

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH

MINUTES

Council Meeting – August 19, 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 Moore and Bailey Meeks. Absent with notice was Councillor Davison.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

DELEGATIONS

1. Jack and Lydia Hore, Dana Stevens re: access to properties that they own off Maple Street

Lydia Hore advised that the lot was purchased in 1998. They have been advised that they cannot build on the lot as they do not have access to an open, maintained road. When it was purchased, access to the lot was available. Since then the access has been blocked by the Village. The road has not been legally closed. They are not able to build on it as it would be contrary to the zoning by-law. She asked if it could be amended. They can drive the car as far as possible but then there is a pile of dirt. Some was hauled away last year. They would like access to their property. They have paid taxes for all these years and cannot build unless the road is accessible and maintained. It is their understanding that the dirt was dumped at that location to stop snowmobilers or 4 wheelers. She requested that a response be provided in writing.

2. Laurel Hendrick re: Cenotaph and Forbes Park

Laurel Hendrick advised that last year, work was completed on the Cenotaph and it looked nice. She has noticed that there is a red substance seeping from the cenotaph on one side of it. Councillor Moore advised that she thinks it is rust and that a seal must be broken. Mayor Hope advised that it would be checked out and repaired. The original contractors may have to be contacted. Ms. Hendrick also noticed weeds in that area. Another inspection will take place on the 3rd Monday of September.

Ms. Hendrick also expressed concern with branches not being picked up in Forbes Park. She also noted that during the winter, branches were down along Third Street. She thought the Village would pick them up but that did not happen. Someone ended up taking them to the landfill in a trailer.

3. Mike Trainor, St. Joseph Island Lion's Club re: Opening of Community Hall

Mike Trainor was present to discuss plans for re-opening of the Community Hall. They are presently working with Algoma Public Health to determine the requirements and these requirements and their recommendations will be provided to Council. If they open for the pancake breakfasts, the limit is 50 people (including workers) inside. They feel that if they open over a longer period, possibly a 10 a.m. and 12 Noon seating, they could make it work. Further details will be provided at the next meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Council Meeting minutes of July 8, 2020
2. Special Council Meeting minutes of July 8, 2020 – budget

20-87 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of July 8, 2020 and the Special Council meeting for the budget on July 8, 2020, be adopted as presented

CARRIED

VOUCHERS

1. Total Voucher for the month of July, 2020 in the amount of \$110,314.82

20-88 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks
Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council authorize the payment of Voucher #20-07 for July, 2020 in the amount of \$110,314.85.

CARRIED

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- Report from Maintenance Superintendent Elijah Lederman re tractor

Maintenance Supt. Lederman advised of the following items:

- Work is ongoing to prepare the road for surface treatment. Duncor started in the area this week. There are more potholes to be filled;
- Most of the work at Forbes Park has been completed. A new sign has been ordered. A resident has indicated that she is willing to take the dead trees to the landfill. More sand will be added in the spring of next year.
- The Bell fibre optics is underway. They plan to place most of it in the ditches but will have to cross driveways. They are still working with MTO on these issues. They plan to cut across South Street and have been asked to do that prior to the surface treatment.
- There is now an issue with movement of a dock. He has crafted a tool and is now able to adjust chains but he noted that one chain has rusted right off.
- He brought forward further information regarding the purchase of a tractor. It would be a labour saver and he would be able to get much more done in a year. He may also be able to do work that is presently contracted out. He will also need a trailer. Council requested that he obtain quotations.

- Report from Clerk-Treasurer

The following items were discussed:

- The Lion's Club has been successful in obtaining funds through donations from residents to replace all of the tables in the Community Hall and to purchase the trolleys to move them around. The tables have arrived.
- The By-law Enforcement Officer has sent letters to residents for enforcement of the by-laws.
- Further information is required regarding recycling.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/BOARDS

None

CORRESPONDENCE (Council Action)

1. Letter from City of Sault Ste. Marie re: Inter-Municipal Agreement Renewal for the delivery of POA Court Administration

20-89 Moved by Councillor Moore
Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks

THAT the Inter-Municipal Agreement Renewal with the City of Sault Ste. Marie for the delivery of POA Court Administration, be approved, and that the agreements be signed.

CARRIED

2. Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: provision of immediate funding to deal with municipal pressures during COVID-19
 - The Village received \$25,000 towards additional costs resulting from COVID-19. These funds will be very helpful for items such as masks, plexiglass barriers, hand sanitizer stations, additional cleaning, etc.

3. E-mail from Sally Cohen re: Pine Street

This will be added to the Road Tour agenda for next week.

4. Letter from Ministry of Transportation Safety Program Development Branch re: permission may be given for the use of off-road motorcycles and extreme terrain vehicles in their local jurisdiction by by-law.

No actions at this time.

5. Various information from Algoma Public Health and the Ministry re: opening facilities

Received and filed.

6. E-mail from Vista Care Tech re: boring under South Street and Marks Street for the fibre optic conduit

This was dealt with previously in the minutes.

7. Report re: Asset Management Requirements

20-90 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach apply for a grant through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in the amount of \$50,000 towards the work that will be required to meet the Asset Management Requirements; and further that the Village of Hilton Beach work together with other municipalities and The Managed Municipalities to work towards a program that will encompass all of the requirements necessary to meet the provincial regulations.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE (RECEIVE & FILE)

1. Letter from M.P. Carol Hughes re: request for tax rebates from American cottagers who are unable to cross the border
2. Letter from Ministry of the Solicitor General re: review of the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program
3. Letter from the Ministry of the Attorney General re: Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act which includes amendments to the Provincial Offences Act
4. Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: various municipal issues
5. Letter from Mayor Georges Bilodeau, Municipality of Huron Shores re: Community owned broadband network

The above items were received and filed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MAYOR/COUNCILLOR ITEMS

Items discussed were as follows:

- Red ribbon tape can be purchased from U-line which when used, helps keep the geese away.
- The work done in Forbes Park looks great;
- The planter in the Village circle at the intersection of the highway and Marks Street is breaking apart. Work was done on it last year by Ferrovial but it has not lasted.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual;

20-91 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council move into a closed meeting at 9:12 p.m. to consider the following subject matter: personal matters about an identifiable individual

CARRIED

RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL

20-92 Moved by Councillor Moore
Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks
THAT the Village of Hilton Beach reconvene to the open meeting at 9:34 p.m.
CARRIED

BY-LAW


1. By-law No. 2020-15, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including the 19th day of August, 2020

20-93 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks
Seconded by Councillor Moore
THAT By-law No. 2020-15, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including August 19, 2020, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 19th day of August, 2020.
CARRIED


ADJOURNMENT

20-94 Moved by Councillor Moore
Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks
THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council adjourn at 9:55 p.m. to meet again on August 27, 2020 or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED



Mayor Robert Hope



Clerk Peggy Cramp