

VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH MINUTES

Inaugural Council Meeting – December 4, 2018
7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, Village of 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 Davison, Moore, and Bailey Meeks.

OATHS OF OFFICE AND DECLARATION OF MAYOR

Mayor Hope took the oath of office and declaration.

OATHS OF OFFICE AND DECLARATION OF COUNCIL

Councillors Davison, Moore and Bailey Meeks took the oath of office and declaration.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

MAYOR HOPE'S ADDRESS TO COUNCIL/RATEPAYERS

Mayor Hope welcomed Councillors to the 2018 – 2022 term of Council for the Village of Hilton Beach. He looks forward to working with Council on behalf of the ratepayers of this community over the next four years. He feels especially honoured to be a leader of this Council and hopes to live up to and hopefully exceed expectations. Mayor Hope advised that over the last 19 years of being a Councillor, he has learned many things about the people and the problems, the goals and achievements within this Village. He has seen what we were, what we are, as a Village, and as a Community, and what we can be. He is especially proud of our progress as a Council and wish to state that we need to believe and understand is that anyone volunteering their time and effort toward a position on Council does so with the best interests of the people and staff at heart. He wishes these next four years to be safe, to be prosperous, to be fulfilling for this Village and working together as a cohesive forward-thinking group of representatives. He expects we will make this happen to the best of our ability. Each Councillor brings to this table a unique perspective, outlook and flavor which make up an effective democracy and he promises you that you will be heard here at this table. He wished to acknowledge the great staff we have both in this office and out. Without their fine efforts and commitment to success, we as Councillors would have a tough time getting through the term. He asks, he expects one thing most of all from Council and staff and that is we treat each other, we treat ratepayers, and we treat guests to our community with dignity and respect despite what we may experience or be confronted with. He believes that will pay us all dividends in the future. As your Mayor, he will be there for you, for this community to the best of my ability.

Mayor Hope noted that over the last term, Council has been faced with the need to bring in a SWAT team, two major storms, infrastructure requirements and unforeseen financial obligations. He noted that through this, Council has grown and experienced things that others have not and that everyone is better with the experience that has been gained. Mayor Hope commented that there are wonderful people in the Village and that he and Council members are very privileged to serve. Over the last term, Council has been very fiscally responsible and he feels that this should be carried on as it is important to all ratepayers.

MAYOR/COUNCILLOR ITEMS

Councillor Davison noted that he gave a lot of thought to his consideration to run for Council. He has lived in the Village for 1 ½ years and has had the opportunity to talk to a lot of people. He has heard good things with the last term of Council and that it is much improved. He plans to listen and hear other Councillors and will contribute as much as he can with a lot of commitment. He is committed to doing things to help the community and will volunteer to help. He enjoys workings and talking to people and is happy to be back to a small Town. He is excited about the next four years and he is ready to go.

Councillor Bailey Meeks commented that she has been on Council for two years and has enjoyed it very much. There have been some things that you won't like but all in all, it has been a great Council and another great one coming in. She hopes that everyone pulls together and makes the community that much better and that improvements continue. She is in for the long haul.

Councillor Moore has enjoyed the last four years with personal growth and the desire to learn. When she considered running for Council, she felt that the community was at such odds and with financial turmoil. She felt that if you want to make a difference, you must be involved. She noted that there was also a lot of strife between the two municipalities and the atmosphere was not good. She was hopeful that Council would try to mend fences and get back on the same page and she feels that the Village has come so far. Financially, it has improved by leaps and bounds. There is greater transparency and responsibility. Over the next four years, she is hopeful that the Village can build some reserves but at least there is breathing room. Her focus will be on growth and development, businesses and family – make the base bigger. She cannot think of doing it with a better group. Sometimes Council members will not agree but it is important to respect and listen to each other. She is honoured to be back.

Mayor Hope asked previous Councillor Debbie Shaughnessy to speak. She thanked Council for their guidance and help and was pleased that they had taught her a lot. She is so proud of what was accomplished and feels very confident to walk away at this point as the Village is in good shape. She has learned so much and gained great friendships.

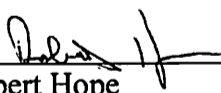
BY-LAWS

- 1. By-law No. 2018-30, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on December 4, 2018.


18-136 Moved by Councillor Moore
Seconded by Councillor Davison
THAT By-law No. 2018-30, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including December 4, 2018, be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 4th day of December, 2018.
CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

18-137 Moved by Councillor Bailey Meeks
Seconded by Councillor Davison
THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council adjourn at 7:36 p.m. to meet again on December 12, 2018 or at the call of the Mayor.
CARRIED.



Mayor Robert Hope



Clerk Peggy Cramp



FIRE PREVENTION WINTER NEWSLETTER



Winter Safety Tips

Tips for safe heating!

- Make sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions for installing and maintaining your chimney or appliance.
- Inspect and clean your chimney regularly at a minimum of at least once a year.
- Check stovepipes and connections
- Check for creosote which can form quickly and is a major cause of chimney fires- never let creosote or soot build up
- Check walls for excessive heat as this could be a sign of improper installation of the chimney or stove pipe.
- Keep combustibles safely away from your appliance and always use a properly fitting screen for your fireplace.

What to Burn?

- Burn clean dry wood or properly seasoned, split wood
- NEVER burn wet or green wood, household garbage such as plastic or cardboard, painted or stained wood, pressure-treated wood, particleboard or plywood, driftwood, or glossy magazines

Wear the Gear!

- Avoid hypothermia and frostbite by dressing in layers and keeping your hands, feet, and ears particularly warm.

Don't Take a Chance with Carbon Monoxide

- Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless and tasteless gas called the silent killer.
- To help prevent CO hazards in your home, have a qualified heating contractor perform a yearly maintenance check of your furnace and venting system, as well as fireplaces, chimneys, and all fuel-burning appliances.
- Make sure you install at least one CO detector at knee height near sleeping areas and don't forget to test them according to manufacturer's recommendations -- usually at least once a month.

Prepare a winter driving kit and keep the following items in your vehicles:

- Shovel
- Booster Cables
- Ice Scraper/Snow Brush
- Compass
- Cloth or paper towels
- Emergency food pack
- Sand, kitty litter or traction mats
- Fuel line antifreeze
- 'Survival candle/matches
- Extra clothing
- Heavy socks and boots
- First aid kit
- Tow chain
- Windshield washer fluid
- Road maps
- 'Survival blanket'



Make sure to keep emergency gear in the car for everyday trips such as:

Cell phone, flashlight, jumper cables, ice scraper/snow brush, blanket, and a first aid kit

If you are making a long trip make sure to store food and water in the car and extra blankets.

Be Smart!

Don't drive in bad weather conditions. Nothing is more important than your safety!

Remember to buckle up, pay attention to the weather and the road while driving and keep your car well maintained in the winter



From our family to yours -- be safe, have fun, and enjoy the wonders of the winter season!



Merry Christmas