

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Reeve: (Acting) Pat Garside

Councillors: Mike Garside
Dave Leask

Road Superintendent: Lyn Garside

Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj

Absent: Reeve Rodney Wood; Councillor Dianne Holt

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Resolution 2022-01

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Dave Leask

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

Resolution 2022-02

Moved by Dave Leask

Seconded by Mike Garside

Resolved that due to the absence of Reeve Rod Wood, we do appoint Councillor Pat Garside as Acting Head of Council for the regular meeting of January 12, 2022. * Carried *

Resolution 2022-03

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 1, 2021, as presented. * Carried *

Lyn Garside, Road Superintendent provided an update on road issues in the Township. He confirmed he had been contacted about the condition of Kaskawan Trail following recent logging traffic and the individual would remedy the site as required in the Spring of 2022.

In accordance with Council's discussion at the December 2021 meeting, the Road Super and Clerk worked on the NORDS (Northern Ontario Resource Development Support) application. The total costs for rebuilding an approximate two kilometre section will be about \$165k. Using two years of the NORDS funding allocations would offset \$125k of the project, leaving \$40k to be funded by taxation. The following resolution was passed to confirm authorization of the project.

Resolution 2022-04

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that Council for the Township of Hilton does hereby authorize the submission of an application to the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program for funding for the project titled "Base Line (Partial) Reconstruction" utilizing proposed allocations for the 2021 and 2022 years. * Carried *

At 7:30 p.m. Acting Reeve Garside announced the advertised Public Meeting to be open. This meeting had been scheduled to address any objections or concerns regarding the proposed purchase of shoreroad allowance fronting a resident's lot at 3766 X Line. The Clerk advised no objections had been received from any of the parties notified or as a result of the advertised notices. Council returned to its regular meeting with the shoreroad purchase to be finalized later on the agenda.

The Clerk confirmed work continues with PSD Citywide regarding the implementation of new software for our updated Asset Management Plan (AMP). The transfer of data and ensuring correct opening balances are recorded in the software has been taking place over the past month. The Road Super provided a number of suggestions for road projects to be included in the new AMP. Given the increase to the annual OCIF allocations for the next five years, a bigger dollar value of projects will be possible without needing to increase the tax rate. Council acknowledged the merit of the road improvements suggested. Approximate costs will be calculated by the Road Super and reviewed by Council prior to submitting the proposed schedule for the new AMP. Beyond roads, decisions must also be met on the need for a satellite firehall as well as other Roads equipment and potential recreational developments.

The Clerk confirmed no appeals had been received prior to December 28, 2021 from any agencies or individuals regarding the rezoning of Ellwood Boulevard from Limited Service Residential to Shoreroad Residential. A letter of thanks was received from the Ellwood Cottagers' Association thanking the Township Council and Staff for its

support over the past 12 year contract plowing arrangement.

As directed at the November 2021 council meeting, the Clerk provided an updated by-law to establish minimum road construction standards within the Township of Hilton. The changes to the by-law will confirm the need for the Road Superintendent to be able to inspect the construction of any road that is to be assumed by the Township. This will ensure we do not find ourselves in the position where we are being asked to accept roads that have not been constructed properly, as has happened in past years. The by-law also sets out that any roads intended to service subdivisions must be surface treated at the cost of the developer. This will avoid that cost being borne by Hilton Township residents in the future.

Resolution 2022-05

Moved by Dave Leask

Seconded by Mike Garside

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1316-22 being a by-law to adopt minimum standards for the construction of roads within the Township of Hilton. * Carried *

Resolution 2022-06

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1312-22 being a by-law to close, stop-up and sell the original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 5, Concession W, also being in front of Lot 1, Registered Plan H-597, Township of Hilton, District of Algoma, being Part 1 on Plan 1R-13847. *Carried*.

Council reviewed the Clerk's Report regarding the Sault Ste. Marie Open House to address its proposed restrictions to regulate short term rentals (STR). The City has been addressing problems similar to what we have in terms of complaints from neighbours regarding noise, trespassing and late night partying. It was noted the problems were mainly found in the waterfront areas as opposed to urban locations. When asked by those attending why the City was trying to duplicate rules found in Southern Ontario, the Planning Officials noted the City did recognize the importance of looking at things differently given the lifestyle in "the North". Those in attendance were mainly concerned about the "principal residence" requirement as well as the "180 day cap" for renting. The results of the Open Houses were to be shared with the City Council to assist with final decisions to be made regarding regulations to be adopted. Hilton Township Council also noted the benefits STRs bring to the Island given the limited rental accommodations available. It also recognizes the need to preserve the residential character of waterfront subdivisions where many existing STRs are located. Council directed the Clerk to prepare a draft Zoning Amendment to address certain aspects of STRs that would help to offer a balanced solution for STR owners and area residents.

Resolution 2022-07

Moved by Dave Leask

Seconded by Mike Garside

Resolved that we do appoint Janise Garside to serve as a Hilton Township representative on the Hilton Union Public Library Board, effective immediately. * Carried *

Resolution 2022-08

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1313-22 being a by-law to appoint officers, servants, boards and commissions for the Year 2022. *Carried*.

Resolution 2022-09

Moved by Dave Leask

Seconded by Mike Garside

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1314-22 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy for 2022 and for the payment of taxes and for penalty and interest of 1.25% per month after the due date. * Carried *

Resolution 2022-10

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1315-22 being a by-law to establish tax ratios for the Township of Hilton for the Year 2022. * Carried *

The Clerk advised Council that payment-in-lieu of taxes had been received for the years 2019/2020/2021 for the MTO sand dome built in 2018 on Base Line.

The Clerk presented a summary of the expenses for 2021 that will be covered by the Covid-19 funding received in 2020 and 2021. The expenses relate to several technology upgrades, PPE, donations to area service clubs that

were negatively impacted by the pandemic, as well as, administration overtime linked to staffing changes related to physical distancing requirements and accommodating the public during the extended closure period on a five day per week basis as opposed to the previous 3 days.

Resolution 2022-11

Moved by Dave Leask

Seconded by Mike Garside

WHEREAS the Thessalon Hospital provides an essential and critical service to the Town of Thessalon and surrounding areas providing service to 2,500 people from April-September 2021.

WHEREAS the likelihood of contracts ending between the Ministry of Health and the remaining two Thessalon and Bruce Mines area physicians providing emergency department coverage at the NSHN Thessalon Site is a matter of grave concern and has reached a critical point.

THEREFORE we call upon the Ministry of Health and Ontario Health North to work immediately and collaboratively with the NSHN, the municipalities and First Nations to take immediate steps to fill existing and upcoming vacancies in order to continue to provide this essential service to our communities. *Carried*

Resolution 2022-12

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of December 2021 in the amount of \$131,857.65 as per Voucher 12-2021: Administration - \$30,982.11; Algoma Dist School Bd - \$32,842.25 (Qrtly); Algoma Dist Services Admin - \$24,720.08; Building – \$1,783.01; Fire - \$4,850.00; Misc (Employee/ Employer Payroll Deductions/ Benefits) - \$7,312.41; Policing - \$13,976.00; Roads – \$15,481.79. *Carried*

Resolution 2022-13

Moved by Dave Leask

Seconded by Mike Garside

Resolved that we do pass By-Law No. 1317-22 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting.*Carried

Resolution 2022-14

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do adjourn at 9:50 p.m., Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 or at the call of the Reeve. *Carried*

Acting Reeve, Pat Garside

Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk Treasurer



Building Inspection:

Kevin Morris – Building Inspector

Phone: 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**



M and N Landfill/Recycling:

WINTER Hours in Effect from September 15, 2021 to May 15, 2022

Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Snow Plow Turnarounds:

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 fire/emergency response vehicles. All of these vehicles require use of the entire turnaround so it is imperative that no vehicles/trailers/ etc, be left in these areas and this applies on a year-round basis.

FIRE - 9 1 1 for Emergencies

Remember: NO ICE IS SAFE ICE!

Conditions on all ice can change in an instant. Heed warning messages and stay off frozen waterways if possible.

Know the dangers of ice:

Ice Colour

- The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength.
- Clear blue ice is strongest.
- White opaque or snow ice is half as strong as blue ice.
- Grey ice is unsafe. The grayness indicates the presence of water.

Did you know ice thickness should be:

- 15 cm for walking or skating alone
- 20 cm for skating parties or games
- 25 cm for snowmobiles.

Check with local authorities before heading out. Avoid going out on ice at night.

When You Are Alone On Ice

If you get into trouble on ice and you're by yourself:

- Call for help.
- Resist the immediate urge to climb back out where you fell in. The ice is weak in this area.
- Try to relax and catch your breath. Turn yourself toward shore so you are looking at where you entered onto the ice. The ice is more stable close to shore.
- Reach forward onto the broken ice without pushing down. Kick your legs to try to get your body into a horizontal position.
- Continue kicking your legs, and crawl onto the ice.
- When you are back on the ice, crawl on your stomach or roll away from the open area with your arms and legs spread out as far as possible to evenly distribute your body weight. Do not stand up! Look for shore and make sure you are crawling in the right direction.

When You Are With Others On Ice

- Rescuing another person from ice can be dangerous. The safest way to perform a rescue is from shore.
- Call for help. Consider whether you can quickly get help from trained professionals (police, fire fighters or ambulance) or bystanders.
- Check if you can reach the person using a long pole or branch from shore - if so, lie down and extend the pole to the person.
- If you go onto ice, wear a PFD and carry a long pole or branch to test the ice in front of you. Bring something to reach or throw to the person (e.g. pole, weighted rope, line or tree branch).
- When near the break, lie down to distribute your weight and slowly crawl toward the hole.
- Remaining low, extend or throw your emergency rescue device (pole, rope, line or branch) to the person.
- Have the person kick while you pull them out.
- Move the person to a safe position on shore or where you are sure the ice is thick. Signal for help.

INTERIM 2022 PROPERTY TAXES

The 2022 Interim Property Taxes will be mailed to residents toward the end of January with a due date of February 28, 2022. The Township Office will continue to remain closed, however, tax payments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

- Use the Bill Payment option in your online banking and reference your property's 19 digit "Roll Number";
- Etransfer your payment to the following email address: admin@hiltontownship.ca. (Please email the answer to the Security Question separately and the Roll Number(s) to which the payment should be applied).
- Pay by cheque and mail to the Township of Hilton, 2983 Base Line, Hilton Beach, On P0R 1G0 or drop through the front door slot of the office.
- If you prefer to pay by cash, please contact the Township Office at 705-246-2472 or email: admin@hiltontownship.ca to arrange for a scheduled appointment to handle the transaction.

We do not offer credit or debit card payment options.

Should you have any questions regarding your tax bill, please contact the Township Office by telephone (705-246-2472) and leave a message or submit your inquiry via email to admin@hiltontownship.ca. Staff will get back to you as promptly as possible.