

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 6, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Absent:

Reeve: Rodney Wood

Councillors: Pat Garside

Dianne Holt

Dave Leask

Robert Jerrard

Road Superintendent: Lyn Garside

Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Moved by Dave Leask 2017-112

Seconded by Dianne Holt

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

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2017-113

Seconded by David Leask

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 8, 2017, as presented. * Carried *

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2017-114

Seconded by David Leask

Resolved that we do agree to plow the end of Jocques Bay Road for the 2017-2018 winter season to allow for the parking of vehicles off the highway. * Carried *

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2017-115

Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do agree to provide winter plowing services for the 2017-2018 season on a requested or 'as needed' basis to be determined by the Road Superintendent for Red Maple Drive with such services to be provided at an hourly rate of \$145. A minimum call out rate of \$145 will apply. Sanding to be charged extra.

* Carried *

Moved by Dave Leask 2017-116

Seconded by Pat Garside

Resolved that we do agree to plow the end of the Q and R Road for the 2017/2018 winter season to allow for the safe parking of vehicles off of Base Line. * Carried *

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2017-117

Seconded by David Leask

Resolved that we do agree to provide winter plowing services for the 2017-2018 season on a requested or 'as needed' basis to be determined by the Road Superintendent from the turnaround on Garside Road West to the end of Ellwood Boulevard, with such services to be provided at an hourly rate of \$145. A minimum call out rate of \$145 will apply. Sanding to be charged extra. * Carried *

Lyn Garside, Road Superintendent, advised Council he had met with the contractor hired by the Big Point Road Cottagers' Association to carry out ditching along a section of Big Point Road.

The Road Superintendent provided a copy of the agreement to be signed by the Municipality and Broadspectrum for our sand requirements for the 2017/2018 winter season.

Council reviewed outstanding overtime and vacation status for the Road Department and it was confirmed one of six weeks vacation had not been used. There is no overtime outstanding at this time. Council approved the Clerk's recommendation that the one week be paid out rather than carrying forward to 2018.

Council reviewed a report from the Clerk regarding structures over water and the responsibility for property owners to obtain the proper permits. The possibility of adding a "Lake Zone" to our Zoning By-law was discussed. The Clerk confirmed that while boathouses are not a permitted use within our municipality, additional consideration may be needed for the building of docks. Information from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry stated it would require a permit if the proposed structure was in physical contact of greater than 15 square meters of shorelands or lake bed. The Clerk was asked to provide the information to the Planning Board to determine if the Zoning Bylaw should be amended.

Council was advised a response had been received from a waterfront resident considering a zoning amendment to allow a reduced setback to accommodate a septic system. Council noted considerable consultation efforts have

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transpired on this issue over the past several months and the resident should now initiate a formal zoning amendment application if he wishes to proceed with the proposed construction.

Council reviewed a summary of Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding (OMPF) amounts to be received for area municipalities in 2018. Five of the eleven municipalities will see increases ranging from \$4,400 to \$81,500 while the remaining six will have their funding decreased. The Township of Hilton's allocation will decrease from \$304,000 to \$299,200.

Moved by Pat Garside

2017-118

Seconded by Robert Jerrard

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1201-17 being a by-law to amend the Township of Hilton's Capital Asset Policy to recognize the resurfacing of surface treated roads as a betterment if the associated cost is equal or greater to the established thresholds. * Carried *

Council reviewed the Ministry of Municipal Affairs' 2016 Financial Indicator Review for our municipality. The results detailed a moderate level of challenge in relation to tax arrears and asset consumption ratio.

The Clerk reviewed how Bill 68: Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2016 (MOMLA) will impact municipalities. Codes of Conduct for Council and certain boards will now be mandatory and must be in place by March 2019. All municipalities must appoint an Integrity Commissioner to conduct inquiries upon complaint for Municipal Conflict of Interest matters and Code of Conduct matters among other duties. The definition of an Open Meeting has been changed to provide more clarity. The electronic participation of members at an open meeting may be permitted but will require an amendment in the municipality's Procedural Bylaw. With regard to property taxes, currently, when they are unpaid for a period of three years, municipalities may initiate the tax registration process. Bill 68 now allows for municipalities to pursue tax sales when taxes are unpaid for two years. The Clerk advised she was not recommending this change and would first like to survey surrounding municipalities to determine how many intended to adopt the two year cutoff. The municipality's auditor will also be asked to comment on the impact of such a change for our municipality. Councils will also have to adopt a policy regarding "Pregnancy and Parental Leave" for council members. In efforts to address the concerns of Climate Change, all municipalities will be required to adopt a policy with respect to the manner in which it will protect and enhance the tree canopy and natural vegetation in the municipality.

Moved by Pat Garside

2017-119

Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do authorize the following transfer:

- \$1,000 to the Office Equipment Reserves (a/c 315205) * Carried *

Moved by Dianne Holt

2017-120

Seconded by Robert Jerrard

Resolved that we do authorize the following transfers:

- \$20,000 to the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund (a/c 335210)
- \$10,000 to the Roads Equipment Reserve Fund (a/c 335215)
- \$ 5,000 to the Municipal Building Reserve Fund (a/c 335205) * Carried *

Moved by Robert Jerrard

2017-121

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do authorize the transfer of up to \$30,000 from the Accumulated Federal Gas Tax Funds to offset the costs of the 2017 Hilton Road/Base Line reconstruction. * Carried *

Moved by Dave Leask

2017-122

Seconded by Robert Jerrard

Resolved that we do authorize the following transfers for any surplus/deficit for the year 2017:

- For the Hilton Union Fire Department to the Fire Department Working Capital Reserve (a/c 315210)
- For the Roads Department to the Roads Working Capital Reserve (a/c 315215)
- For the General Reserve to the General Working Reserve (a/c 315010) * Carried *

Moved by Dianne Holt

2017-123

Seconded by Robert Jerrard

Whereas gaps and issues have been identified through the patient engagement and health service provider interviews through the North Shore Rural Health Hub Pilot Project earlier this year;

And Whereas letters of support are being sought in support of the application being put forward for a new Interprofessional Primary Care Team to serve the residents in the communities of East Algoma Catchment area from Thessalon through Echo Bay including St. Joseph Island;

Therefore the Corporation of the Township of Hilton hereby supports the initiative of developing such a team of professionals for the benefit and support of local residents along the North Shore including St. Joseph Island.

* Carried *

Council was advised that a public education seminar will be offered by the Alzheimer Society in Richards

Landing on Thursday, January 25, 2018. Two presentations will be held that day with one in the afternoon and one at night. (see details at end of Minutes).

A request was received from St. Joseph Township to share in the annual membership fee for the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail to help develop St. Joseph Island as a cycling destination.

Moved by Dave Leask

2017-124

Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do agree to contribute \$125 of the annual \$500 – 2017 SJI membership with the Waterfront Regeneration Trust. * Carried *

Correspondence was reviewed regarding a proposal to regionalize public health offices.

Moved by Robert Jerrard

2017-125

Seconded by Dave Leask

WHEREAS, the Township of Hilton received the report of the Minister’s Expert Panel on Public Health: “Public Health within an Integrated Health System”; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the Township of Hilton has significant concerns regarding the recommendations of the Expert Panel to integrate a population health approach into local planning and service delivery; and

WHEREAS, there is an apparent lack of empirical evidence base upon which the recommendations are founded; and

WHEREAS, the current mandate of public health to prevent disease, protect, and promote health should remain unchanged; and

WHEREAS, public health must remain distinct from acute care health services and Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) in terms of role, funding, governance, and accountability in order for public health to focus on a more upstream approach, the causes of poor health or the social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, the important linkages with local communities for programming, understanding local needs, and leveraging these partnerships will be undermined; and

WHEREAS, regionalization of public health units with centralized decision-making will have significant negative consequences for local public health and municipalities:

- Less municipal representation (400 Board of Health members reduced to approximately 180) and loss of local voice in governing and directing public health programs and services to understand and meet the needs of our communities;
- Substantial delays in responding to local program and service needs especially during emergencies;
- Adding another layer of bureaucracy resulting in increased costs and inefficiencies;
- Governance structure will not be flexible enough to meet/adjust/respond to local needs and negatively impact vulnerable priority populations;
- Potential loss of important local services fundamental to day-to-day public health unit operations and efficiencies (i.e., corporate services, finance, planning and evaluation, communications, information technology, etc.);
- Key positions (chair, vice-chair, finance, etc.) on regional boards of health should not be appointed Orders in Council to avoid political influence/interference; and

WHEREAS, the current cost-shared provincial/municipal funding formula (75%-25%) will not support the implementation of the proposed recommendations; and

WHEREAS, LHIN boundaries should be reconfigured to align with municipal, local public health, education, and social service boundaries to support their relationships with local public health and population health and health care system planning; and

WHEREAS public health can be integrated into the health care system without the significant system disruption, enormous cost, and risk of eroding community valued Public Health programs and services that would result with implementation of the Expert Panel’s recommendations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Hilton does not support the recommendations of the Expert Panel and is in agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) urging the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Dr. Eric Hoskins, not to adopt them. *Carried*

Moved by Robert Jerrard

2017-126

Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of October 2017 in the amount of \$64,416.79 as per Voucher 11-2017: Administration - \$18,507.57; Algoma District Services Admin - \$22,862.08; Building – \$894.96; Fire - \$5,016.23; Misc (Employee/ Employer Payroll Deductions/ Benefits) - \$2,425.12; Policing - \$7,119.00; Roads – \$5,091.83; Sault Area Hospital (annual) - \$2,500. *Carried*

Moved by Robert Jerrard

2017-127

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do pass By-Law No. 1202-17 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting.*Carried

Moved by Dianne Holt

2017-128

Seconded by Robert Jerrard

Resolved that we do adjourn at 10:43 p.m., Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 or at the call of the Reeve. *Carried*

Reeve, Rodney Wood

Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk Treasurer



WINTER Hours in Effect Sept 15/17 – May 15/18:

Saturday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Hours will remain the same during the Holiday Season.

F I R E - 911 for EMERGENCIES



Every year in Ontario, the joy of the holiday season is marred by tragic fire deaths. Your fire department urges you take a few life-saving minutes to protect yourself and your family. Test your smoke alarms to make sure they are in good working order and change the batteries, if necessary. Then review your fire escape plan. Do all members of your household know two ways out of every room?

Don't invite disaster to your holiday celebrations.

**Living Safely and Living Well
With Dementia**

Presented by the Alzheimer Society

The Alzheimer Society will be offering a PUBLIC education seminar on **Thursday, January 25th, 2018 from 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm OR from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm at the Old Town Hall in Richards Landing.** Presenters will explain what dementia is and how it affects different people, as well as, address safety awareness to support a person with dementia in the community. **Please register at 705-246-2625.**



Hilton Township Recreation Committee welcomes ALL children to the Hilton Township Office for a Christmas Party on Sunday, **December 17th, 2017 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Crafts, food and a free colour photo of each child with Santa!**



*From the Council and Staff
of Hilton Township –
May this joyous season
bring you and your loved ones
Peace, Health and Happiness
Throughout the coming year.*



The Hilton Township Municipal Office will be closed from Thursday, December 21, 2017 to Tuesday, January 2, 2018, inclusive.