

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 5, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Reeve: Rodney Wood
Councillors: Mike Garside
Janet Gordanier
Dave Leask
Mike Trainor

Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj

Absent: Road Superintendent: Lyn Garside

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Resolution 2023-61

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Mike Trainor

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

Resolution 2023-62

Moved by Janet Gordanier

Seconded by Mike Garside

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, June 7, 2023, and the Joint Meeting with the Village of Hilton Beach of Wednesday, June 28, 2023, as presented. * Carried *

Reeve Wood welcomed owners of 3853 X Line, present to address Council regarding problems experienced relating to an adjacent cottage being used as a Short Term Rental. The most recent issues were said to include the parking and use of multiple trailers; dogs leaving excrement on their property; loud music till early morning hours and an overall lack of respect to the permanent land owners in the area. It was acknowledged the Township is currently working towards a means of regulating Short Term Rentals and the delay to provincial approval of the draft Official Plan has hampered putting policies in place. It was suggested that as an interim measure Council could investigate use of the Municipal Act's authority to adopt Administrative Monetary Penalties. Council noted it is currently working with area municipalities to develop and implement a joint by-law enforcement position which will service the area from Laird to Plummer Townships including a couple of municipalities on the Island. Once such a position is in place, then by-laws addressing animal control; noise and trailer infractions will be more easily and effectively enforced. Council will be holding a meeting in the coming weeks to further address its approach to how short term rentals can be regulated to ensure residential areas are not monopolized by what in some cases is strictly a commercial business. Reeve Wood thanked the residents for attending and confirmed finding a balanced solution to the operation of short term rentals remains a priority for Council.

Resolution 2023-63

Moved by Dave Leask

Seconded by Janet Gordanier

Resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Hilton does hereby move into Public Meeting at 7:15 pm pursuant to the Planning Act for the purpose of hearing support and/or objections for rezoning applications within the municipality. *Carried*

The Clerk confirmed that with regard to the rezoning notices mailed out to landowners in the Red Maple Drive area and required agencies, there had not been any objection responses received. A few residents of Red Maple Drive responded they were in favour of the rezoning from LSR (Limited Service Residential) to SR (Shoreline Residential). The change will mean the Township will now provide winter plowing on the same basis it does to other year-round maintained roads and there will no longer be a fee for service to the Red Maple Drive residents. In addition, the minimum square footage for a dwelling will now increase to 750 sqft from the previous 400 sqft permitted under the LSR Zone. MPAC will be notified of the zoning change which will result in the assessment for the subject properties no longer being discounted to reflect seasonal road maintenance only.

Resolution 2023-64

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Hilton does hereby adjourn from Public Meeting under the Planning Act and reconvene the regular meeting of Council. * Carried *

Resolution 2023-65
Moved by Dave Leask
Seconded by Mike Trainor
Resolved that we do accept our share of the amalgamated tender calls as follows (taxes excluded):

Calcium	Pollard	\$ 10,612.25	
Blades	Valley Blades	\$ 2,021.00	
Surface Treatment (Single)	Ellwood Robinson	\$ 85,592.50	
Surface Treatment (Double)	Ellwood Robinson	\$ 104,922.00	* Carried *

At this time Council called the Public Meeting to order to discuss the proposed increase to building permit fees. No responses of approval or objection had been received following the advertised notice of this proposal and no one was in attendance to comment. The new building permit fees will not take effect until August 1, 2023. Council confirmed it will review the fee structure on a more regular basis in the coming years to work towards an increased cost-recovery position.

Resolution 2023-66
Moved by Dave Leask
Seconded by Mike Trainor
Resolved that we do do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1376-23 being a by-law to prescribe Fees and Charges for services provided by the municipality. * Carried *

Resolution 2023-67
Moved by Mike Garside
Seconded by Dave Leask
Resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Hilton does hereby move into Public Meeting at 8:00 pm pursuant to the Planning Act for the purpose of hearing support and/or objections for rezoning applications within the municipality. *Carried*

The Clerk confirmed that with regard to the rezoning notices mailed out to landowners within 400’ of Part Lot 15, Concession L, Hilton Road and the required agencies, there had not been any objection responses received. The rezoning would reduce the minimum lot frontage from 150 metres (495’) to 125 metres (410’) to satisfy the conditions of a severance.

The Clerk confirmed that with regard to the rezoning notices mailed out to landowners within 400’ of Lot 13, Plan H562, Ellwood Boulevard and the required agencies, there had not been any objection responses received. The rezoning would reduce the minimum setback from the High Water Mark from 30 metres (100’) to 24 metres (78’) to allow for an alternate location for the replacement of an existing septic system.

Resolution 2023-68
Moved by Mike Trainor
Seconded by Dave Leask
Resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Hilton does hereby adjourn from Public Meeting under the Planning Act and reconvene the regular meeting of Council. * Carried *

Resolution 2023-69
Moved by Janet Gordanier
Seconded by Mike Trainor
Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1373-23 being a by-law to rezone the lots included in Registered Plan 1M-554, Red Maple Drive, Township of Hilton, from Limited Service Residential (LSR) to Shoreline Residential (SR). * Carried *

Resolution 2023-70
Moved by Janet Gordanier
Seconded by Mike Garside
Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1374-23 being a by-law to reduce the minimum frontage requirement for Lot 15 Part, Concession L, Hilton Road, Township of Hilton, to satisfy the conditions of a severance application. * Carried *

Resolution 2023-71
Moved by Dave Leask
Seconded by Mike Trainor
Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1375-23 being a by-law to reduce the minimum setback from the high water mark for a replacement septic installation on Lot 13, Plan H562, 5289 Ellwood Boulevard, Township of Hilton. * Carried *

Resolution 2023-72
Moved by Mike Trainor
Seconded by Janet Gordanier
Resolved that we do approve in principle the Hilton Union Fire Board Budget for 2023 in the amount of \$60,175.00 which includes municipal levies from the Township of Hilton and the Village of Hilton Beach in the amount of \$26,837.50. *Carried*

Resolution 2023-73
Moved by Mike Garside
Seconded by Mike Trainor
Resolved that we do approve the St. Joseph Island Planning Board Budget for 2023 as presented in the amount of \$31,918 with Hilton Township’s share being \$3,074. (21.20%). *Carried*

The Clerk confirmed a number of area municipalities had held a Zoom meeting to discuss the needs of each with regard to by-law enforcement. Despite the participation of several municipalities such a position would likely remain part-time. Recommendations were made regarding hourly rate of pay; training; provision of cell phone and laptop; mileage and how these costs would be shared. A job description will be prepared and advertised in the coming weeks.

The Clerk confirmed the Bereavement Authority of Ontario has now authorized our recent Cemetery By-law and a Cemetery Operator licence number has been issued for the Township of Hilton. The Clerk advised a recent inquiry had been received from a resident requesting the Township address a number of memorial stones needing attention. Some municipalities contract this work out to monument dealers while others have either their Cemetery Caretaker or their Roads Department level the leaning stones. Members of the Cemetery Board will visit the Grace United Cemetery to determine how many stones are involved.

Resolution 2023-74
Moved by Janet Gordanier
Seconded by Dave Leask
Resolved that we do approve the St. Joseph Island Museum Board Budget for 2023 as presented in the amount of \$51,346 with Hilton Township’s share being \$6,419. (21.20%). *Carried*

Resolution 2023-75
Moved by Janet Gordanier
Seconded by Mike Trainor
Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of June 2023 in the amount of \$128,933.22 as per Voucher 06-2023: Administration - \$8,681.26; Algoma Dist School Board - \$32,979.78; Algoma Dist Services Admin - \$25,956.67; Building – \$2,873.59; Cemetery - \$405.72; Digitization Project - \$5,126.56; Fire - \$875.45; Misc (Employee/ Employer Payroll Deductions/ Benefits) - \$8,196.41; Planning Board - \$3,074.00; Policing - \$6,740.00; Roads – \$34,023.78 . *Carried*

Resolution 2023-76
Moved by Mike Garside
Seconded by Janet Gordanier
Resolved that we do pass By-Law No. 1377-23 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting.*Carried

Resolution 2023-77
Moved by Mike Garside
Seconded by Mike Trainor
Resolved that we do adjourn at 10:12 p.m., Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 for the 2023 Budget Meeting and on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 for the next regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Reeve. *Carried*

Rodney Wood, Reeve
Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk Treasurer



Building Inspection: Kevin Morris – Building Inspector
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**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:
SUMMER Hours in Effect from May 15, 2023 to September 15, 2023
Wednesday: 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Holiday Mondays: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Senior of the Year
Donna Smith



On behalf of the Township of Hilton, Thank You Donna for all you have done and continue to do to support our Island Community.

You’ve shown us your generous spirit with helping out on the Hilton Union Library Board and its varied fundraisers for the past twenty years!; at the Trefry Centre with the transportation needs of others and the Day Out Program and always being here to assist with Hilton Township’s children’s parties - everyone knows they can count on you to help in any way you can and always with a smile on your face!

Thank you again, Donna!

FIRE - 9 1 1 for Emergencies

The Province lifted the Restricted Fire Zone on July 11, 2023.
Hilton Township Fire Permits are no longer suspended.



Please continue to follow the conditions set out on your permit to ensure safe burning.