

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 3, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Absent:

Reeve: Rodney Wood

Councillors: Mike Garside

Pat Garside

Dianne Holt

David Leask

Road Superintendent: Lyn Garside

Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Moved by Pat Garside

2019-48

Seconded by David Leask

Resolved that we do accept the Agenda as presented. *Carried*

Moved by Dianne Holt

2019-49

Seconded by David Leask

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2019, as presented. *Carried*

The Road Superintendent, Lyn Garside, confirmed the new truck was delivered to Bolton, Ontario and is currently in the process of having the plow equipment installed.

A new grant was announced by the Minister of Infrastructure referred to as the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). The program will be spread across four streams: 1. Rural and Northern 2. Public Transit 3. Green 4. Community, Culture and Recreation. The first intake opened March 18, 2019 for eight weeks with a focus on road and bridge projects. Given the criteria of the proposed work needing to address a critical safety risk, Council did not believe we currently had a project that would qualify. Consideration will be given to applications later in the year under the fourth stream if there are opportunities for assistance with the development of walking trails on the Township's W Line property.

Council reviewed correspondence regarding confirmation of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding (OCIF) for 2019. As it has in past years, the Township will receive \$50,000. These funds will continue to be directed toward road construction projects.

Correspondence was received from the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) that the federal government will top-up the 2019 Gas Tax Fund payment with an additional one-time transfer of an amount equal to what the municipality received in 2018. Our municipality was scheduled to receive \$18,626 in FGT funding this year, so in addition, we will receive an extra \$16,626. These funds can be spent over a five-year period so at this time, they will be invested until a suitable project is determined for their use.

At this time (7:30 pm), Reeve Wood called the Public Meeting to order under the Planning Act. This meeting was scheduled to address any objections to the rezoning of Part of Lot 12, Concessions X and Y, Township of Hilton. This lot had been the subject of a previous rezoning in 1999 due to a proposed development of five separate lots with an area set aside and zoned Open Space (OS) to serve as a communal docking area. That development never proceeded and the property is now being developed as a single residential property. The new access to this property is at the end of Old Moffat Bay Road and adjacent to the area of land previously zoned Open Space which did not permit any development. Given this end of the lot has been deemed best for the construction of a seasonal cabin, the rezoning from OS to Limited Service Residential (LSR) was necessary. In addition, when the previous entrance from Big Point Road was removed, as a condition of an entrance off of Old Moffat Bay Road, the zoning should have changed at that time from Shoreline Residential, given its access off of a year-round maintained road, to LSR. Finally, when the proposed five lot development was addressed in 1999, a significant area was classed as 'Wetlands'. To conform with the Official Plan, the wetland area would now be formally zoned Environmental Protection (EP) with a requirement that the building of any structure, including septic, must be 15 metres (50 feet) from the EP Zone. The Clerk advised Algoma Power has no objection to the rezoning provided it can continue to access its power lines running through the property to keep those lines clear. The authorizing by-law will be passed later in the meeting. Reeve Wood closed the Public Meeting under the Planning Act at 7:40 pm and returned to the regular meeting under the Municipal Act.

Reeve Wood welcomed Robert Courtney who had asked to address Council on issues regarding the use of Crown lands by private individuals. Mr. Courtney provided copies of the 1798 document detailing the sale of St. Joseph Island. He advised Council there is currently a land claim being made on Crown property in a neighbouring municipality on the Island. He suggested that as a municipal body, Council could contact the Ministry of Natural

Resources to obtain more information regarding the process involved when such land claims are made. Discussion followed stating there appears to be a discrepancy between the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law in how crown lots are designated. The Clerk was asked to follow up on this with the Planning Board and the MNR.

Council reviewed a letter from St. Joseph Township regarding an earlier request to enter into a formal shared maintenance agreement for a portion of K Line, running west from the 20th Sideroad that serves as a boundary road for our two municipalities. This matter had been addressed by Council in November 2018; followed up by a meeting of the two municipal Clerks and Road Superintendents, as well as, two council representatives in January 2019; decided in February 2019 that Hilton Township would address the issue with its solicitor to determine the extent of any obligation it may have given it had categorized the road as a non-maintained municipal road in 2003. The Clerk confirmed the matter had not been followed up with the Township's solicitor as of this date due to other priorities. Council was advised that the proposal to deposit gravel on an annual basis to this road was not in the best interest of the taxpayers of either municipality. It was noted that if the road was reconstructed with a proper road bed there would be no need for repeated gravelling each year. Council confirmed it was not willing to contribute at this time to the plans laid out by St. Joseph Township but was willing to continue to maintain the section of K Line, east of Canoe Point Road, as it has for the last 16 years in accordance with the mutual agreement both municipalities have shared since 2003. Council noted any new agreement between the two municipalities would have to incorporate both sections of K Line.

The Township received correspondence from Algoma Power advising it will be performing line clearing and brush control along many of the municipality's roadsides this year. The Township had no objection to the use of government-approved herbicides to perform this work but asked that its residents be allowed to make their own decision for the area in front of their properties.

Moved by Mike Garside
Seconded by Dianne Holt

2019-50

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1244-19 being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 1025-11 by changing the zoning for part of Lot 12, Concessions X and Y, Township of Hilton from Open Space (OS) to Limited Service Residential (LSR); part from Shorline Residential (SR) to Limited Service Residential (LSR) and formally zone the previously identified wetland area as Environmental Protection (EP) Zone. *Carried*

Moved by David Leask
Seconded by Mike Garside

2019-51

Resolved that we do approve our share of the St. Joseph Island Planning Board Budget for 2019 in the amount of \$2,757.00 being part of the total budget of \$16,720.00. *Carried*

The Clerk advised an entrance permit had been requested for one of the four lots on Red Maple Drive subject to a Site Plan Control Agreement which addresses, in part, the location of any new development. The Agreement stated new construction must be as close to the road as possible but lacked a specific measurement. The shoreroad allowance on the first four lots of this subdivision includes the border of a provincially significant wetland and subsequently, any development must not take place within 120 metres (400 feet). Council confirmed that the building envelope for any of these four lots must fall within the required road setback of 7.5 metres (25 feet) and 120 metres (400 feet) from the boundary of the shoreroad allowance.

Council reviewed details of the 2019 OMPF (Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund) notification which identified this year's allocation as \$295,800, a reduction from 2018's \$299,200. The Province announced future OMPF allocations are being reviewed and 2020 funding will be announced well in advance to allow municipalities appropriate time to plan.

Council reviewed correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing announcing a one-time payment in the 2018-19 fiscal year to support small and rural municipalities' efforts to become more efficient and reduce expenditure growth in the longer term. While the payment is unconditional, it is intended to help modernize service delivery and reduce future costs by investing in projects such as shared services, service delivery reviews, and capital investments. Council noted our municipality already participates in a variety of shared services. It was decided to set the funds aside until more consideration could be given to the best use of the money.

The 2019 budget for the Algoma District Services Administration Board was reviewed. The levy for our municipality increased over \$5,000 to \$285,520. This increase followed a similar increase of \$7,500 in 2018.

The Clerk advised that we will have to update our five-year Conservation and Demand Management Plan by July 1, 2019, along with our annual energy report submission.

Council reviewed correspondence from the Trefry Memorial Centre thanking the Township of Hilton for its past contributions and requesting its continued support for 2019. The Trefry Centre has implemented a transportation expansion program to help many seniors and persons with a disability get to their medical appointment, shopping,

banking and other activities. This is largely possible due to the many volunteers who dedicate their time to drive. The Adult Day Out Program is another initiative which offers a social outlet for seniors and provides some free time for caregivers. Council acknowledged the excellent, caring work done by both staff and volunteers.

Moved by David Leask 2019-52
Seconded by Dianne Holt
Resolved that we do contribute \$2,000 to the Trefry Centre to help offset the cost of services provided for the 2019 year. *Carried*

Correspondence was received from Algoma Public Health requesting permission to post “Be Tick Smart” signage on walking trails and community parks in our municipality. The intent is to educate the public with a few preventative measures that could help to prevent Lyme disease. Council acknowledged an interest in the signs and recommended a variety of areas for posting.

Algoma Public Health also contacted Council to ask if it would be interested in a presentation by APH representatives to review the programs and services it administers, how the budget cycle works and how our municipal contribution is applied. Council was supportive of having the delegation attend a future meeting.

Moved by Mike Garside 2019-53
Seconded by Dianne Holt
Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of March 2019 in the amount of \$139,817.99 as per Voucher 03-19: Administration - \$8,535.45; Algoma Dist School Bd (1st Qtr) - \$33,097.98; Algoma Dist Services Admin - \$23,491.17; Fire - \$2,355.87; Insurance - \$23,331.24; Landfill (2018) - \$24,754.29; Misc (Employee/ Employer Payroll Deds/Benefits) - \$6,640.78; Policing - \$7,150.00; Recycling (2018) - \$4,275.30; Roads – \$6,185.91. *Carried*

Moved by Pat Garside 2019-54
Seconded by Mike Garside
Resolved that we do pass By-Law No 1245-19 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting. *Carried

Moved by David Leask 2019-55
Seconded by Pat Garside
Resolved that we do adjourn at 11:27 p.m.. Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 or at the call of the Reeve. *Carried*

Reeve, Rodney Wood

Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk Treasurer



*** Building Inspection ***
Kevin Morris – Building Inspector - Call 1-800-797-2997
Email: kevin.morris@tulloch.ca

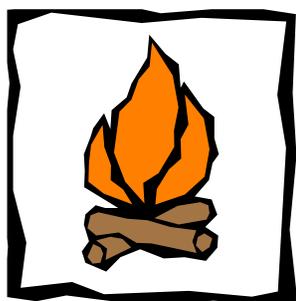
**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT
IT IS ILLEGAL TO START WORK WITHOUT A PERMIT**



WINTER Hours in Effect from Sept 15/18 – May 15/19
Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Landfill/Recycling: M and N Road

F I R E - 911 for Emergencies



It is necessary to obtain a Fire Permit at the Municipal Office for Small Brush Burning and Incinerator Burning during the months from April to October. There is no fee for this permit. Available Mon/Wed/Fri or call 705-246-2472 or email: admin@hiltontownship.ca for alternate pickup arrangements.

A reminder that burning is only permitted within the period of two hours before sunset and two hours after sunrise.

