

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH

MINUTES

Council Meeting – March 11, 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.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Council Meeting minutes of February 11, 2015

15-24 Moved by Councillor Moore
Seconded by Councillor Duma

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of February 11, 2015, be adopted as presented.
CARRIED.

VOUCHERS

1. Total Voucher for the month of February in the amount of \$66,941.55

15-25 Moved by Councillor Davey
Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council authorize the payment of Voucher #15-3 in the amount of \$66,941.55.

CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

1. Report from Clerk-Treasurer.

The removal of the Library chimney is another project that could be completed by a group of volunteers. It was agreed that arrangements would be made to complete this work when there is better weather.

The building adjacent to the Hilton Beach All-Seasons Surface should be insulated and a programmable thermostat should be installed in the summer to reduce the cost of propane being used over the winter months.

A site meeting with Charles O’Kane, OCWA Water/Sewage Operator is to be arranged to inspect the Water and Sewage buildings.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/BOARDS

1. Hilton Union Public Library Board Minutes of February 9, 2015

15-26 Moved by Councillor Wells
Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the minutes of the Hilton Union Public Library Board of February 9, 2015, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. E-mail from Mary Stevens re: another building at the landfill should not be considered at this time due to the current debt

Mary Stevens is to be advised that there has been no decision to move forward with a building at the Landfill at this time.

2. E-mail from Mary Stevens re: former Clerk should not be applying for grants for the Open Air Market tent that may require further expenditures to add to the debt and these costs should be covered by the market vendors; request monthly voucher to be itemized

Mary Stevens is to be advised that in the event the Open Air Market tent proceeds, there will be no taxpayer dollars used. Further discussion will take place regarding the Voucher at the next Administration/Finance Committee meeting.

3. E-mail from Ruthie Stewart, Program Coordinator, Trefry Memorial Centre re: reasons for deficit and copy of budget.

Council discussed the reasons given for the deficit. The Provincial Ministry is not funding the needed programs adequately and the Village has previously requested their consideration of an increase to keep these programs in the community. Council will agree to the funding for one time only due to the fact that so many seniors in the community benefit from these programs and it is felt that it is important to assist at this time.

15-27 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council approve the request from the Trefry Memorial Centre for a contribution towards their 2014 deficit in the amount of \$655.00.

CARRIED.

4. E-mail from Township of St. Joseph requesting passage of proposed resolution to support the Trefry Memorial Centre

15-28 Moved by Councillor Duma

Seconded by Councillor Davey

WHEREAS programs offered to the seniors and disabled population in the catchment area of the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre covering nine municipalities run on a shoestring budget and have been exclusively funded through the North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) to help seniors and persons with disabilities live well and remain in their own homes; and WHEREAS the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre has outgrown the funding currently being received from the Ministry of Health through the NE LHIN; and

WHEREAS applications have been made for increased funding to accommodate growth in order to meet client needs, only to be met with costly software and administrative requirements from other government agencies, along with increases to the cost of hydro, labour, food, fuel and the general cost of living which impede any gains from the growth of programs; and

WHEREAS Provincial funding for existing and growing services has not increased in over four years; and

WHEREAS non-urgent clients are being put on a wait list for basic daily necessities such as transportation and snow clearing; and

WHEREAS Councils in each of the municipalities in the catchment area have been approached with a request to cover the cost of existing services based on the percentage/population of seniors in their respective municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, The Council of The Village of Hilton Beach do hereby support the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre in the delivery and expansion of its programs which meet the mandate of the Ontario Ministry of Health to keep seniors and disabled populations in their homes, independent, out of long term care facilities, enjoying better mental and physical health, and being socially supported and included in our community; and

WE THEREFORE request the Ministry of Health and the NE LHIN to increase funding levels to allow the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre to continue its work of providing transportation, home maintenance, congregate dining, meals on wheels, visitation, respite and social inclusion for a healthy senior's population.

CARRIED.

5. Letter from Ontario Clean Water Agency together with 2014 Annual and Summary Reports for the Hilton Beach Water System

The Medical Officer of Health is to be notified that the sodium concentration exceeds 20 mg/L so that this information may be communicated to local physicians for their use with patients on sodium restricted diets.

15-29 Moved by Councillor Duma

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the 2014 Annual and Summary Reports for the Hilton Beach Water System as provided by the Ontario Clean Water Agency, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

6. E-mail from Michael Jagger, Secretary-Treasurer, St. Joseph Island Planning Board clarifying reasons for reserves in Planning Board budget.

Further information is to be obtained from Planning Board member Wilfred Stevens regarding the proposed Planning Board budget and reserves.

7. E-mail from Terri McMillan regarding CACC service to take all fire calls on the island.

15-30 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council approve the proposal by CACC to take all fire calls on the island; and further that Council is willing to be bound by the same contract as signed by Jocelyn Township for this service subject to proper notice being given to Quattra and Bell.

CARRIED.

8. E-mail from Mayor Jody Wildman re: Child Care needs on St. Joseph Island

The meeting was on the same night as this Council meeting so members were unable to attend.

9. Bread Sale and Comedy Night to support Trefry Memorial Centre

15-31 Moved by Councillor Duma

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the fundraising information for the Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre for the Bread Sale and The Comedy Night, be received and posted on the Village Bulletin Board.

CARRIED.

10. Letter from Ombudsman Andre Marin re: Annual Report on Investigations of Closed Municipal Meetings

11. Letter from O.P.P. re: reporting framework for consistency and standardization in OPP public reporting

12. Letter from Minister of Government and Consumer Services David Oraziotti re: update on activities of TSSA

13. Letter from Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs re: 2015 Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence program

The above four items were received as information.

14. Letter from Matthews Memorial Hospital Association re: request for funding of physician recruitment and retention together with copy of financial reports

15-32 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the request from the Matthews Memorial Hospital Association for donations towards physician recruitment and retention, be denied.

CARRIED.

15. E-mail from Blind River District Health Centre re: seeking applicants to fill five positions at upcoming Annual General Meeting

The above item was received as information.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Terms of Reference for the Village of Hilton Beach Recreation Committee

15-33 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Duma

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Village of Hilton Beach Recreation Committee, be adopted as amended, and forwarded to the Committee.

CARRIED.

2. Inter-Municipal Agreement Renewal – Provincial Offences Act and Court Administration

15-34 Moved by Councillor Wells

Seconded by Councillor Davey

THAT the inter-Municipal Agreement Renewal for the delivery of Provincial Offences Act, Court Administration, Court Support Functions and Prosecutions, be adopted; and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.

CARRIED.

3. Request from Wilfred Piche for access across Village land to Highway 548

Further discussion is required with Mr. Piche regarding the access to his property.

MAYOR/COUNCILLOR ITEMS

1. Managed selective logging should be considered at the landfill as well as other areas throughout the Village. Further information will be required.
2. A ratepayer approached the Mayor with a concern that all Village commercial businesses had not been approached for donations towards the Hilton Family Fun Day. Councillor Wells and Moore, who are also Recreation Committee members, indicated that this was the first event of the new Recreation Committee and it was not the intent to make money and they did not go out to solicit donations. Some local businesses knew that the event was planned and they approached members of the Committee to offer donations. The concern will be referred to the Recreation Committee and they will ensure that all Village businesses are approached for future events.
3. It was noted that the Landfill lock has been replaced.
4. The Library Financial Statement is to be checked to ensure that the GIC is included as part of their reserves.
5. The Landfill rates for the City of Sault Ste. Marie are to be obtained for the next meeting. Further investigation is required regarding the disposal of refrigerators and to determine other programs that are available for disposal.

BY-LAW

1. By-law No. 1110, being a by-law to appoint Officers, Servants, Boards and Committees for the year 2015

15-35 Moved by Councillor Duma

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT By-law #1110, being a By-law to appoint Officers, Servants, Boards and Committees for the year 2015, be approved.

CARRIED.

CLOSED MEETING

- Identifiable individuals

15-36 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council move into a closed meeting to consider the following subject matter: personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED.

- 15-37 Moved by Councillor Davey
Seconded by Councillor Moore
THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council reconvene to the open meeting.
CARRIED.

BY-LAW

2. By-law No. 1111, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including March 11, 2015.

- 15-38 Moved by Councillor Duma
Seconded by Councillor Wells
THAT By-law No. 1111, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including March 11, 2015, be approved.
CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

- 15-39 Moved by Councillor Moore
Seconded by Councillor Davey
THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council adjourn to meet again on April 8, 2015.
CARRIED.

Mayor Robert Hope

Clerk Peggy Cramp