

The Clerk advised that due to the restrictions of permitted building locations on Lots 2, 3 and 4, Red Maple Drive, the owners were now contemplating building their structures on two adjacent lots. MPAC has advised that adjacent properties within a plan of subdivision can not be merged unless the municipality passes a deeming by-law to remove the subject lots from the plan of subdivision. Council advised, given the circumstances, it would be willing to do this once an actual building permit had been submitted.

The Clerk advised the Ministry of Natural Resources had acknowledged our query regarding the process involved when land claims are made on Crown properties with an assurance a detailed response would be forthcoming. Council recommended the issue be followed up with the municipality's lawyer, as well as, contacting AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) given its webinar titled "A Municipal – Indigenous Relations Primer for Municipal Officials and Staff".

The St. Joseph Island Planning Board's secretary-treasurer advised that correcting the discrepancy in how crown lands are designated in the Official Plan versus the Zoning By-law could be done through a general zoning by-law. Council was advised that neither the Province nor the Federal Governments are bound by municipal by-laws. Given this information, it was determined designating these lands as Open Space could be more easily accomplished as part of the next Zoning By-law update for the Island.

The Clerk advised the roof of the storage building behind the garage is leaking. Council agreed the building should be demolished and it was recommended a new cold-storage structure be built along the back-side boundary of the property. Such a structure could house Recreation's materials along with separate divisions for cold-patch stockpiles and a proposed tractor. The provincial funding received earlier this year under the Modernization Grant could be put towards these costs. The tractor will be used to complete more frequent road-side brushing, as well as, other future road projects. The Clerk noted the structure might also provide additional storage for Administration services. Given the goal of the Modernization Grant is to find efficiencies, the Clerk is also investigating the emailing of tax bills in future years in conjunction with our current tax software provider.

The Clerk advised the Ministry of Finance is phasing out discounts that have been in effect since 1998 for Commercial and Industrial Vacant and Excess Land designated properties. Municipalities have the option of maintaining the status quo on the municipal portion of the tax rate, however, because the Province regulates the education rate, these properties will see the discount reduced by 50% this year. The education rate for these properties will receive no discount starting in 2020. At this time, Council agreed to maintain the existing 30%/35% municipal tax rate discount for vacant or excess land Commercial and Industrial properties.

Moved by Mike Garside 2019-60
Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do approve the St. Joseph Island Museum Budget for 2019 as presented in the amount of \$44,405 with Hilton Township's share being \$5,855. (21.01% share) *Carried*

The Clerk advised that our municipality's pledge in the year 2003 to Sault Area Hospital for a total contribution of \$37,500 over 15 years had been fulfilled in 2018. The Clerk asked for direction from Council as to whether a similar contribution should be carried forward into the 2019 budget. After considerable discussion, Council advised the Clerk to include \$1,500 to be directed toward Matthews Memorial Hospital Association instead. This contribution will be separate to any requests for support towards physician recruitment needs.

Moved by Mike Garside 2019-61
Seconded by Pat Garside

Resolved that we do approve the Hilton Union Public Library Budget for 2019 as presented in the amount of \$34,386.60 with a Hilton Township municipal levy of \$12,339.30. *Carried*

Council reviewed a request from the Township of Johnson for a contribution of approximately \$2,500 from our municipality to help offset the operating costs of the Desbarats Arena, the only artificial ice arena between Thessalon and Sault Ste. Marie. The request is part of a short-term strategy for the 2019-2020 winter season. The long-term strategy is open for discussion and includes a proposal for area municipalities to form an Arena Association. Given this year's \$5,000 reduction to our OMPF funding and increase of \$5,000 to the social services ADSAB levy, Council decided it could not support the request.

Council was advised of correspondence from the OPP East Algoma Detachment asking if there was any interest of Councils/Clerks from St. Joseph Island to meet and go over updates/changes within the area. The four Clerks noted the benefit in meeting to discuss preliminary work to be done for the required Community and Safety Well-Being Plan due in 2021. Councillor Mike Garside advised he would like to participate in such a meeting. Currently, proposed dates are toward the end of June 2019.

Moved by Dave Leask 2019-62
Seconded by Mike Garside

Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of April 2019 in the amount of \$62,921.86 as per Voucher 04-19: Admin - \$8,142.05; Algoma Dist Services Admin - \$24,771.85;

Building Insp - \$639.04; Fire - \$350.00; MPAC (Qtrly) - \$4,556.13; Misc (Employee/ Employer Payroll Deds/Benefits) - \$6,455.77; Policing - \$6,982.00; Roads – \$7,204.37; Trefry - \$2,000.00; WSIB (Qtrly) - \$1,820.65. *Carried*

Moved by Pat Garside 2019-63
Seconded by Dave Leask
Resolved that we do pass By-Law No 1246-19 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting. *Carried

Moved by David Leask 2019-64
Seconded by Mike Garside
Resolved that we do adjourn at 11:25 p.m.. Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 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**

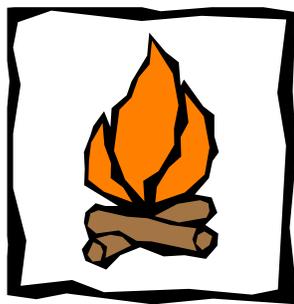


SUMMER Hours in Effect from May 16/19 – September 14/19
Wednesday: 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Mondays of Long Weekends: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Landfill/Recycling: M and N Road

Note: **Tippage FREE** weekend for all Hilton Township residents during the three days of the May 2019 ‘Victoria Day’ weekend (May 18, 19, 20)

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

**Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre
Volunteer Drivers Needed!
(Reimbursed for mileage)**

Volunteer drivers provide transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, adult day care and other scheduled activities while giving priority to medical appointments. Participants should provide at least two business days notice when requesting a ride. Rates are based on total household income.

\$\$\$\$\$ Budget Meeting \$\$\$\$\$

Council for the Township of Hilton will review the 2019 Draft Budget at a special meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Office, 2983 Base Line, Hilton Beach, Ontario. As with all regular meetings, members of the public are welcome to attend.

