INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH

**MINUTES**

# Council Meeting – December 11, 2024

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Hilton Beach Municipal Office**

3100 Bowker Street, Hilton Beach, Ontario

**PRESENT**

Council: Robert Hope; Mayor

Brian Delvecchio; Councillor

Sally Cohen; Councillor

Sarah Brown; Councillor

Kelly Rathwell; Councillor

Staff: Myra Eddy; Clerk Treasurer

**CALL TO ORDER**

2024- 212 Moved by Kelly Rathwell

Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED

**DECLARATIONS of PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor, Robert Hope declared a pecuniary interest regarding discussion regarding the Hilton Union Fire Department.

**DELEGATIONS**

No delegations

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2024-213 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of October 16th and November 13th, 2024 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

**VOUCHERS**

The Vouchers were presented.

2024-214 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Kelly Rathwelll

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council approve Township Voucher 2024-11 in the amount of $56,501.69 (Administration-$19,881.30 Algoma Power-$870.97 Hall-$116.38 ,Ontario Clean Water Agency-$10979.78, GFL Recycling-$2584.03, Tullochs-Building Assessment-$394.44 , Policing - $3959.00, Public Works/Roads-$632.72, Recreation-$3.47, Algoma District Social Services -$6,886.42, Donations-$200.00, Computer/internet $300.55, Office supplies- $184.37, Library -$1322.87, HR Peninsula-$499.22, Cleaning supplies-$33.19, Parks-$143.23, Landfill-$83.49, EncompassIT-$3927.67, Legal fees-$678.94, Hilton Township re-imbursement for taxes-$890.22, Employment Advert -$135.60, Fundraising-$1789.43.

CARRIED

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2024-215 Moved by Sally Cohen

Seconded by Kelly Rathwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council approve Marina Voucher 2024-11 in the amount of $1196.15 (Lyons Timbermart) CARRIED

The Clerk’s Report was presented.

1. The Hiring Committee made a recommendation to hire Paula Callahan as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer.
2. A request from the Kensington Conservancy to put a flyer with the spring 2025 tax bill

2024-216 Moved by Kelly Rathwell

Seconded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk’s Report of December 11, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Public Works Supervisor, Elijah Lederman updated Council regarding reporting and maintenance timelines with Ontario Clean Water Agency. OCWA would be contacted to find out the status of the Third Street Hydrant repair.

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS**

Mayor Robert Hope vacated his chair and Councillor Brian Delvecchio chaired for the following discussion and resolution.

2024-217 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Kelly Rathwell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Hilton Beach agrees to support the Township of Hilton’s resolution NO. 2024-216 to re-imburse the Fire Chief up to $1800.00 to acquire his DZ license from the Hilton Union Fire Department’s Budget with a two year commitment to the Fire Department and if a passing grade is received. CARRIED.

Mayor Robert Hope reassumed the chair position.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council decided to create a new committee in 2025 for the Community Halll Kitchen renovations.

2024-218 Moved by Kelly Rathwell

Seconded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council set up a Committee for the Community Hall Kitchen Renovations to made up of;

2- Village of Hilton Beach Councillors

1. Township of Hilton Councillor
2. Member from the St. Joseph Island Lion’s Club

1 – Village of Hilton Beach ratepayer

Letters will be sent to Hilton Township and the Lion’s Club to determine their interest in being part of the Committee.

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Correspondence was received from the Township of Hilton with an offer to share in the costs of the Hilton Hall generator maintenance starting in 2025. They also inquired about the kitchen renovations and perhaps they could provide assistance to reach those goals. A reply letter would be sent to thank the Township of Hilton for their support.

A contract renewal was signed for 9-1-1 Central Emergency Reporting.

2024-119 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach agree to extend the contract for 9-1-1 Central Emergency Reporting Bureau Services between the Ontario Provincial Police and the Bruce Mines 9-1-1 Group with same terms and conditions. CARRIED

**MAYOR/COUNCILLOR ITEMS**

The Christmas Tree Lighting event is being organized for December 14th.

Council agreed with Township of Hilton’s Reeve Rod Wood that the councils should have a joint meeting. It was suggested to arrange one in the spring.

Township of Jocelyn’s Fire Chief Rick Sirvio would be invited to January 15th meeting regarding their First Response Vehicle.

**CORRESPONDENCE – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT**

2024-220 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Kelly Rathwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Town of Petawawa in that the Ontario Government immediately implement sustainable funding for small municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities. CARRIED

2024-221 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Kelly Rathwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council supports the Township of Terrace Bay regarding ambulance shortages and healthcare system issues.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay is gravely concerned about the ongoing shortages and staffing challenges facing Superior North EMS (SNEMS);

WHEREAS, the provincial funding for ambulance services, currently at 50%, along with the city’s 50% contribution, has been falling short, leading to financial strain on municipalities and regional partners, including the City of Thunder Bay;

2. Implementing incentives such as “learn and stay” grants to encourage paramedics to live and work in northern Ontario;

3. Enhancing support systems for EMS workers, including improved wages, benefits, and mental health resources.

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AND THAT, this resolution be forwarded to Minister Sylvia Jones, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

2024-222 Moved by Kelly Rathwell

Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach supports the Town of Aurora with their request that there be a redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for sustainable infrastructure funding.

CARRIED

2024-223 Moved by Kelly Rathwell

Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Hilton Beach supports the Municipality of North Perth’s resolution regarding the establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program stating that;

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario’s already strained rural health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of North Perth requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario’s rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT the Municipality of North Perth requests that the Government of Ontario invests in the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support. CARRIED

2024-224 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Brian Delvecchio

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WHEREAS the Billy Bishop Airport is a critical access point to Northern Communities for economic opportunities, tourism, social connectivity and critical medical care located in downtown Toronto;

And WHEREAS the airport is seeking to secure its long-term future through a process to modernize and extend the Tripartite Agreement to drive sustainable growth and enhanced access and connections for passengers and the communities it connects to;

NOW THEREFORE the Village of Hilton Beach supports the Township of Terrace Bay’s resolution that the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association is seeking action from the City of Toronto, Ports Toronto and Transport Canada to commence a process and conclude it by the end of 2025 to modernize the current Tripartite Agreement and secure the future of Billy Bishop Airport. CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION**

1. Township of Horwick Re: Ontario Provincial Police Costs for 2025 increase of 21%the
2. Municipality of Leamington RE: OPP Detachment Billing Increase
3. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing RE: Changes to More Homes Built Fast Act

**REPORTS**

1. Hilton Union Public Library Treasurer’s October Report

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING**

2024-225 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Kelly Rathwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council move into closed session to consider items concerning:

ii) labour relations or employee negotiations

ii) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT should said closed session be adjourned, the Council may reconvene in closed session to discuss the same matters without the need for a further authorizing resolution.

2024-226 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Kelly Rathwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council reconvene to open meeting at 9:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Only item ii) was part of the closed session and no resolutions were made.

**BY-LAWS**

2024-227 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Kelly Rathwell

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do adopt By-law No 2024-23 , being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2020-09 to Regulate the Keeping of Certain Kinds of Animals within the Village of Hilton Beach be given FIRST and SECOND READING and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 11th day of December, 2024 CARRIED

2024-228 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do adopt By-law no. 2024-34, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement with the Minister of Solicitor General on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police for the provision of Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Services for the Incorporated Village of Hilton Beach. CARRIED

2024-229 Moved by Kelly Rathwell

Seconded by Brian Delvecchio

THAT BY-LAW NO. 2024-25, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including December 11, 2024, be given FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 11th day of December 2024.

CARRIED

2024-230 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Kelly Rathwell

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council adjourn. to meet again on January 15, 2025 or at the call of the Mayor. CARRIED.

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Mayor, Robert Hope

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Clerk Treasurer – Myra Eddy