

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
March 6, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Absent:

Reeve: Rodney Wood
Councillors: Mike Garside
Pat Garside
Dianne Holt
David Leask

Road Superintendent: Lyn Garside (left at 7:20 pm)

Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj

Prior to the meeting formally starting, all of Council met with the Road Superintendent in the Municipal Garage to view the new 2019 Western Star truck that had just been purchased. The Road Super would be driving the vehicle to Bolton, Ontario the following day to arrange for the plow equipment and U-body to be added to the truck. The estimated date for completion will be approximately twelve weeks.

After returning to the Municipal Office, Reeve Wood declared the meeting opened and everyone welcomed our newest councilor, Mike Garside, to the table. The Clerk confirmed that Councillor M. Garside had made his Declaration of Office prior to the meeting.

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Moved by Mike Garside 2019-37

Seconded by David Leask

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

Moved by Dianne Holt 2019-38

Seconded by David Leask

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings of February 6, 2019 and February 28, 2019, as presented. *Carried*

Moved by Dianne Holt 2019-39

Seconded by David Leask

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of February 28, 2019, as presented. *Carried*

Council once again discussed the damage done by salt being applied to surface treated roads, noting in particular, the section of Highway 548 leading into the Village of Hilton Beach. While the use of asphalt on highways is usually restricted to higher volume roads, the current practice of applying excessive amounts of salt to Highway 548 is resulting in considerable damage to the surface. This will inevitably result in more tax dollars being required for repair work. The Clerk suggested that pictures be taken of the damage done by salt to the municipal Base Line as a result of the provincial plow trucks pulling out of the MTO dome site. The province will be asked to cover the cost of asphaltting this section of road to avoid future such damage.

Council reviewed correspondence from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) regarding the mandatory Community Safety and Well-Being Plan municipalities must develop by January 1, 2021. Such plans are intended to address local priorities (risk factors, vulnerable groups, protective factors) related to crime and complex social issues. It was recommended by the Clerk that a joint plan with area municipalities be developed.

Confirmation was received from the Ministry of Finance that the 2019 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) will remain virtually the same as in 2018. This funding is critical in assisting municipalities in the delivery of services and maintaining as low a tax rate as possible for their residents. What continues to remain an unknown is whether or not we will receive the annual Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) transfer of \$50,000 which has historically been directed toward road improvements.

Moved by Mike Garside 2019-40

Seconded by David Leask

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1242-19 being a by-law respecting remuneration and expenses and payment thereof to Members of Council and Municipal Employees of the Corporation of the Township of Hilton. *Carried*

Moved by Dianne Holt 2019-41

Seconded by David Leask

Whereas Section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, provides that the Treasurer of a municipality shall in each year provide to the Council of the municipality an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses paid

in the previous year to council members and local board members and whereby such remuneration is authorized under By-Law No. 1242-19, Council hereby agrees to accept the attached statement as verification of such remuneration paid. *Carried*

Moved by David Leask 2019-42
Seconded by Pat Garside

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1240-19 being a by-law to appoint officers, servants, boards and commissions for the year 2019. *Carried *

The Clerk presented a revised Fees and Charges by-law with the only change being the deletion of itemized charges for various stages of the tax registration process. Instead, this section was changed to state all associated costs would be determined by the municipality's solicitor.

Moved by Pat Garside 2019-43
Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1241-19 being a by-law to establish and require payment of various fees and charges. *Carried *

Council reviewed the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Financial Indicator Review for the municipality. This report confirmed none of the Township's indicators exceeded the established provincial thresholds for 'medium' level of risk. Areas that were determined to be 'moderate' risk included uncollected taxes, as well as, the extent to which some of the Township's assets have been consumed. The Township is aware that the plowtruck has surpassed its expected life cycle which is why a new truck has just been purchased. This will make no difference in the tax rate this year as the municipality has been diligent in setting aside funds annually for the last twenty years in preparation for a replacement vehicle. In addition, the Township's excavator may be considered nearing the end of its expected life in 2022 but due to the care and maintenance it has been given, it is anticipated it will serve the municipality for many years to come.

The Clerk updated Council on the work being done under the "AMP it Up 2.0" program with assistance being provided through the Ministry of Infrastructure and partners Asset Management Ontario and Municipal Finance Officers Association. The provincial assistance is intended to help smaller municipalities meet the requirements of O. Reg. 588/17 – Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation

Council reviewed year-end invoices received from the Village of Hilton Beach for the landfill, recycling and hydrant maintenance costs of 2018. The Township shares the fire department costs on a 50/50 basis with the Village; the landfill and recycling are split on the basis of households with the Township paying approximately 68%. The landfill costs increased significantly due to work done to satisfy requirements by the Ministry of the Environment. Such improvements will continue to be necessary in the coming years.

Moved by David Leask 2019-44
Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do accept the proposal for insurance from Algoma Insurance for the period March 15, 2019 – March 15, 2020, in the amount of \$21,927.00 plus applicable taxes. *Carried *

A request was received from the Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition for financial support on the basis of assessment toward its continued environmental efforts for Central Algoma. Given current unknowns with this year's budget, a decision was postponed until later in the Spring.

Moved by David Leask 2019-45
Seconded by Mike Garside

Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of February 2019 in the amount of \$63,303.34 as per Voucher 02-19: Administration - \$9,331.59; Algoma Dist School Bd reconciliation 2018 - \$823.42; Algoma Dist Services Admin - \$23,419.17; Building - \$45.20; Fire - \$5,147.80; Misc (Employee/ Employer Payroll Deds/Benefits) - \$6,702.18; Policing - \$7,187.00; Recreation - \$600.00; Roads – \$10,046.98. *Carried*

Moved by Pat Garside 2019-46
Seconded by Mike Garside

Resolved that we do pass By-Law No 1243-19 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting. *Carried

Moved by David Leask 2019-47
Seconded by Pat Garside

Resolved that we do adjourn at 11:12 p.m.. Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 or at the call of the Reeve. *Carried*



*** 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



Residents are reminded that several turnarounds exist on municipal roads and these are intended for the use of the snowplow operator as well as school buses and even fire department vehicles. Residents must not park their vehicles/trailers/etc in these areas and this applies on a year-round basis.

F I R E - 911 for Emergencies



BUTT OUT Smoking Fires
Smoking is the #1 Cause of Fatal Home Fires

What's the Risk?

- ❖ Smoking fires account for 8% of all home fires.
- ❖ One in 10 smoking fires results in an injury or death.
- ❖ One in four home fire fatalities are caused by smoking.
- ❖ 65% of smoking fires are caused by “improper discarding” of smoking materials.
- ❖ The average dollar loss per smoking fire is \$37,000.

How Do I prevent a smoking fire?

- ❖ Encourage smokers to smoke outside.
- ❖ Do not extinguish cigarettes in plant pots, which may contain a mixture of peat mos, shredded wood and bark that can easily ignite.
- ❖ Never smoke in bed.
- ❖ Use large, deep ashtrays that cannot be knocked over.
- ❖ Empty ashes into a metal container – not the garbage can – and put it outside.

A Dangerous Mix:

- ❖ Alcohol is a factor in many smoking-related fires.

Get Your Taxes Done FREE

For your convenience, the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will be offering a Free Tax Clinic for low income earners (as determined by Revenue Canada) at the Trefry Centre on Saturday, March 30th, 2019 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

You are welcome to take advantage of this service if your income falls between:

- \$40,000 maximum** (claiming as a couple, plus \$2,500 per dependent child)
- \$35,000 maximum** (claiming as a single parent with one dependent child)
- \$30,000 maximum** claiming as single)

Please bring with you:

T4's and/or T5's; Property Tax Bill; Charity and Medical Receipts; Rent Receipts; Notice of Assessment.

This program is run through the Canada Revenue Agency and all the Volunteer Preparers are trained and screened by Revenue Canada.