

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH

MINUTES

Joint Meeting – Winter Maintenance

December 19, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Hilton Township: Councillors Pat Garside; Dianne Holt; Dave Leask.

(Regrets: Reeve Rod Wood; Councillor Robert Jerrard).

Village Hilton Beach: Mayor Robert Hope; Councillors Shirley Bailey Meeks; John Davison; Julie Moore;
John Wells

Clerks: Valerie Obarymskyj and Peggy Cramp

Road Superintendent: Lyndon Garside

Chairperson Robert Hope called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed everyone.

Mayor Hope advised Village Council members had reviewed the written concerns detailed by the Township regarding the provision of winter maintenance services to the Village. The Township's concerns centered on plowing problems linked to the poor design of the roads; raised manhole covers; narrow laneways; vehicles parked on the road and the potential for damage to a new plowtruck. It was also noted the number of roads plowed within the Township has increased over the years and given the limitations of a one-man Road operation, the Township is now realizing it may be necessary to hire a second part-time operator if winter maintenance service to a second community is continued. The original agreement between our two communities confirmed the Township would be plowed first before addressing the Village roads. It currently takes upwards of six hours to plow the Township roads meaning the Village roads are not plowed as quickly as its residents would like.

Lyn Garside, Road Superintendent, detailed the problems outlined in the written summary provided to the Village. He acknowledged that the plowing problems linked to the narrow width of roads and the significant grade of certain hills were not issues that could be easily corrected. Changing the slope of personal laneways leading onto the travelled road and digging ditches to avoid the issue of melting snow flowing down the road would require extensive construction and expense but would go a long way to avoiding the repeated icy road conditions. The province deposits a lot of salt onto its roads to create a blacktop effect and safer driving conditions. The Township does not use salt but relies on sand which will only provide limited traction benefits.

After considerable discussion it was confirmed that the Township will continue to provide winter maintenance to the Village for the remainder of this winter season (ending April 2019) only. The possibility of the Village contracting the plowing service from someone with a smaller piece of equipment was suggested. The Township will continue to offer any assistance it can with regard to road maintenance or construction ideas that would benefit the Village.

Mayor Hope thanked both Lyn Garside and the Township Council for its service over the years with the winter maintenance and acknowledged an understanding of the issues behind the decision to discontinue.

Councillors John Davison and Pat Garside motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Acting Reeve, Pat Garside

Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk Treasurer