)

1. E-mail from Michael Jagger, Secretary Treasurer , SJI Planning Board re: budget and municipal levy

20-07 Moved by Bailey Meeks
Seconded by Councillor Davison
THAT the St. Joseph Island Planning Board 2020 budget proposal, be approved as submitted.

CARRIED

2. Letter from Gordon Simpson, Chair – NCRW 2020 Committee requesting a 50% reduction in marina fees for entrants on the day prior to the start of the racing (Sunday, July 19, 2020).

20-08 Moved by Councillor Grant

Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks

THAT the request from the NCRW 2020 Committee requesting a 50% reduction in marina fees for entrants on the day prior to the start of the racing (Sunday, July 19, 2020), be approved

CARRIED

3. Report from the Ministry of the Environment - Hauled Sewage (Septage) Inspection Report and preliminary response
4. Letter from Huron North Community Economic Alliance re: Membership, Newsletter, Calendar and Request for Proposal for the Broadband Infrastructure and Service Improvements for HNCEA.
5. Letter from Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture re: intake for the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program.
6. E-mail from Lavera Crack re: East Algoma Ontario Health Team – Progress Report Submission to Ministry of Health – the application has been submitted

The above four items were received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE (RECEIVE & FILE)

1. Letter from Algoma Public Health re: 2020 Municipal Levy Notice
2. Letter from Township of Johnson re: thank you for Arena donation
3. Letter from Stewardship Ontario re: industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for third quarter of the 2019 program year
4. Letter from AlgomaTrad re: thanking the Village for the use of the Community Hall and the greetings from Mayor Hope during their event

The above four items were received and filed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MAYOR/COUNCILLOR ITEMS

Items discussed were as follows:

- There is a large hole on Hwy. 548 across from the store. Ferrovia will be advised;
- The disposition of the old office building on Marks Street is to be added to the 2020 budget deliberations;
- The vents for the dryers in the laundromat require cleaning as they are full of lint.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual;
- A position, plan procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality;
- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- Litigation or potential litigation

20-09 Moved by Councillor Davison

Seconded by Councillor Grant

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council move into a closed meeting at 9:18 p.m. to consider the following subject matter: personal matters about an identifiable individual; a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and litigation or potential litigation.

CARRIED

RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL

20-10 Moved by Councillor Davison
Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council reconvene to the open meeting at 10:25 p.m.

CARRIED

- Further information is required on the person matter as well as the potential litigation;
- Negotiation of the rental of a Waterfront Centre unit is ongoing.
- A report was reviewed from the lawyer on an ongoing legal issue.

BY-LAW

1. By-law No. 2020-01, being a By-law to Establish Tax Ratios for 2020

20-11 Moved by Councillor Grant
Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks

THAT By-law #2020-01, being a By-law to Establish Tax Ratios for 2020, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 29th day of January, 2020.

CARRIED

2. By-law No. 2020-02, being a By-law to Provide for Interim Tax Levies for the Year 2020 for the Village of Hilton Beach

20-12 Moved by Councillor Davison
Seconded by Councillor Grant

THAT By-law #2020-02, being a By-law to Provide for Interim Tax Levies for the Year 2020 for the Village of Hilton Beach, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 29th day of January, 2020.

CARRIED

3. By-law No. 2020-03, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including the 29th day of January, 2020

20-13 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks
Seconded by Councillor Grant

THAT By-law No. 2020-03, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including January 29, 2020, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 29th day of January, 2020.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

20-14 Moved by Councillor Grant
Seconded by Councillor Davison

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council adjourn at 10:32 p.m. to meet again on February 19, 2020 or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED



Mayor Robert Hope



Clerk Peggy Cramp