

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 2, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Present:

Reeve: Rodney Wood

Councillors: Mike Garside

Dianne Holt

Dave Leask

Road Superintendent: Lyn Garside

Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj

Absent: Councillor Pat Garside

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Resolution 2022-31

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Dave Leask

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

Councillor Holt noted an error in the February 2022 Minutes as she was not recorded as being present. Councillor Pat Garside's name had been listed twice in error.

Resolution 2022-32

Moved by Dave Leask

Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2022, as amended. * Carried *

Lyn Garside, Road Superintendent provided an update on road issues in the Township. In accordance with Council's direction at the February 2022 meeting, he had obtained several quotes on both used and new backhoes. During that search, a new backhoe became available locally at a price lower than other quotes that had been received. Each Council member had been contacted and supported moving forward with that purchase rather than waiting for the next regular council meeting. The new backhoe is scheduled to arrive by mid-March 2022.

Resolution 2022-33

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do confirm the purchase of a new 416 Caterpillar backhoe from Toromont Industries as per the Sales Agreement dated February 18, 2022 and that this purchase be funded by the balance of the 2019 Modernization Grant and Roads Working Capital Reserves. * Carried *

Council reviewed details of a proposed regulation drafted by the Ministry of the Solicitor General that would establish mandatory minimum certification standards for specific fire protection services. The current regulation is a follow-up to a similar proposed mandate from a few years ago that was subsequently revoked due to the responses received. The goal of the current proposal is to develop a standardized approach to firefighter training, which protects firefighters and increases public safety while providing flexibility for the local needs and service levels of municipalities across Ontario. Rather than training to the minimum standards determined by the Province, this regulation will provide for a municipality to determine the training required for the level of service it deems necessary for its community. The proposal would also enable existing fire personnel to be certified to their current level. The Province is planning to create modern methods to support training, understanding the limitations on volunteer firefighters to attend out-of-town training. The Community Risk Assessment will be critical to determine the level of fire service necessary for our municipality. Council also reviewed the response from AMO (Association of Municipalities Ontario) recommending additional time for both consultation and implementation.

Council reviewed the comments submitted by residents in response to the notice inserted with the Interim tax bill regarding short term rentals (STRs). Eighteen responses were received to date from a combination of residents currently operating STRs; living next to STRs and those concerned that unrestricted STRs could alter the quiet nature of St. Joseph Island that attracts so many people here. The comments received generally fell under two groups: those that operate them want them to continue and those that live near them want more stringent restrictions in place. It was clear that when STRs are operated responsibly by their owners they can exist with little negative impact in residential areas. The problems seem to arise when STRs are run from cottages purchased strictly for that purpose and are not the 'primary vacation residence' of the owner. Council confirmed limiting the operation of STRs to an individual's permanent residence is not practical given the large extent of seasonal residents in the Township responsibly operating their STR. The matter of possibly implementing various restrictions for STRs circled back to by-law enforcement measures that requires further investigation by the Clerk.

The comments received will be shared with the Planning Board and its Official Plan consultants as part of the Township's continued review of this issue. The Clerk confirmed those residents whose taxes are paid via their mortgage did not receive the notice of request for comments on this issue and they will be contacted separately. Residents are encouraged to continue to submit their comments to the Township as the review continues.

The Clerk advised that prior to submitting a formal zoning amendment application, a local resident on Hilton Road was inquiring about a reduced building setback from the high water mark. The location for the proposed structure on the property is restricted by its proximity to the road and the minimal shore frontage available. Council questioned the possibility of reducing the setback from the road to allow for a greater separation from the HWM. It recommended a better defined sketch/survey be provided with accurate measurements of the structure location to determine if this option would be possible but that if approved, this reduced setback would be considered site specific to this area of the property only.

The Clerk advised the Village of Hilton Beach had shared its Draft Environmental Compliance Approval with us given our contracted service for the landfill on the M and N Road. The new requirements will result in increased operational costs for the residents of both our municipalities. The possibility of using some of our Township equipment to reduce overall costs was discussed. Council agreed that a meeting of both Councils would be beneficial to discuss such options.

The Clerk advised the term of appointment had ended December 31, 2021 for our Integrity Commissioner. The following by-law reaffirms that appointment and extends the term to December 31, 2024.

Resolution 2022-34

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. 1324-22 being a by-law to extend the appointment of Ironside Consulting Services Inc. as the Integrity Commissioner for the Township of Hilton. * Carried *

The following resolution confirms the combined remuneration and expenses for all five members of Council for the year 2021 totalled \$11,814.

Resolution 2022-35

Moved by Dave Leask

Seconded by Dianne Holt

Whereas Section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, provides that the Treasurer of a municipality shall in each year provide to the Council of the Municipality an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year to council members and local board members and whereby such remuneration is authorized under By-Law No. 1289-21, Council hereby agrees to accept the attached statement as verification of such remuneration paid. *Carried*

Council reviewed the Minutes of the Central Algoma Rural Health Steering Committee's meeting on February 10, 2022. Physician recruitment in rural areas continues to be a problem with one of the reasons being many medical graduates prefer to pursue a career in specialties rather than family practice. In addition, many new physicians prefer not to set up a rural practice, let alone in Northern Ontario. The Recruiting Committee will continue to look to new graduates as well as older practicing physicians and locums to fill the physician need. The Trefry Centre Homecare Outreach Programme Pilot has been co-ordinated by Dr. Janet McLeod. The intent of the programme is to assist those residents wanting to stay in their home by filling the need for some of the services they require. More funding is needed from the Province to adequately address the existing need. The Committee agreed to divide the balance of funds remaining in its account (\$4,432) on an equal basis for physician recruitment for the catchment areas of MMHA; Bruce Mines Clinic and Thessalon Hospital.

Resolution 2022-36

Moved by Dianne Holt

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of February 2022 in the amount of \$71,540.23 as per Voucher 02-2022: Administration - \$10,713.09; Algoma District Services Admin - \$24,720.08; Asset Management Plan - \$10,546.68; Building - \$384.20; Fire - \$350.00; Misc (Employee/ Employer Payroll Deductions/ Benefits) - \$7,926.56; Policing - \$6,988.00; Roads - \$9,911.62. *Carried*

Resolution 2022-37

Moved by Dave Leask

Seconded by Mike Garside

Resolved that we do pass By-Law No. 1325-22 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting. *Carried

Resolution 2022-38

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do adjourn at 10:13 p.m., Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 or at the call of the Reeve. *Carried*

Reeve, Rodney Wood

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**



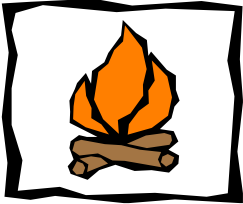
M and N Landfill/Recycling:

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

FIRE - 9 1 1 for Emergencies



Open Air Burning Permits will be available starting April 1, 2022 by calling the Township Office at (705-246-2472) or by emailing: admin@hiltontownship.ca There is no charge for these permits.

Information re Fire Bans: If a fire ban is issued there will be green and orange posters placed in the Township Office windows; the outdoor fire status sign at the Municipal Office will have the banner “Fire Ban In Effect” below the colour coded levels; there will be a Notice on our website: www.hiltontownship.ca under the Services – Fire tab; there will be a Notice sent to SooToday.

If you are unsure, please call the Municipal Office at 705-246-2472 and we can confirm the situation for you.

Fire Prevention

Smoking Safety:

Smoking is the number one cause of fatal home fires in Ontario. Alcohol is a factor in many smoking-related fires. To prevent smoking fires:

- be alert when smoking – you will not be alert if you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, drugs or medicine that makes you drowsy
- never smoke in bed
- encourage smokers to smoke outside, including outside the garage
- check behind chair and sofa cushions for cigarette butts before going to bed if people have been smoking in your home
- use large, deep ashtrays that cannot be knocked over
- empty ashes into a metal container, not a garbage can, and keep it outside
- do not extinguish cigarettes in plant pots, which may contain a mixture of peat moss, shredded wood and bark that can easily ignite

The Township of Hilton is in the process of reviewing the issue of local properties being used for Short Term Rental (STR) accommodations. We are also currently working on an update to the St. Joseph Island Official Plan with Short Term Rentals being a topic of study.

Council recognizes both the benefits and concerns that are associated with STR use. As part of its continued study over the next year, Council would appreciate receiving your comments/concerns/questions regarding this matter.

Please submit your comments by email to the Clerk Treasurer at: admin@hiltontownship.ca or in writing to: Township of Hilton, 2983 Base Line, Hilton Beach, Ontario P0R 1G0.

All comments will be shared with Council as part of its review. There will be more public consultation on this matter prior to adopting any new regulations.

While the Township's study takes place, the following By-law was passed to prohibit the establishment of new STRs during the period February 2022 to February 2023.

**NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF
AN INTERIM CONTROL BY-LAW
BY
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON**

Take Notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Hilton ("the Township") passed By-Law No. 1318-22, an Interim Control By-law, on February 9, 2022, pursuant to Section 38 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, ("the Act") as amended.

By-Law No. 1318-22 applies to those lands within specific zones of the Township of Hilton. Due to the large geographic area regulated by the Interim Control By-law, key maps and descriptions of the subject lands have not been provided with this notice.

The Interim Control By-law shall be in effect for a period of one (1) year from the date of its passing, unless repealed in whole or in part by the Council of the Township prior to its expiry. In addition, pursuant to subsection 38(2) of the Act, the Council of the Township has the authority to amend the Interim Control By-law to extend the period of time during which it may be in effect, provided that the total period of time does not exceed two (2) years from the date of its initial passing.

The purpose of the Interim Control By-law is to prohibit the establishment of new Short Term Rental Accommodations within specific Zones in the Township while a review and study is undertaken in respect of the Township's land use planning policies with regard to the effect Short Term Rental Accommodation use may have on residential areas and to provide the Township with the necessary time to complete the study and prepare the necessary policies to implement the findings of the review.

The effect of the Interim Control By-law is to prohibit the following:

1. The establishment of new Short Term Rental Accommodation use within the following Zones of the Township of Hilton for a period of one (1) year from the date of enactment of By-law No. 1318-22:
 - Rural (RU);
 - Shoreline Residential (SR);
 - Limited Service Residential (LSR)

For more information about this matter, contact:

Township of Hilton

Attention: Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk Treasurer (admin@hiltontownship.ca)