

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH**

**MINUTES**

**Council Meeting – November 8, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Hilton Beach Municipal Office**

**3100 Bowker Street, Hilton Beach, Ontario**

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Moment of Silence to honour recent victims of Intimate Partner Violence in Sault Ste Marie

**PRESENT**

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

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Appointment of new Councillor Kelly Rathwell – Oath spoken aloud

2023-166 Moved by Councillor Sarah Brown  
Seconded by Councillor Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Village of Hilton Beach appoint Kelly Rathwell to the position of Councillor for the Village of Hilton Beach.

CARRIED

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

**DELEGATIONS**

1. April Kernaghan – Marina End of Season Report  
Items discussed include the following: April has been doing repairs with safety being her #1 objective. Her hope is to continue next season ensuring boaters and residents are safe when walking on docks and boardwalk.  
The students need better training next season.  
Some larger repairs should be considered including larger abutments for Dock A, changing the cleats on Dock C and the Wall Dock. Rub rails would make a difference in some areas. Several docks require new floats. We need an ongoing plan to rebuild and replace docks in the off season.  
We could consider seeking an Accessibility Grant to assist with making the main office and Mariner's Lounge more accessible.
2. Elijah Lederman – Roads and General Maintenance Report  
Items discussed include the following: Council must decide at January's meeting which roads will be done in 2024. Suggested Roads include: Upper Birch St., Mariner's Way, Mark St. (slurry seal or fog seal if available)  
The Village generally budgets \$40,000/year on roads. The road warranty issues has been resolved. The Central Algoma Roads Association is going to rewrite the road resurfacing contract. Possible changes include adding a holdback clause, aggregate testing requirements, fog seal as an optional add on, and an adjudication clause to help resolve future warranty issues.  
The Village requires additional signage and a Seasonal Roads By-Law. Signage to include 50km speed limit signs, road closure signs (seasonally maintained roads and sidewalks).  
At budget time, Council may want to consider adding a sickle mower to the Kabota to assist with noxious weed control.  
South St. hill needs a new guardrail.  
The Library sidewalk and ramp require repair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

## 1. Council Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2023

2023-167      Moved by Councillor Sally Cohen  
 Seconded by Councillor Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of October 11, 2023, be adopted as presented.  
 CARRIED

**VOUCHERS**

## 2. Total Voucher for the month of October 2023, Voucher #2023-10 for \$103,698.82

Staff directed to reach out to Nor-Therm about a regular service contract for the Community Hall heat pumps

2023-168      Moved by Councillor Brian Delvecchio  
 Seconded by Councillor Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council authorize the payment of Voucher #23-10 for October 2023 in the amount of \$103,698.82

CARRIED

## 3. Total Marina Voucher for the month of October 2023, Voucher #2023-10 (b) for \$46,016.01

2023-169      Moved by Councillor Sarah Brown  
 Seconded by Councillor Kelly Rathwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council authorize the payment of Voucher #23-10 (b) Marina for October 2023 in the amount of \$46,016.01

CARRIED

**MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

## 4. Report from Clerk-Treasurer

Items discussed include the following: Algoma District Services Board renting occasional office space to meet with clients in a location more accessible to them. Emergency Preparedness Funding opportunity; Winter Roads Contract changes; Changes to by-law enforcement; Christmas Tree lighting – December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

2023-170      Moved by Councillor Sally Cohen  
 Seconded by Councillor Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Village of Hilton Beach approve a donation to the Legion's Poppy Campaign in the amount of \$100.00

CARRIED

2023-171      Moved by Councillor Sarah Brown  
 Seconded by Councillor Kelly Rathwell

BE TI RESOLVED THAT Council for the Village of Hilton Beach approves the following Christmas Holiday Hours for 2023:

Municipal Office is to be closed from December 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Hilton Landfill will be open regular hours. Closed on the statutory holidays.

CARRIED

2023-172      Moved by Councillor Brian Delvecchio  
 Seconded by Councillor Sally Cohen

BE TI RESOLVED THAT the Clerk's Report be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**5. Algoma District Services Administration Board; September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

2023-173      Moved by Councillor Kelly Rathwell  
 Seconded by Councillor Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT minutes of the Algoma District Services Administration Board's meeting of September 28th, 2023 be received and filed

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE (Resolutions from Others)**

6. Resolution to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic
7. Resolution to oppose Ontario's Strong Mayor Powers
8. Resolution to request Provincial support in regulating Short Term Rental Companies (i.e. VRBO, Airbnb)
9. Resolution to Support Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act

See Appendix A for supporting resolutions for the above

**NEW BUSINESS**

10. Cyber Security Insurance  
 Further discussion at budget time.
11. Waterfront Centre ramp and stairs  
 There was a slip and fall on the stairs up to the Post Office side of the Waterfront Centre. Council suggested painting the ramp and steps with No Skid paint.

**MAYOR/COUNCILOR ITEMS**

Items discussed include the following:

Karate at the Community Hall has requested a place to mount a heavy bag. Enrollment has increased. Questions regarding the water reservoir and pump capacity for the Village. A tour of the facilities for Mayor, Council and Staff will be arranged for the spring.

Two of the three Island Volunteer Fire Chiefs are set to retire. It has been suggested that the Island consider a paid joint Fire Chief for two or three of the Island Fire Departments.

**BY-LAW**

1. By-law No. 2023-25, Being a By-law to authorize an agreement between the Incorporated Village of Hilton Beach and Stobie Mechanical for Snow Plowing and Sanding of all Village Roads and Landfill

2023-178      Moved by Councillor Kelly Rathwell  
 Seconded by Councillor Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 2023-25, being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the Incorporated Village of Hilton Beach and Stobie Mechanical for Snow Plowing and Sanding of all Village Roads and Landfill, be given a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD reading and FINALLY PASSED this 8th day of November 2023

CARRIED

2. By-law No. 2023-26, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023

2023-179      Moved by Councillor Sarah Brown  
 Seconded by Councillor Sally Cohen

THAT By-law No. 2023-26, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 8th day of November 2023.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

2023-180

Moved by Councillor Brian Delvecchio  
Seconded by Councillor Kelly Rathwell

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council adjourn at 10:12 pm to meet again on December 13th 2023,  
or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED



Mayor



Clerk.

Voucher #2023-10 October 2023 = \$103,698.82

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 Streetlights - \$530.96; Fleming’s Trucking – Landfill Maintenance - \$3,051.00; Ontario Clean Water Agency – Scheduled Maintenance - \$8,321.01; Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – Quarterly Levy - \$1,597.52; Total Power – Generator Servicing - \$1,304.59; Nor-Therm Ltd. – Community Hall AC Repair/Replace - \$23,617.00; Bell Canada – Telephones (2 months) - \$1,776.90; Shane Alexander – Garbage Collection Services - \$3,515.00; EncompassIT – IT Services - \$1,288.20; Gilbertson Enterprises – Materials for Road Work - \$2,849.97; GFL Environmental – Recycling Collection - \$2,558.89; Ontario Clean Water Agency – water/sewer operations - \$10,483.50

Voucher #2023-10 (b) Marina October 2023 = \$46,016.01

In addition to employee payroll and remittances and miscellaneous items, the following items were part of the voucher expenditures: McDougall Energy Inc. – Fuel for resale - \$5,106.62; Batman Plumbing – Replacement of Pump-Out - \$15,921.70; Island Timber Mart – Deck Boards and Supplies - \$2,382.60; Sterling Crane – Haul Out - \$11,706.80; McDougall Fuel – Propane - \$2,109.54

Resolution #2023-174

Intimate Partner Violence Resolution – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Moved by Councillor Sarah Brown

Seconded by Councillor Kelly Rathwell

WHEREAS the Culleton, Kuzyk, Warmerdam Inquest (Renfrew County Inquest) on Intimate Partner Violence resulted in 86 recommendations to prevent future deaths and those recommendations were delivered to the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS recommendation #1 of that Inquest is for the Province of Ontario to formally declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic; and

WHEREAS the safety of our community and its members is of extreme importance to residents of the Village of Hilton Beach and its Council; and

WHEREAS intimate partner violence, often referred to as domestic violence, means any use of physical or sexual force, actual or threatened, in an intimate relationship, including emotional and/or psychological abuse or harassing behaviour, and persons of any gender or sex can be victims of intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner; and

WHEREAS this past year in Ontario, 52 women, or one every week, were victims of femicide; and

WHEREAS, according to Statistics Canada, 80% of intimate partner violence goes unreported; and

WHEREAS, violence against women costs the national justice system, healthcare systems, social service agencies, and municipalities nearly \$10 billion dollars per year; and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS over 60 municipalities and regions across Ontario have declared a gender-based and/or intimate partner violence epidemic; and

WHEREAS on August 20, 2023, Ontario Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario passed a motion declaring intimate partner violence and gender-based violence an epidemic; called on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities and regions in Ontario and Canada to do the same, and called for changes to the Criminal Code; and

WHEREAS Council for the Village of Hilton Beach recognizes that issues of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence are matters of local importance, including Public Health, Emergency Services, Community Services, and Community Safety

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT; Council for the Village of Hilton Beach formally declare an epidemic in intimate partner violence and gender-based violence in accordance with recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT Council for the Village of Hilton Beach call on the Provincial government to take action on all 86 recommendations of the Renfrew Inquest.

**Resolution #2023-174**

**Intimate Partner Violence Resolution – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Village Clerk be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women’s Social and Economic Opportunity; Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes; Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all other Ontario Municipalities**

**CARRIED**

**UNANIMOUS**

Resolution #2023-175

Resolution Opposing Strong Mayor Powers – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Moved by Councillor Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Councillor Sarah Brown

WHEREAS Strong Mayor Powers undermine democratic processes executed through municipal elections;  
and

WHEREAS Strong Mayor Powers may also violate by-laws established by Municipalities that provide  
accepted and legal procedures for governance; and

WHEREAS, Council for the Village of Hilton Beach recognizes the important role each Councillor plays in  
the governance of the Village and the representation they provide to individuals in their community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Village of Hilton Beach support motions passed  
by the Town of Aurora, the Township of Terrace Bay, and others, and oppose Strong Mayor Powers being  
provided to the Head of Council;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Village Clerk be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the  
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
and Housing; Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and  
all other Ontario Municipalities

CARRIED



**Resolution 2023-176**

**Call for Provincial Short Term Rental Regulation**

Moved by Councillor Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Councillor Sarah Brown

**WHEREAS short-term rentals (STR) can be beneficial, when operated appropriately; and**

**WHEREAS STR's can cause issues such as noise, parking, and fire safety for surrounding residential property owners; and**

**WHEREAS research indicates that demand for STRs is increasing; and**

**WHEREAS there are no Provincial regulations to govern third party companies that offer STRs (e.g. VRBO, Airbnb), resulting in a variety of by-laws, regulations, and guidelines being implemented by Municipalities directly, which creates inconsistencies, confusion, and frustration for both consumers and residents across Ontario**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Village of Hilton Beach support the Municipality of Wawa, the Township of Machar, and other Ontario Municipalities, in their call on the Provincial Government to move forward on legislating all third-party short-term rental brokerage companies, requiring them to:**

- **Appropriately manage and be responsible for their listings, and to compel compliance; and**
- **Establish a registry system, making it mandatory for each rental listing to register and pay an appropriate annual fee to the applicable Municipality, allowing municipalities to be aware of all registered STR properties and to have access to funds to assist with the response and enforcement of issues arising from STR properties; and**
- **Remove listings from the STR company's registry in cases where the Municipality has identified health, safety, or nuisance infractions, to ensure a problem property cannot be rented; and**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Village Clerk be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all other Ontario Municipalities**

**CARRIED**

Resolution #2023-177

Resolution in Support of Bill 21 – Fixing Long-Term Care – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Moved by Councillor Sarah Brown

Seconded by Councillor Kelly Rathwell

WHEREAS the care, support, and happiness of older adults in the Village of Hilton Beach is a priority for Council; and

WHEREAS older adults deserve dignity in care and should have the right to live with their partner as they age; and

WHEREAS within the Province of Ontario couples do not have the right to be accommodated together when entering long term care facilities; and

WHEREAS the separation of spouses upon entering long term care facilities is a common occurrence across Ontario; and

WHEREAS Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part) was first introduced in the provincial legislature in 2019 and was reintroduced in 2022;

WHEREAS Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission and to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government can bring forward a new Bill that in principal supports the intent of Bill 21;

THEREFORE NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Village of Hilton Beach calls on the Provincial Government to reintroduce Legislation that is the same or similar in spirit to Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act.

CARRIED