

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH

MINUTES

Council Meeting – December 13, 2017

6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, Hilton Beach Municipal Office

3100 Bowker Street, Hilton Beach, Ontario

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Hope and Councillors Moore, Wells, Bailey Meeks and Shaughnessy.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual

17-184 Moved by Councillor Wells

Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council move into a closed meeting at 6:09 p.m. to consider the following subject matter: personal matters about an identifiable individual.

CARRIED.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR COUNCIL

17-185 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Shaughnessy

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council reconvene to the open meeting at 6:43 p.m.

CARRIED.

17-186 Moved by Councillor Shaughnessy

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the tax sale procedures proceed for three properties in the Village unless they enter into a firm, suitable payment arrangement.

CARRIED.

17-187 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT the Village proceed with the transfer of outstanding water/sewer arrears to the tax accounts for three properties in the Village unless they enter into a firm, suitable payment arrangement with the Village; and further that the water be turned off if no action is taken.

CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS

7:00 p.m. - Michael Trainor, President, St. Joseph Island Lion's Club

Re: Winter Community Hall Closure

Michael Trainor as well as two founding members Charles Nelson and Harold Daynard were present to discuss the community hall closure for the winter months. Harold Daynard advised that he and Charles have been with the Lion's Club for 46 years. In March 1986, they first began talking about the community hall upgrades and a feasibility study was prepared prior to the grant. They raised \$272,650 in addition to the \$137,000 grant. He commented that he is proud of the Hall and all of the work performed by the Lion's Club to make it possible. He mentioned that the tables need to be replaced in the Hall and that is something that they could possibly make happen. He is disappointed that the hall cannot remain open for the winter months. He provided some newspaper articles from when the upgrades were in progress.

Michael Trainor advised that the Lion's Club performs a yearly review of donations that they make to various organizations and they try to help when they can. He advised that the Pancake breakfasts will take place at the Royal Canadian Legion from Jan. – March, 2018. They have also made a change so that they go to local restaurants on the Island for their meetings rather than having them catered. They have seven new members. He agreed that they could consider tables but ultimately would like to do more work in the kitchen. Mayor Hope advised that the Village will re-evaluate over the winter months and it could re-open early depending on weather, etc. In terms of sanding during the winter months, Mike Trainor advised that no one can take on the liability other than the Village. It would be very difficult to close a pancake breakfast down when the weather turns bad as the organizers start early and others come from the Sault.

It was suggested that if there are projects or purchases that the Village would like to be considered by the Lion's Club, the Village should submit their request in writing. Their priority list moves all the time but in this way the items could be considered and a response provided.

Council reaffirmed the support and partnership for the Lion's Club and look forward to their return in April, 2018.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Council Meeting minutes of November 8, 2017

17-188 Moved by Councillor Wells

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of November 8, 2017, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

2. Council Meeting minutes of November 15, 2017

17-189 Moved by Councillor Shaughnessy

Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of November 15, 2017, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

3. Council Meeting minutes of November 29, 2017

17-190 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of November 29, 2017, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

VOUCHERS

1. Total Voucher for the month of November, 2017 in the amount of \$42,125.81

In addition to employee payroll and remittances and miscellaneous items, the following items were part of the voucher expenditures: Bell Canada - \$877.28; Township of Hilton – culvert replacement /ditching - \$5,500.00; Municipal Waste & Recycling - \$1,356.00; Algoma District Services Administration Board – November - \$6,094.58; Ministry of Finance – OPP – Sept. - \$3,096.61; Algoma Power Inc - \$2,965.92; Ontario Clean Water Agency – operating water/sewer - \$8,876.42.

17-191 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council authorize the payment of Voucher #17-11 for November, 2017 in the amount of \$42,125.81.

CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

1. Report from Clerk-Treasurer

The following items were discussed:

- Bill 68, Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017;
- The solar panel at the community hall stopped working as a result of a faulty fuse which has been replaced;
- A fallen tree in the Village will be removed early in the spring and the debris was cleaned up on the adjacent property – consideration of best method will be required due to concern that the tree is holding the bank in place;
- Tax sales may commence after two years' arrears rather than the present three years which requires Council consideration as the outstanding taxes are too high;
- The roof at the sewage pumping station has been replaced.
- The financial report was reviewed and it was requested that an overview be provided in future in addition to the detailed report.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES/BOARDS

None

CORRESPONDENCE (Council Action)

1. Letter from Ministry of Finance re: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) municipal allocations for 2018 – increase from \$162,000 to \$174,600

Received as information.

2. Letter from the Township of St. Joseph re: collaboration with Great Lakes Waterfront Trail to develop St. Joseph Island as a cycling destination

17-192 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks

THAT the letter from the Township of St. Joseph setting out the highlights of the investment made in 2017 with the collaboration with the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail to develop St. Joseph Island as a cycling destination for local and visiting road cycling enthusiasts, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

3. Municipal Insurance Program Proposal for the year 2018 from Algoma Insurance Brokers Limited

17-193 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks

Seconded by Councillor Wells

THAT the 2018 Proposal for the Municipal Insurance Program for the period January 1, 2018 – January 1, 2019 as presented by Algoma Insurance Brokers Limited in the amount of \$36,396.00, be accepted.

CARRIED.

4. Letter from The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 374 re: denial of submission to MTO for the establishment of the Bridge of Heroes project

17-194 Moved by Councillor Moore

Seconded by Councillor Shaughnessy

THAT the letter from the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 374 regarding the denial by the Ministry of Transportation of their submission relating to the Bridge of Heroes project, be received and filed.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCILLOR ITEMS

The following items were discussed:

- Rubbermaid containers are required for utensils in the community hall kitchen. Pest control will be required in the spring;
- MTO is to be contacted in the spring to deal with the washouts being experienced to Ringham Street and the entrance to the Community Hall resulting from water not being directed properly down the hill;
- The dirt that has been piled in the ball diamond is to be removed;
- Consider a ‘spring fling’ dance to generate income for the hall;
- Consider Appreciation dinner;
- Three or four railings require repair along the entrance to the Post office – an accessibility grant should be considered to provide better access for the future;
- Changes to Employment Standards Act, i.e. minimum wage, vacation pay, etc.
- Request for assistance with the ice rink;
- Long term planning – a special meeting will be required to consider a 5 yr. and 25 yr. plan to include such items as promotion of the hall; marketing waterfront centre units; tourism – attracting more people to the Village to live and to visit.
- Landfill requirements – advise residents of issues that must be addressed as per Ministry direction;
- Further discussions regarding use of landfill – address Ministry requirements as well as revenues.

BY-LAW

1. By-law No. 2017-24, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including the 13th day of December, 2017.

17-195 Moved by Councillor Wells

Seconded by Councillor Bailey Meeks

THAT By-law No. 2017-24, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including December 13, 2017, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 13th day of December, 2017.

CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

17-196 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks

Seconded by Councillor Moore

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council adjourn at 9:45 p.m. to meet again on January 10, 2018 or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED.

Mayor Robert Hope

Clerk Peggy Cramp