

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH**

**MINUTES**

**Council Meeting – October 11, 2023**

6:00 PM

**Council Chambers, Hilton Beach Municipal Office**

3100 Bowker Street, Hilton Beach, Ontario

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

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Sarah Brown declared a conflict regarding Agenda item #15 as she is interested in having chicken herself. This conflict is not in itself pecuniary.

**DELEGATIONS**

- ~~1. Rob Purdon – Chowa Deje~~ Unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances.
2. Applicants for Council Vacancy

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3. Special Council Meeting Minutes – Official Plan – September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023
4. Council Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2023
5. Council Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2023

2023-152 Moved by Sarah Brown  
Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting – Public Meeting regarding the Official Plan of September 13, 2023, be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

2023-153 Moved by Brian Delvecchio  
Seconded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of September 13, 2023, be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

2023-154 Moved by Sally Cohen  
Seconded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting Council meeting of September 27, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

**VOUCHERS**

6. Total Voucher for the month of September 2023, Voucher #2023-09 for \$59,353.06

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 - \$3,750.09; ICONIX Waterworks - Culverts - \$6,215.04; Kentvale Home Hardware – Workshop roof repairs - \$1,964.10; Algoma Public Health – 2023 Levy Payment - \$8,007.00; Safe and Sound – Community Hall Alarm/Fire Safety Repairs - \$2,325.43; Gilbertson Enterprises – Supplies for culvert replacements – 1,065.00; GFL Environmental – Recycling Collection - \$2,724.58; Ontario Clean Water Agency – water/sewer operations - \$10,483.50

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7. Total Marina Voucher for the month of September 2023, Voucher #2023-09 (b) for \$22,244.50

In addition to employee payroll and remittances and miscellaneous items, the following items were part of the voucher expenditures: Lyons Timber Mart – Dock Repairs - \$1,469.54; McDougall Energy Inc. – Fuel for resale - \$5,106.62

2023-155 Moved by Brian Delvecchio  
Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council authorize the payment of Voucher #23-09 for September 2023 in the amount of \$59,353.06 CARRIED.

2023-156 Moved by Sarah Brown  
Seconded by Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council authorize the payment of Voucher #23-09 (b) Marina for the September 2023 in the amount of \$22,244.50. CARRIED.

**MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

8. Report from Clerk-Treasurer

Items discussed include the following: Beginning Council Meetings with a Land Recognition; Marina Renovations including siding of the main building, painting outdoor furniture, painting the Mariner’s Lounge; Local Government Week is October 16<sup>th</sup>; Municipal Staff will be participating in various training opportunities in October and November

- Mayor Lynn Watson from Echo Bay attended the meeting to present a plaque in celebration of the Village’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mr. Watson has been Mayor of Echo Bay for 30 years. Discussed briefly the value of quality training for Roads/Public Works employees and the need for local communities to work together on issues of importance in our region.

2023-157 Moved by Sally Cohen  
Seconded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk’s Report of October 11, 2023, be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

9. St. Joseph Island Museum Board; September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023
10. Algoma District Services Administration Board; July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

2023-158 Moved by Brian Delvecchio  
Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT minutes of the St. Joseph Island Museum Board meeting of September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be received and filed. CARRIED.

2023-159 Moved by Sarah Brown  
Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT minutes of the Algoma District Services Administration Board’s meeting of July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be received and filed. CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE (Resolutions from Others)**

11. Resolution to remove Mike Mantha – Township of Chapleau

No supporting resolution on this matter

## 12. Resolution to request a review and update of MFIPPA – Municipality of Chatham-Kent; Township of Puslinch.

2023-160                    Moved by Brian Delvecchio  
    Secended by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Village of Hilton Beach support the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and the Township of Puslinch in their call for the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services to review the MFIPPA, and consider recommendations as follows:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designate to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

CARRIED.

### OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

13. Review preliminary draft proposed Trailer By-Law  
 Proposing a licensing fee of \$150 for stays up to 14 days on private residential property. Includes requirements for waste and grey water collection and disposal. Additional limits are being considered.
14. Review preliminary draft proposed Procedural By-Law  
 Language has been updated. Times and locations have been updated. New by-law to include templates for Staff/Department Reports as well as templates for Delegation Requests.

### NEW BUSINESS

15. Allowing Chickens in the Village – initial discussion

The Village's current By-Law prohibits livestock of all kinds, including chickens.

Language in the new Official Plan supports the keeping of chickens. Limits could be placed on the keeping of chickens including no mature roosters allowed, limiting the number of birds to six or less, requiring cleaning and upkeep of coops, requiring that birds be penned or cooped at all times. Some Municipalities require approval from adjoining neighbours before approving a coop.

The public in attendance was not generally supportive of allowing chickens in the Village, most stating past negative experiences.

A survey will be circulated to all Village residents on this issue. Results of the survey will be considered by Council but will not be binding.

### MAYOR/COUNCILOR ITEMS

Items discussed include the following: Look into selling shore/road allowances to adjoining property owners; Landfill signage requirements; Invasive Species Centre has printed material for distribution, they are able to do a presentation, walkthrough, activities, that would help residents identify invasive flora in the area and what to do about it; Consider applying for the modernization/digitization grant; Additional "No Parking" signage required on South St.; Signage at the Jail will be stored inside for the winter months; Haul Out was a success, the only issue is that due to the size and configuration of the boats near the Marina building, the firetrucks will not be able to fill up there.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING**

2023-161                    Moved by Sarah Brown  
                                   Secoded by Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council moved into closed meeting to consider items concerning labour relations or employee negotiations as well as matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT said closed session be adjourned, the Council may reconvene in closed session to discuss the same matters without the need for a further authorizing resolution.

CARRIED.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING**

2023-162                    Moved by Sarah Brown  
                                   Secoded by Sally Cohen

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council reconvene to open meeting at 9:32 p.m.

2023-163                    Moved by Brian Delvecchio  
                                   Secoded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach has awarded the Winter Roads Maintenance Contract beginning November 1, 2023 to Catling Contracting Inc.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Village of Hilton Beach to enter into a contract with above mentioned contractor.

CARRIED.

**BY-LAW**

1. By-law No. 2023-24, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

2023-164                    Moved by Sarah Brown  
                                   Secoded by Brian Delvecchio

THAT By-law No. 2023-24, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which was adopted up to and including October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

2023-165                    Moved by Sally Cohen  
                                   Secoded by Sarah Brown

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council adjourn at 9:46 p.m. to meet again November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 or at the call of the Reeve.

CARRIED.

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Mayor Robert Hope

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Clerk Jillian Hayes