

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH

MINUTES

Council Meeting – December 13th, 2023

6:02 PM

Council Chambers, Hilton Beach Municipal Office

3100 Bowker Street, Hilton Beach, Ontario

PRESENT

Council: Robert Hope; Mayor
Kelly Rathwell; Councillor
Brian Delvecchio; Councillor
Sally Cohen; Councillor
Sarah Brown; Councillor
Staff: Jillian Hayes; Clerk Treasurer

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

DELEGATIONS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2023

2023-181 Moved by Councillor Kelly Rathwell
Seconded by Councillor Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of November 8th, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

VOUCHERS

2. Total Voucher for the month of November 2023, Voucher #2023-11 for \$212,311.14

In addition to employee payroll and remittances and miscellaneous items, the following items were part of the voucher expenditures: Algoma District Services Administration Board - \$6,586.00; Ministry of Finance – Policing, Monthly - \$4,065.00; Algoma Power Inc – Hydro for all Municipal Buildings and Streetlights - \$4,905.63; Fleming’s Trucking – Landfill Maintenance - \$10,141.75; Ontario Clean Water Agency – Emergency Generator for Water Treatment Pumping Station - \$133,056.29; Ontario Clean Water Agency – Replacement Well Pump - \$6,803.75; Ontario Clean Water Agency – Sludge Hauling - \$6,803.75; True North Plumbing – Rink Tap - \$1,459.17; Nor-Therm Ltd. – Community Hall AC Repair - \$1,019.71; Gilbertson Enterprises – Gravel - \$1,775.00; GFL Environmental – Recycling Collection - \$2,227.51; Ontario Clean Water Agency – water/sewer operations - \$10,483.50

2023-182 Moved by Councillor Brain Delvecchio
Seconded by Councillor Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council authorize the payment of Voucher #23-11 for November 2023 in the amount of \$212,311.14

CARRIED

3. Total Marina Voucher for the month of November 2023, Voucher #2023-11 (b) for \$2,138.11

This voucher included payment of the MNR Land Lease for the Marina at an annual cost of \$1,809.84

2023-183 Moved by Councillor Sarah Brown
Seconded by Councillor Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council authorize the payment of Voucher #23-11 (b) Marina for November 2023 in the amount of \$2,138.11

CARRIED

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

4. Report from Clerk-Treasurer

Items discussed include the following: Infrastructure Funding to extend Water and Sewer Services; Grants for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations; Moving the power poles on Marks St. off the roadway or building around them; COLA rate for 2024 is 4.42% given to all Village staff as set out in current Remuneration By-law; Survey regarding chickens in the Village will go out with March tax bills to ensure greatest participation; Appointment to the East Algoma OPP Detachment Board

2023-184 Moved by Councillor Brian Delvecchio
 Seconded by Councillor Kelly Rathwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Village of Hilton Beach appoint Councillor Sarah Brown as the Municipality’s representative on the East Algoma OPP Detachment Board; with Mayor Robert Hope as an Alternate should on be required.

CARRIED

2023-185 Moved by Councillor Sarah Brown
 Seconded by Councillor Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Village of Hilton Beach approve a cost of living increase of 4.42% for all Village Employees for 2024

CARRIED

2023-186 Moved by Councillor Sally Cohen
 Seconded by Councillor Kelly Rathwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk’s Report of December 13, 2023 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

5. Algoma District Services Administration Board; October 26th, 2023

2023-187 Moved by Councillor Sarah Brown
 Seconded by Councillor Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT minutes of the Algoma District Services Administration Board’s meeting of October 26th, 2023 be received and filed

CARRIED

6. St Joseph Island Planning Board Draft Minutes – September 18th, 2023

2023-188 Moved by Councillor Sarah Brown
 Seconded by Councillor Kelly Rathwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT draft minutes from the St. Joseph Island Planning Board Meeting of September 18th, 2023 be received and filed

CARRIED

7. Update from Heather Whitley; Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Committee

2023-189 Moved by Councillor Kelly Rathwell
 Seconded by Councillor Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Updates from the Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Committee representative be received and filed

CARRIED

8. Hilton Union Library Board Minutes of November 13th, 2023

2023-190 Moved by Councillor Sally Cohen
Seconded by Councillor Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT minutes from the Hilton Union Library Board meeting of November 13th be received and filed.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE (Resolutions from Others)

9. Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition – Fall 2023 Newsletter

2023-191 Moved by Councillor Kelly Rathwell
Seconded by Councillor Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition's Fall Newsletter be received with thanks and filed.

CARRIED

10. Maamwesying Ontario Health Team and North Shore Health Network Sign Collaboration Agreement – Press Release

2023-192 Moved by Kelly Rathwell
Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Village of Hilton Beach share the press release from the North Shore Health Network on our website and social media pages.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

11. Mini Budget Review

2023 Budget is on track as we were able to make up revenue in some areas to cover cost overruns in others. Additional numbers still to be finalized. Complete budget picture will be available in time for the Budget/Finance Committee Meeting(s) in February/March 2024

12. Community Hall Expenses for 2023

Expenses for the Community Hall are increasing annually due, to the size, age and lack of upkeep of the building. Expenses for the Hall for 2023 will exceed \$60,000. Revenue generated by bookings has increased with an annual total of roughly \$3,500.

Since the Lions Club is the largest user group to benefit from the Hall, Mayor Hope and Councillor Delvecchio will approach them to discuss solutions. Municipal Staff will continue to look for funding opportunities.

13. Hilton Beach Community Events 2023

Current Special Event format is not manageable for Municipal Staff. At January's Council Meeting, Council will discuss possible changes and the creation of a Recreation Committee

Note: Councillor Rathwell left the meeting at 9:37 pm

MAYOR/COUNCILOR ITEMS

Items discussed include the following; Ratepayers email regarding plowing Bay St.; Library Board's request to conduct an Energy Audit on the Library Building; Options for a joint Fire Chief, likely a paid position; Council would like a Report from the By-Law Enforcement Officer on actions taken in 2023; Christmas Tree Lighting was a success despite the poor weather conditions, looking forward to a possible skating party in the New Year

BY-LAW

1. By-law No. 2023-27, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including the 13th day of December 2023

2023-193 Moved by Councillor Brian Delvecchio
 Seconded by Councillor Sarah Brown

THAT By-law No. 2023-27, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including December 13th, 2023, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 13th day of December 2023.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

2023-194 Moved by Councillor Sarah Brown
 Seconded by Councillor Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council adjourn at 10:18 pm to meet again on January 17th, 2024 or at the call of the Mayor

CARRIED

Mayor Robert Hope

Clerk Jillian Hayes