

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH

MINUTES

Council Meeting – November 18, 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 and Councillors Davison, Moore, Bailey Meeks and Nadjiwon.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

DELEGATIONS

1. Kirsten and Aaron Farago, 2714384 Ontario Ltd. re: water/sewer/taxes

Council was advised that after purchasing the property at 3112 Marks Street, they found that the front portion had to come down so not much of the building has been salvaged. They discussed the water/sewer costs as 2/3 of the building have been removed and the building is not operational as a restaurant at this time. In the summer, they did have their trailer parked at that location. The building itself is smaller than a small garage. The water is disconnected at this time. They also discussed their plans for the future. The original restaurant has operated commercially offering a dining experience in Hilton Beach. It is their desire to carry on this tradition in a new and exciting venue. They are requesting approval for a food truck or food trailer to be located on the property. The present building on the property will be used for storage, washroom facilities and utility hook-up for a food truck. The food truck or trailer would offer window service that would be run seasonally and be parked in a permanent location. It would be advantageous to the community as it would serve customers in such a way that social distancing would be easily maintained and allow patrons to choose outside picnic tables at a safe distance to enjoy their meals. The truck would not move from this property and would become a permanent fixture in Hilton Beach. Property taxes as well as water and sewer charges would continue to be paid on the current structure, unlike mobile food trucks that compete with pre-existing businesses. They believe this would be a great opportunity for Hilton Beach, offering a new dining experience to attract customers to town while keeping a long tradition of food services and hospitality alive at 3112 Marks Street.

Councillor Nadjiwon asked if the picnic tables would be kept back from the road and it was agreed that they would. The time period for opening would likely be between May and Thanksgiving.

Mayor Hope thanked them for their presentation and advised that Council would give their request consideration after further discussion.

2. Carla Hendry re: use of Community Hall during the winter months

Carla Hendry advised that the St. Joseph Lions Club will not be holding their monthly breakfasts in the foreseeable future as there are not enough members who are comfortable with being in large crowds. As a result, they are thinking of new ways to fund raise. What they would like to do is to have Take Away Sunday Dinners once a month subject to Council approval. The hall is closed from January to March due to the cost of plowing and heating but the front parking lot is plowed and that would be all they need for people to drive in for pick-up service. The Club is willing to pay for any cost for heating and propane over and above what the Village has paid over the last three years in those months. They would also ensure that the hall and kitchen are left as clean as when they started so no extra cleaning would be needed. Everything will be properly sanitized before they leave, fridges will be emptied and cleaned as well as stove top and grill. All public health guidelines will be in place and will be followed including safe food handling and Covid compliance. They would like to start in December if it is agreed that they can proceed with this new endeavour. She also asked if they would be able to hold one meeting per month at the Hall.

Councillor Nadjiwon asked about Covid issues. Ms. Hendry advised that there are regulations for take-out meals and they will abide by them. They are thinking of possibly turkey dinners, spaghetti and various other menus. It is in lieu of the pancake breakfasts.

Councillor Moore suggested that it may be just as well to leave the fridge plugged in rather than starting and stopping it. She also asked about clearing steps and sanding, if needed. Ms. Hendry advised that the club members would take care of that.

Mayor Hope asked if they would cancel in the event there were bad conditions and Ms. Hendry advised that they would.

3. Victor Alfano re: garage at 3091 Hilton Road and purchase of land behind their garage on Marks Street

Mr. Alfano was present to advise that he is interested in purchasing the 3091 Hilton Road property. However, there is presently a requirement from the Village that the garage has to be torn down or moved. He advised that if he purchased it, he would deal with it a lot different than the previous owner. His plan is to retire in a couple of years and move to the Village. He asked if it would be possible to work around the garage issue.

Mr. Alfano also asked if the Village would be willing to sell the property behind their shop. He is interested in purchasing it. He was asked what he would use it for. He advised that he would like to build a seasonal cottage/camp.

Mayor Hope advised that Council would require further information on the layout and boundaries of the property that he is interested in.

4. Marina Manager Laura McRae re: Update on 2020 Hilton Beach Marina

The following items were discussed:

- Although there were concerns at the beginning of the boating season that the marina may not open due to Covid, it ended up being a great season. They were able to create a safe and clean environment for boaters and employees with plexiglass in the office, hand sanitizer in both buildings and use of masks, which were also available for sale.
- Two of the staff members returned for their fourth season and there was one new staff member. There were many compliments on the service provided.
- There were 16 new seasonal boats this season which helped as some boats were stored in the U.S. and could not make it over here.

Some items require consideration for the future:

- The dock chains are deteriorating. It was agreed that Gardiner Marine should assess and replace them if necessary;
- The Marina building needs repair including concern with the interior front wall, windows and siding;
- Hot water tanks need to be replaced;
- Work is required on the launch ramp as it is difficult to access;
- The docks continue to deteriorate, especially on Docks D and E. This will be a costly venture to continue repairs and consider replacement as it becomes required. It was agreed that grants should continue to be explored and that the Marina Manager should check with HNCEA as they may hear about more grants that could become available.

Discussion regarding above delegations

Kirsten and Aaron Farago

20-120 Moved by Councillor Nadjiwon

Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks

THAT the request from 2714384 Ontario Ltd. regarding the water/sewer cost be set in accordance with By-law No. 665.

CARRIED

It was agreed to defer their proposal for further discussion and more information.

Carla Hendry

Council agreed that the Lion's Club could proceed with their plans in accordance with the information that they have provided.

Victor Alfano

Council requires that the garage must be moved or removed in accordance with the Order placed on title. It cannot remain in its present location.

Further information is required prior to dealing with the request to purchase property behind the garage.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Council Meeting minutes of October 14, 2020

20-121 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of October 14, 2020, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2. Council Meeting minutes of October 20, 2020

20-122 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Davison

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of October 20, 2020, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VOUCHERS

1. Total Voucher for the month of October, 2020 in the amount of \$130,168.54

20-123 Moved by Councillor Nadjiwon

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council authorize the payment of Voucher #20-10 for October, 2020 in the amount of \$130,168.54.

CARRIED

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

1. Report from Clerk-Treasurer

Items discussed were as follows:

- Options for snow plowing were discussed. It was suggested that Garden River be contacted.
- The doggie bag container is to be placed next to the jail with a sign being placed at the Island Villa. ADSAB is to be advised.
- Requests have been made to contractors for the Maple Street drainage but no one has responded at this time.
- In the event COVID cases rise substantially in the Algoma District, the Municipal Office doors will be locked again. It is hoped that this will not be necessary.
- By-law Enforcement is required for 3091 Hilton Road.
- Office Hours for Christmas holidays

20-124 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the Village office be closed from December 21, 2020 to January 4, 2021 for the Christmas holidays.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/BOARDS

1. Minutes of the Broadband Advisory Committee meeting of October 27, 2020

- The minutes were received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE (Council Action)

1. E-mail from Pierre Prim, EPRA re: electronics disposal in sea cans or e-bags

20-125 Moved by Councillor Davison

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT a sea can be purchased for the recycling of electronic equipment at the landfill for a maximum cost of \$2,500.00 plus HST.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

It was agreed that the Council meeting be adjourned at 10 p.m. and that Council reconvene at a later date, possibly November 25, 2020 to complete the November 18, 2020 Council agenda.



Mayor Robert Hope



Clerk Peggy Cramp