

**MINUTES**  
Special Meeting  
November 18, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

Present: Absent:  
Reeve: Rodney Wood  
Councillors: Pat Garside Mike Garside  
Dianne Holt  
Dave Leask  
Road Superintendent: Lyn Garside  
Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj

Moved by Dave Leask 2020-104  
Seconded by Dianne Holt  
Resolved that we do accept the Agenda as amended. \*Carried\*

This Special Meeting was called to discuss ideas for the newly announced Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream. The Clerk advised that applications were to be reviewed and prioritized by the province based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Only applications that satisfy all the criteria will then be considered for nomination by the province to the federal government. Municipalities will not be required to cost-share under this stream which provides for combined federal and provincial funding, 80% and 20% respectively, up to \$100,000 for our municipality.

The project eligibility criteria addressed four categories:  
#1. Retrofits, repairs and upgrades for municipal buildings  
#2. COVID-19 resilience infrastructure including measures to support physical distancing  
#3. Active transportation infrastructure including parks, trails and multi-use paths  
#4. Disaster mitigation and adaptation infrastructure, including natural infrastructure, flood and fire mitigation and tree planting and related infrastructure

A variety of ideas were proposed which fell under several of the categories. The Clerk noted that while council members are able to adequately physical-distance within the council chambers, the attendance of two staff reduces the recommended area of separation. There is currently no room to safely include members of the public and should anyone wish to attend, the number would be limited to one with the individual being restricted to sitting in the hallway. While expanding upon the municipal council chambers to safely physical-distance would satisfy the application criteria, it was confirmed that any expansion to the current building is hindered by the septic in front; the well in back and the movement of the plowtruck in the adjacent parking lot. Building a second story would be costly especially in terms of accessibility requirements.

Council discussed options for improvements to both municipal parks noting however, that any upgrades to Big Point Park must first be authorized by the MNR as the Township only holds a Licence of Occupation for this property. In addition, the grant application also requires that the applicant be the current owner of the land.

Council addressed the property it purchased on W Line noting its intended dual purpose: location for a second firehall, as well as, walking trails. Plans for a second firehall had been put on hold for a number of reasons and such construction would not fall within the criteria of this grant. It was considered, however, that the development of walking/snowshoeing/cross country skiing trails would satisfy Category 3 by providing an outdoor area of recreation that is considered safer in regard to COVID-19. It was decided to include in the application the construction of a building to house and service trail maintenance equipment and the purchase of such equipment.

Moved by Pat Garside 2020-105  
Seconded by Dianne Holt  
Resolved that Council for the Township of Hilton does support the submission of an application to the “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream” for funding for the project titled “All Year Pedestrian Nature Trail Development – W Line”. \*Carried\*

Moved by Dianne Holt 2020-106  
Seconded by Pat Garside  
Resolved that we do pass By-Law 1286-20 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting. \*Carried\*

Moved by Dave Leask 2020-107  
Seconded by Pat Garside  
Resolved that we do adjourn at 10:07 p.m., Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 for the next regular meeting of Council. \*Carried\*