

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH

MINUTES

Council Meeting – January 14, 2015

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 Davey, Duma, Moore and Wells (7:15 p.m.).

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

DELEGATIONS

1. Laurel Hendrick re: ‘Share Shed’ at the Landfill

Laurel Hendrick was present to suggest to Council that she would like to see a “Share Shed” at the Landfill Site. She noted that at the end of a garage/yard sale, the items left over often end up being taken to the Jocelyn Township or St. Joseph Township “Share Shed”, Value Village in Sault Ste. Marie or other similar organizations. She feels that many people would utilize the “Share Shed” by leaving and purchasing items. There would have to be some sort of policy or agreement that if an item such as furniture is too large or there are too many of certain items such as books, clothing, etc., they could be refused for the Shed. All items should be available for sale by donation to all the public whether a ratepayer from the area or not. Proceeds from the sale of items could be used for the Hilton Union Library Board and the All-Seasons Sports Pad which could be made more usable year round. A detailed accountability would be required of all incoming funds for all purchases. Jocelyn Township “Share Shed” was erected without the use of a grant and is heated. It is operated by the two paid Landfill employees. St. Joseph Township “Share Shed”, which is 16 ft. x 24 ft., was erected with the use of a grant. It has solar light, a propane heater and is operated by volunteers. The two paid employees at the Village Landfill site could likely handle the “Share Shed” as well as accounting for the funds.

Councillor Duma commented that the Village is considering looking at changes at the Landfill and this is something that could be part of the overall review. Council wants to improve the landfill but it has to be managed. Councillor Davey noted that she gave leftovers from her yard sale to Jocelyn Township. Councillor Moore stated that it would be best to keep these types of things in the community. Mayor Hope asked Ms. Hendrick if she would be willing to work with Council to set it up and she agreed that she would. Mayor Hope mentioned that he has spoken with the Landfill Attendants and they would like to see changes so there will be a meeting with them soon to listen to their concerns and ideas.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Council Meeting minutes of December 3, 2014

14-146 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Duma

Resolved to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2014 Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED.

2. Council Meeting minutes of December 10, 2014

14-147 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Davey

Resolved to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2014 Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED.

3. Council Meeting minutes of December 15, 2014

It was noted that the work to be completed under the OCIP grant for core service improvements will be dealt with at the next meeting. The pertinent information from the Asset Management Plan will be provided at that time.

14-148 Moved by Councillor Duma

Seconded by Councillor Davey

Resolved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 Council meeting as presented.

CARRIED.

VOUCHERS

1. Total Voucher for the month of December in the amount of \$25,831.17

14-149 Moved by Councillor Duma

Seconded by Councillor Moore

Resolved to authorize payment of Voucher #14-12 in the amount of \$25, 831.17.

CARRIED.

Concerns were expressed regarding 'calls for service' for the O.P.P. as 40% of these costs will be charged back to the municipality under the new formula. Further information is to be obtained.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

1. Report from Clerk-Treasurer.

Solar Panels

The electric company is to be contacted to determine if and when they will be doing the final connection. Further information is to be provided regarding the funds received from Algoma Power Inc. on the Marina and Waterfront Centre buildings.

Lease

A new lease is to be entered into with Sharon Thomas for Canada Post service.

Library

The Library Board or the 'Friends of the Library' plan to hold some banquet/dance-type events this year to raise funds. Council agreed that the Hall Rental fees for this purpose would be \$50.00 plus Special Occasion Permit, On-line Liability and a Damage Deposit of \$50.00

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre requesting the Village to contribute towards their forecasted deficit in the amount of \$655.00; and requesting other area municipalities to contribute based on the percentage population of seniors in each municipality

Council requested that more budget information be provided. A letter is to be sent to Premier Wynne to request support for increased funding.

14-150 Moved by Councillor Wells

Seconded by Councillor Duma

THAT the request from Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre requesting the Village to contribute towards their forecasted deficit in the amount of \$655.00, be referred to the 2014 budget deliberations.

CARRIED.

2. Letter from TSSA responding to Council's concerns regarding the impact of TSSA's fuel inspections

The letter was received as information and no action was required.

3. Letter from Algoma Public Health requesting support of their resolution to require that the current eligibility for preventive dental services under the Ontario Public Health Standards and access to one full course of treatment for children with urgent dental needs be maintained in order to ensure equitable access to preventive oral health services for all children.

14-151 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council support the resolution from Algoma Public Health to require that the current eligibility for preventive dental services under the Ontario Public Health Standards and access to one full course of treatment for children with urgent dental needs be maintained in order to ensure equitable access to preventive oral health services for all children.

CARRIED.

4. Letter from Andrew Hallett and Gordon Simpson requesting a 50% reduction in dockage fees for the North Channel Race participants

Council would like to encourage a Sail Past Parade with spinnakers flying for the enjoyment by the residents.

14-152 Moved by Councillor Duma

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT Council approve the request from Andrew Hallett and Gordon Simpson to provide a 50% reduction in dockage fees for the North Channel Race participants for one night.

CARRIED.

5. Letter from Lavera Crack requesting Council representation at a meeting of the Central Algoma Rural Health Care Steering Committee on January 29, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Tarbutt Community Hall

Lavera Crack is to be requested to represent the Village at the Central Algoma Rural Health Care Steering Committee.

6. Letter from the Canadian Red Cross requesting approval to sell the Northern Raffle tickets in the Village of Hilton Beach

14-153 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council approve the request from the Canadian Red Cross to sell the Northern Raffle tickets in the Village of Hilton Beach.

CARRIED.

7. Letter from Algoma Family Services Foundation requesting approval to sell raffle tickets for “The Great Escape Dream Draw” with proceeds to be used for children’s mental health programs and services throughout the District of Algoma

14-154 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Duma

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council approve the request from Algoma Family Services Foundation to sell raffle tickets for “The Great Escape Dream Draw” with proceeds to be used for children’s mental health programs and services throughout the District of Algoma.

CARRIED.

8. Letter from Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition regarding the Central Algoma Region Watershed Unification Project and requesting input into their Strategic Plan when it becomes available
9. Letter from Minister of Energy regarding overview of initiatives of provincial government taken to give municipalities more information and control around local energy planning.
10. Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing regarding priorities of Ministry
11. Inspection – Algoma Forest 2010 – 2020 Forest Management Plan of Approved Planned Operations

The letters for Items 8 – 11 were received as information and no action was required.

12. E-mail from Alzheimer Society of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District requesting that January 2015 be proclaimed as Alzheimer Awareness Month

14-155 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Davey

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council hereby proclaims the month of January, 2015 as National Alzheimer Awareness Month and do urge all citizens of our community to become more aware and educated concerning the early signs and symptoms and far-reaching effects of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias.

CARRIED.

13. Letter from AECOM indicating that Transportation Environmental Study Report is available relating to the replacement of Kaskawan River Culvert on Highway 548

The above letter was received as information and no action was required.

NEW BUSINESS

Ice Rink

The Ice Rink is progressing and will soon be ready for use. It is being prepared for use by Councillor Wells, Darren Moore and Councillor Moore. A sign will be posted indicating "Skate at your own risk. Helmets must be worn." The propane furnace is to be serviced. Protective covering is to be placed on the basketball posts.

Algoma District Services Administration Board

Councillor Moore advised that Lorraine Aelick and Lynn Watson were elected to the Board for this area. There is an Annual meeting on April 4 and Councillor Moore will attend.

Propane

The Village buildings have been placed on automatic fill for propane to avoid having the tanks run out. However, it will be important to have the propane checked regularly.

Library

Mayor Hope advised that eight volunteers completed the skirting around the Library so it is now completely closed in. All materials were donated by Lyons Timber Mart and the Island Timber Mart. Some of the Library Board members provided snacks and Donna Morin provided lunch. It was a group effort and all are to be thanked for their help and participation.

Landfill

Councillor Duma advised Council that there is a good deal on a 20 ft. x 24 ft. metal shed that could replace the existing shed at the landfill. The original price was \$15,000 but it has been reduced to \$6,800. They would require \$1,700 down and the rest in the spring at delivery. A pad would have to be prepared. It is for the shell only – power and heating would be extra. No action was taken at this time as a complete plan for the Landfill is required.

MAYOR/COUNCILLOR ITEMS

Roads

There have been some difficulties getting up and down the hills over the winter months. It was agreed that sand boxes should be considered.

CLOSED MEETING

- Identifiable individuals

14-156 Moved by Councillor Wells

Seconded by Councillor Davey

Resolved to go into closed meeting to consider the following subject matter: personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED.

14-157 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Duma

Resolved to return to open meeting.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

14-158 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT the following appointments be made to the Village Committees for the year 2015:

Hilton Union Fire Board

- Mayor Hope, Councillor Duma, Councillor Wells
- Alternate – Councillor Moore

Hilton Union Library Board

- Mayor Hope, Judy Connell, Janet Coutu, Donna Morin

Landfill Operating Committee

- All Council members
- Wilfred Stevens

- St. Joseph Island Museum Board
 - Lavera Crack, Val Fiegehen
- St. Joseph Island Planning Board
 - Wilfred Stevens
- St. Joseph Island Advisory Committee on Services for Seniors and the Physically Disabled
 - Janet Coutu
- North Channel Marina Tourism Council
 - Gloria Fischer
 - Councillor Davey (Alternate/Observer)
- Recreation Committee
 - Councillor Wells, Councillor Moore, Paula Cormier, Patricia Grisales, Crystal Wells, Debbie Shaughnessy, Caroline Miller, Sally Cohen, David Moule
- Special Events Co-ordinators
 - Gloria Fischer, Caroline Miller
- Heritage Committee (Old Jail)
 - Donna Lambert, Judy Connell, Tracy Stevens, Dana Stevens, Wilfred Stevens, Tim Keenan, Nancy Leishman, Dutch Hoogsteen, Mavis Chisholm
- Marina Committee
- Administration/Finance Committee
- Hall Operating Committee
- Property Standards Committee
 - All Council members

CARRIED.

BY-LAWS

1. By-law No. 1106, being a By-law to authorize a Lease Agreement between the Incorporated Village of Hilton Beach and Sharon Thomas – Canada Post

14-159 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT By-law No. 1106, being a By-law to authorize a Lease Agreement between the Incorporated Village of Hilton Beach and Sharon Thomas – Canada Post, be approved.

CARRIED.

2. By-law No. 1107, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including January 14, 2015.

14-160 Moved by Councillor Duma

Seconded by Councillor Wells

Resolved to adopt By-law #1107, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including January 14, 2015.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

14-161 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Duma

Resolved to adjourn to meet again February 11, 2015 or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED.

Mayor Robert Hope

Clerk Peggy Cramp