

# INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH

## MINUTES

### Council Meeting – September 14, 2016

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, Moore and Wells. .

#### MINUTE OF SILENCE

- In Memory and to Honour former Clerk-Treasurer Gloria Fischer

There was a minute of silence in memory of and to honour former Clerk-Treasurer Gloria Fischer for her commitment and years of service with the Village.

#### DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

#### DELEGATIONS

1. Doug and Mary McRae re: snow plowing of Birch Street below Walnut Street

Mr. McRae advised that he would like Council to consider snow plowing Birch Street from Walnut Street to their driveway. They are planning to make their house on Birch Street their permanent home. They would only need a laneway opened and they do not feel there is a need for a turnaround as it would only be used by them. Mr. McRae noted that there is less of a slope than the remainder of Birch Street which washes out at times because of the loose gravel over pavement. Mayor Hope asked about the springs that run down the middle of the road. Mr. McRae advised that Road Superintendent Alexander had added some weeping tiles and it is now less wet. Councillor Davey noted that this is used as a trail by the Snowmobile Club and it could be a hindrance to snowmobiles if it is sanded. There was a discussion about a possible extension of Mariner's Way but it was not thought to be practical. There is a need to speak with some snow removal contractors who would know what may or may not work. Mayor Hope asked if he would be willing to pay towards the plowing but Mr. McRae did not feel that was reasonable given his assessment and taxes that are paid. Further discussions are required with the snowmobile club and snow plowing contractors as to ramifications and costs. Councillor Wells indicated that there would likely be problems, particularly when the snow is melting.

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Council Meeting minutes of August 9, 2016

16-145 Moved by Councillor Wells

Seconded by Councillor Davey

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of August 9, 2016, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

2. Special Council Meeting minutes of August 25, 2016

16-146 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting of August 25, 2016, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

3. Special Council Meeting minutes of August 30, 2016

16-147 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting of August 30, 2016, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

**VOUCHERS**

1. Total Voucher for the month of August in the amount of \$130,497.27

In addition to employee payroll and remittances and miscellaneous items, the following items were part of the voucher expenditures: Pioneer Construction – cold mix - \$1,436.91; Konka Excavating – sea can for landfill - \$3,333.50; St. Joseph Island Museum Board – 2016 levy - \$1,643.00; Internet upgrades - \$890.16; Portable toilets – Forbes Park - \$694.50; New mower - \$3,605.82; Minister of Finance – OPP – June - \$3,206.00; Algoma District Services Administration Board – August - \$5,997.42; Rogers Media – advertising events - \$1,220.40; BDO Canada – audit - \$8,249.00; Bell Canada - \$979.15; Municipal Waste & Recycling – July - \$1,808.00; Algoma Power - \$5,474.92; McDougall Energy – regular and diesel gas - \$31,462.08; Red Star Electric – electrical work - \$2,263.75.

16-148 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council authorize the payment of Voucher #16-08 in the amount of \$130,497.27.

CARRIED.

**MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

1. Report from Clerk-Treasurer

Items discussed were as follows:

- Landfill – Fleming Construction has completed the work required at the landfill
- Forbes Park – Sand has been placed on the beach area. Portable toilets have been removed for the year.
- Stop sign – The stop sign has been installed adjacent to the Dry Dock. Council directed that reflective tape should be placed on all sides of the 4 x 4 post as well as installing a solar light over it. The line painting is also required. A ‘No Parking Zone’ around the hydrant adjacent to the Hilton Beach Inn should also be painted.
- Marina internet – Marina Manager Laura McRae has provided information on internet providers, costs and usage of the internet at other marinas. Further information is to be obtained from Vianet. Consider changes to be included in the spring newsletter.
- Volunteer Appreciation – This is to be added to the next agenda for further consideration.
- Closing Office on Wednesday each week after Thanksgiving weekend until the end of April

16-149 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT the municipal office be closed to the public on Wednesday of each week beginning on the Wednesday following Thanksgiving until the end of April and that the closure take place on a trial basis.

CARRIED.

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/BOARDS**

- Hilton Union Public Library – it was noted that they are considering the repairs of the ceiling as well as siding and insulation.

**CORRESPONDENCE (Council Action)**

1. Letter from Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 374 re: request to proclaim Legion Week throughout Ontario from September 18-24, 2016

16-150 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council proclaim the week of September 18 to September 24, 2016 as Legion Week.

CARRIED.

2. Letter from Minister of Energy Glenn Thibeault re: changes to legislation that will help protect electricity consumers from door-to-door energy contract sales.

The letter was received as information.

3. Letter from Cheryl Gallant, M.P., Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke re: request to support proposed resolution regarding the small campground taxation issue

16-151 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Wells

WHEREAS camping is about celebrating the great outdoors and is an integral part of our nation's history and our identity as Canadians;

AND WHEREAS nearly 5.8 million Canadians go camping each year, along with numerous international visitors who want to experience the natural wonder of our country;

AND WHEREAS campgrounds are active, labour-intensive, recreational, hospitality businesses that provide affordable vacationing option for middle-class Canadian families and international visitors with many campgrounds in Canada being family-run small businesses that have been around for generations;

AND WHEREAS campgrounds across Canada have begun receiving notices from the Federal Government warning them of reassessments as they are deemed to be too small to qualify for the small business tax deduction, because many family-run campgrounds do not have the required number of employees to qualify for the small business tax rate;

AND WHEREAS some family-run campgrounds will now be taxed at triple the rate of other small businesses – rates higher than even Canada's biggest billion dollar businesses, with penalties and interest, back tax bills will be in the tens of thousands of dollars, crippling otherwise healthy businesses, and leading to ruin for others;

AND WHEREAS the 2016 Federal budget abruptly concluded a promised 2015 review of these tax rules;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Village of Hilton Beach hereby respectfully urges the Federal government to set-aside these audits until the unclear and unfair application of these rules can be resolved;

AND FURTHER to do that, we require the federal government to recognize small, mostly family-run campgrounds as small businesses and pay the same tax rate as other small businesses.

CARRIED.

4. E-mail from Total Power re: back-up generator repairs

Mayor Hope will check into this repair proposed by Total Power prior to a decision being made.

5. 2015 Village of Hilton Beach Consolidated Financial Statements

16-152 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the 2015 Village of Hilton Beach Consolidated Financial Statements, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

## **RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES**

1. E-mail from the Municipality of Hastings Highlands re: support of amendments to Bill 171 extending the restrictions on approaching stopped emergency vehicles or tow trucks to a stopped road service vehicle for garbage collection, recycling and plowing, salting and de-icing.

16-153 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Davey

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council support the resolution passed by the Municipality of Hastings Highlands by adding amendments to Bill 171 which would extend the restrictions on approaching stopped emergency vehicles or tow trucks to a stopped road service vehicle for garbage collection, recycling and plowing, salting and de-icing.

CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE (RECEIVE AND FILE)**

1. Letters from the Township of Tarbutt & Tarbutt Additional re: Nestle's permit to draw water from Aberfoyle Ontario and approvals by the province to permit the taking of 31 million litres of water each day out of the Great Lakes for the use by the City of Waukesha, Wisconsin

14-154 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council supports the concerns expressed by the Township of Tarbutt & Tarbutt Additional regarding the permit given to Nestles to draw water and take 31 million litres of water each day out of the Great Lakes.

CARRIED.

2. Letter from the Municipal Policing Bureau re: 2015 Annual Billing Reconciliation will not be completed in time for the 2017 Annual Billing Statements due to negotiations continuing for OPPA agreement
3. Copy of letter from Hilton Union Public Library to Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport re: concern with possible cuts to small libraries to help pay for internet access
4. E-mail from Cheryl Gallant, M.P. re: possible carbon tax on firewood
5. Letter from Michael Mantha, MPP, Algoma-Manitoulin regarding construction work on Highway 17 between Espanola and Nairn Center and lengthy delays for travelers.
6. Letter from Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon re: announcement that Ministry has made some major changes to their autism strategy

The above five items were received and filed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Snow plowing contract

The snow plowing of the parking lots is to be tendered for the upcoming winter season.

2. Request to become a Recreation Committee member

16-155 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT Mike Cormier be appointed as a member of the Hilton Beach Recreation Committee.

CARRIED.

**MAYOR/COUNCILLOR ITEMS**

Items discussed include:

- There are continued concerns with speeding through the Village and consideration should be given to reducing the speed limit to 30 km. per hr. throughout the entire Village. In the meantime, an application will be made for a Community Safety Zone.

16-156 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT an application be made for a Community Safety Zone on Highway 548 between the two boundary limits of the Village of Hilton Beach.

CARRIED.

- The Open Air Market tent must be taken down. It was agreed that Mayor Hope would try to arrange to take it down on Tuesday, September 20 providing they are able to get enough people to help.
- Property Standards issues need to be addressed.
- The culvert across First Street is breaking down and the water is not flowing through it. The Road Superintendent is to determine what can be done to repair it.
- The sailboat haul-out is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2016

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING**

16-157 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council move into a closed meeting at 9:38 p.m. to consider the following subject matter: personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and the proposed disposition of land.

CARRIED.

**RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL**

16-158 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council reconvene to the open meeting at 11:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER**

16-159 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Davey

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council appoints Shirley Bailey Meeks to fill the vacant Council member position.

CARRIED.

**BY-LAW**

1. By-law No. 2016-19, being a By-law to authorize and Agreement between the Village and Ontario Tire Stewardship – tire recycling

16-160 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT By-law No. 2016-19, being a By-law to authorize an Agreement between the Village and Ontario Tire Stewardship for tire recycling, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

CARRIED.

2. By-law No. 2016-20, being a By-law to establish procedures for the sale or other disposition of Village-owned lands

16-161 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT By-law No. 2016-20, being a By-law to establish procedures for the sale or other disposition of Village-owned lands, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

CARRIED.

3. By-law No. 2016-21, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

16-162 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT By-law No. 2016-21, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

CARRIED.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Lot Sale

16-163 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council declares its intent to sell the lands described as Parts 1, 2 and 3, Plan 1R-10385 and that the following requirements shall apply:

- Notice of the intent to sell this land shall be given by a one-time advertisement in the Island Clippings and the notice shall be placed on the Village’s website;
- The method of sale will be through the listing of the property with a real estate broker; and
- An “Opinion of Value” from a real estate broker will be obtained.

CARRIED.

Plaque

16-164 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT a commemorative plaque for Gloria Fischer be placed in the Hilton Beach Community Hall in recognition of her years of service and commitment to the Village of Hilton Beach.

CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

16-165 Moved by Councillor Davey

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council adjourn at 11:46 p.m. to meet again on October 5, 2016 or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED.

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Mayor Robert Hope

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Clerk Peggy Cramp