



A response was received from the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding an inquiry from several months ago regarding the construction of a cabin on Crown land by a First Nation individual. The MNR's response confirmed this situation is considered an incidental cabin request and the Ministry first works with the individual to ensure a number of factors are satisfied prior to authorizing construction. The land on which such a cabin is occupied is not transferred but remains Crown land. The response further confirmed that zoning by-laws do not apply to the Ministry when it is utilizing Crown lands within the municipality, however, recent case law may apply to third parties who want to use Crown lands within a municipality. With reference to the Sale of Island (1798) document, it was recommended that legal interpretation be obtained.

The Clerk advised that the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocations for 2020 were just released and our municipality's funding will reduce \$4,200 to \$291,600. This funding provides unconditional operating support from the Province to municipal governments based on various community fiscal health indicators.

Council reviewed the Clerk's report regarding the recent workshop she had attended on "Improving Service Delivery in Municipalities through Shared Services and Collaboration". We already share a number of services, both Island wide and jointly with the Village of Hilton Beach resulting in cost-savings for all residents. A key factor delivered during the workshop was that not all parties may value a service to the same degree and this has to be taken into consideration if an agreement is to succeed. Not all shared services need to be split on an equalized basis and the cost sharing factor is the single most failed cause of shared partnerships. It may be fairer to base contributions on population/weighted assessment/service usage and even establish a contribution cap. It was recommended that shared service agreements ensure all parties be clear about their goals and that periodic reviews must occur as goals and considerations can change over the years.

Moved by Dave Leask 2019-119  
Seconded by Dianne Holt  
Resolved that we do contribute \$100 to Branch 374, Royal Canadian Legion, in recognition of the 2019 Remembrance Day Campaign. \* Carried\*.

Council reviewed a report from the Clerk regarding a follow-up from MPAC on what the actual assessments should have been for a parcel of land sold several years ago but registered incorrectly as two separate lots. This issue had originally been addressed by Council in August 2019. Based on the new land values submitted by MPAC, a write-off of taxes was deemed appropriate.

Moved by Dave Leask 2019-120  
Seconded by Mike Garside  
Resolved that in accordance with Section 358/359 of the Municipal Act, 2001, we do agree to write off an overbilling of taxes for the property noted in the Clerk's Report dated November 4, 2019. \* Carried\*.

Council reviewed correspondence from the Huron North Community Economic Alliance (HNCEA) Broadband Task Group which has been developed to address the quality and/or lack of service in the area. This Group has prepared a broadband survey that they are asking the public to complete. A paper survey may be completed or it can be done online ([www.connectednorth.ca](http://www.connectednorth.ca)), as well as, completing the Connectivity Test. Completed paper copies may be dropped off at the municipal office and they will be scanned and sent to the HNCEA group. All surveys must be completed prior to November 15, 2019. (A copy of the survey is at the end of these Minutes.)

Moved by Dave Leask 2019-121  
Seconded by Dianne Holt  
Resolved that we do authorize payment of Township bills for the month of October 2019 in the amount of \$59,179.21 as per Voucher 10-19: Administration - \$4,917.79; Building - \$1,599.27; Fire - \$20,088.43; Misc (Employee/Employer Payroll Deductions/Benefits) - \$6,894.12; Policing - \$6,894.12; Roads - \$17,017.15; Workplace Safety (Qrtly) - \$2,015.45. \*Carried\*

Moved by Mike Garside 2019-122  
Seconded by Dave Leask  
Resolved that we do pass By-Law No 1258-19 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting. \*Carried\*

Moved by Dave Leask 2019-123  
Seconded by Mike Garside  
Resolved that we do adjourn at 10:23 p.m. Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 for the next regular meeting of Council. \*Carried\*

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Reeve, Rodney Wood

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Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk

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**M and N Road - Landfill/Recycling**



**WINTER Hours in Effect from Sept 16/2019 – May 15/2020**

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

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**F I R E - 911 for Emergencies**



The Hilton Union Fire Department invites residents to purchase a Garrison 2.5 lb. fire extinguisher at the Municipal Office at a municipal - subsidized price of **\$20** (cash or cheque only). Residents will be asked to provide their civic address number confirming Village/Township residency.



**Cooking is the number one cause of residential fires in Ontario.**

- Keep a proper-fitting pot lid near the stove when cooking. If a pot catches fire, slide the lid over the pot and turn off the stove. Do not move the pan.
- Wear tight-fitting or rolled up sleeves when using the stove. Loose, dangling clothing can easily catch fire. If your clothing catches fire, stop, drop to the ground and roll over and over to put out the fire.
- Keep combustible items such as cooking utensils, dishcloths, paper towels and pot holders a safe distance from the stove.
- Keep children away from the stove. Make sure electrical cords are not dangling from countertops, where they could be pulled over by small children.
- Cool a burn by running cool water over the wound for 3 to 5 minutes. If the burn is severe, seek medical attention.

**Always make sure to:**

- Stay in the kitchen and pay attention when cooking!
- Drink responsibly when cooking.
- If a fire occurs, get out immediately and call 911

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Thank you to everyone who dropped off treats for the kids at Hallowe'en. Between kids and grownups (in costume!), we had over 40 visitors that night. Some of the folks dropping off goodies noted how they miss seeing the little ones all dressed up ... please know that anyone who would like to come to the office on Hallowe'en night to simply enjoy watching the parade of ghosts/goblins (princesses/superheroes!) is welcome to come and join in the fun!

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**Hilton Township Recreation Committee welcomes ALL children to the Hilton Township Office for a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 15th, 2019 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Crafts, food and a free colour photo of each child with Santa!**

# COMMUNITY BROADBAND SURVEY

Please provide as much information as you can to assist us in determining the level of service improvement that is needed regarding your internet.

**Once this survey is complete, please drop it off or mail it to the Township Office or Library by Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Please note that this form is intended to compile information on areas which have limited or do not have access to Broadband Internet in the Township of Hilton.

\*This form does not constitute a request for service\*

An alternate version of this survey can be found online at: [www.connectednorth.ca](http://www.connectednorth.ca). Residents with an internet connection are encouraged to complete the online survey.

<b>CONTACT NAME:</b>
<b>NAME OF ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE)</b>
<b>ADDRESS (911 if available):</b>

Please circle the most appropriate description of your location:

- |                   |             |                  |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Rural residential | Residential | Seasonal/Cottage |
| Business          | Educational | Government       |
| Other: _____      |             |                  |

**1. What type of internet service do you have? (Please circle)**

No Service / Dial-up / DSL / Cable / Fibre / Fixed Wireless / Mobile Wireless (Hub, Stick, etc.) / Satellite / Other

**2. Are you currently satisfied with your Internet connection at this location?**

Yes / No / Do not have an Internet connection

**3. Please specify what activities or type of information you and family members would or do access while on line: (mark all that apply)**

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|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare  | <input type="checkbox"/> Education        | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government  | <input type="checkbox"/> Product research | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Improvement                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chatting/IM | <input type="checkbox"/> Gaming           | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Networks (Facebook/Twitter, etc)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blogging    | <input type="checkbox"/> Emailing         | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessing/downloading video content ie: Netflix |

**4. Delivering broadband to urban communities is typically easier and less expensive than delivering the same service in rural communities, therefore rural customers tend to absorb some of those costs. If a new service became available to you that could consistently deliver 25 Mbps down and 10 Mbps up and had no monthly data restrictions, how much more per month would you be willing to spend for this service?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I would not subscribe                               | <input type="checkbox"/> I would pay \$30 more    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would Subscribe, but expect to pay the same price | <input type="checkbox"/> I would pay \$40 more    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would pay \$10 more                               | <input type="checkbox"/> I would pay \$50 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would pay \$20 more                               |   |

**5. Do you believe advanced telecommunication services to be important for the community, inhabitants and businesses?**

Important / Somewhat Important / Not Important

**6. Please indicate what the single most important criteria is for your internet connection:**

Speed / Cost / Data usage restrictions / Reliability / Other \_\_\_\_\_

**7. In the recent past, many of these services didn't even exist yet today we view them as nearly indispensable. Please assign a rank of importance to the following utilities/services/goods that you likely pay for each month: (mark 1 through 8, 1 being most important).**

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Phone                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television (cable, satellite or streaming)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation (Vehicle ownership or public transit) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn maintenance and/or snow removal                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone Service (wireless, mobility, data) | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Heating   |

**Additional Comments:**

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