INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH

**MINUTES**

# Council Meeting – May 14, 2025

**Hilton Beach Municipal Office**

3100 Bower Street., Hilton Beach, Ontario

**PRESENT**

Council: Robert Hope; Mayor

Brian Delvecchio; Councillor

Sarah Brown; Councillor

Sally Cohen; Councillor

Kelly Rathwell – absent with regrets

Staff: Myra Eddy, Clerk-Treasurer

Paula Callahan – Deputy-Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

2025-67 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council call the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

CARRIED

**DECLARATIONS of PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest was made by Councillor Sarah Brown regarding the request to purchase a portion of the laneway abutting her property.

**DELEGATIONS**

Mr. Paul Foisy attended the meeting on behalf of his son Kyle McLeod to discuss the possibility of purchasing a 10’ m x 30’ section of the road allowance on Mariner’s Way that abuts his property. Council reviewed the request and decided to do a site visit with Mr. Foisy and Mr. McLeod at a later date.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2025-23 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting April 9, April 15 and April 24, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

**VOUCHERS**

Voucher was presented.

2025-69 Moved by Sally Cohen

Seconded by Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council approve Village of Hilton Beach Voucher 2025.04 in the amount of $87,035.98 ( Algoma Public Health-$2,312.75, Algoma Power-$7320.02, Bell Canada-$729.89, Ministry of Finance Policing-$4160.00, McDougall Energy-$1680.81, GFL -$2777.82, Algoma District Social Services Board-$7821.42, Boating Association membership-$733.37, Association of Municipalities membership-$822.64, EncompassIT-$697.16, BDO -$16,572.58,

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donation-$100.00, Ontario Clean Water Association -$11,031.75, Peninsula HR-$499.22, Algoma Office Equipment -$123.45, Tulloch’s Engineering Building Services -$129.95, Island Clippings-$135.60, Algoma District School Board -$176.89, Mariner’s lounge-$1016.39, Hall -$605.60, Public Works/Roads-$971.32, Library -$815.20, Recreation -$90.36, Parks-$134.07, Office-$35.91,Water Front Centre -$347.01, Ministry of Transportation License-$51.50, Internet Services -$311.85, Payroll (all departments/benefits/deductions) $24,458.45, Landfill-$373.00. CARRIED

Public Works Supervisor, Elijah Lederman attended the meeting.

* He informed council that Beemish Construction is scheduled to come to the Village in a week or two to do the surface treatment that was deferred from 2024.
* That the damage at the Library is due to ice damming around the chimney and that vents are needed in the attic. Council asked Elijah to obtain quotes.
* The rink board have been moved to an end section so ball hockey can be played. There is still room for things like basketball and skateboarding.

The Clerk’s Report was presented.

* The tender for the Forbes Park washroom and RFP for the replacement of the accessible ramp, stairs and entry have been advertised.
* Interviews for positions at the marina and parks were done by the Hiring Committee

2025-70 Moved by Sally Cohen

Seconded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council adopts the Clerk’s report as presented.

2025-71 Moved by Biran Delvecchio

Seconded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does accept the nomination received and choose Judy Connell as Senior of the Year for the Village of Hilton Beach. CARRIED

Councillor Brown vacated the chambers for the next item on the agenda.

An application for the purchase of a portion of the laneway Birch Street was made by Andrew and Sarah Brown. The following resolutions were passed.

2025-72 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council does support in principle the portion of the laneway on Seventh Street that abuts 3227 Birch Street, Lot 129 PCL 6281 ACS.

CARRIED

2025-73 Moved by Sally Cohen

Seconded by Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED as part of the request to purchase a portion of the laneway, that staff will reach out to the owner of 3247 Hilton Town Plot Lot 139, PCL 1334 ACS to request if they would like to purchase the portion of the Laneway that abuts their property (10’) or if not, if they would sign off to allow for the 20’ to be closed and sold. CARRIED

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**MAYOR/COUNCILLOR ITEMS**

Councillor Brian Delvecchio presented council with comprehensive information from the Hall Kitchen Improvement Committee which included a draft layout of the kitchen and a list of areas of improvements. Council agreed to move forward with quotes and pricing.

Correspondence was received from CEMC Jeff Edwards to set up a meeting date for the annual training. This is done on a yearly basis to keep the Village of Hilton Beach compliant.

**CORRESPONDENCE – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT**

2025-74 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Sally Cohen

THAT Council support the Town of Cobourg in increasing Ontario Works rates to match the ODSP rate increases that have already been and be indexed to inflation;

Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflations to make up for the years that they were frozen. CARRIED

2025-75 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports Champlain Township’s resolution that additional surveillance and monitoring of heavy vehicles in Ontario is required to ensure safety of other motorists, property owners and pedestrians. CARRIED

2025-76 Moved by Robert Hope

Seconded by Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolutions from Town of Tecumseh, Town of Parry Sound, Kingsville and others in their opposition to Strong Mayor Powers .

WHEREAS Strong Mayor Powers erode the democratic process and have fundamentally altered the historic model of local governance, which has existed for almost two centuries creating a power of imbalance by providing the head of council with special powers that other members do not generally have. CARRIED

2025-77 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Sally Cohen

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

ii) labour relations or employee negotiations

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. CARRIED

2025-78 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Sarah Brown

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council reconvenes to the open meeting at 9:25 p.m.

CARRIED

2025-79 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Sally Cohen

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THAT Council agrees to the Hiring Committee’s recommendation for Marina students and Park Assistant. CARRIED

The following resolution is for support for the Hilton General Store’s application for a Special Occasions Alcohol Permit.

2025-80 Moved by Sally Cohen

Seconded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Hilton Beach supports Hilton Beach General Store in obtaining a Special Occasions Alcohol Permits as part of the Village of Hilton Beach’s Summer Events being the Arts at the Dock, Car Show and Community and deem these events to municipally significant. CARRIED

A separate budget meeting was scheduled for May 28th at 6 p.m

**REPORTS**

1. St. Joseph Island Museum Board Minutes of March 10, 2025
2. Algoma Public Health Board minutes of February 26, 2025
3. Ontario Clean Water Agency 1st Quarterly Report for 2025
4. Hilton Beach Public Library meeting of March 10th and April’s Treasurer’s report

**BY-LAWS**

2025-81 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Sarah Brown

THAT Council adopts By-law No. 2025.13, being a by-law to establish and require payment of various fees and charges. be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 14th day of May, 2025. CARRIED

2025-82 Moved by Robert Hope

Seconded by Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-14 being a by-law stating renumeration and wages be given FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 14th day of May, 2025.

CARRIED

2025-83 Moved by Sally Cohen

Seconded by Sarah Brown

THAT By-law No. 2025. 18 , being a by-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including May 14 , be given a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 14th day of May, 2025. CARRIED

2025-84 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Sally Cohen

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council adjourn at 10:07 p.m. and agrees to meet again on May 28, , 2025, or at the call of the Mayor.

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Mayor, Robert Hope

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Clerk Treasurer – Myra Eddy