

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON

**MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting  
November 8, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Reeve: Rod Wood  
Councillors: Mike Garside  
Dave Leask

Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj  
Road Superintendent: Lyndon Garside

Absent: Janet Gordanier, Mike Trainor

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Resolution 2023-154  
Moved: Mike Garside  
Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON accept the agenda for Nov. 8, 2023 as presented. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2023-155  
Moved: Dave Leask  
Seconded: Mike Garside

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON do approve the following Minutes as presented:

- a) Regular minutes of Oct. 4, 2023
  - b) Special meeting minutes of Nov. 1, 2023
  - c) Close meeting minutes of Aug. 30, 2023 and Sept. 6, 2023
- \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2023-156  
Moved: Dave Leask  
Seconded: Mike Garside

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON agree to plow the end of Jocques Bay Road for the 2023-2024 winter season to allow for the parking of vehicles off Highway 548. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2023-157  
Moved: Dave Leask  
Seconded: Mike Garside

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON authorize a monthly cell phone allowance for Mary Lynn Duguay in the amount of \$75 per month. \*CARRIED\*  
(Emergency Management duties/Clerk/Treasurer/administrator duties)

Resolution 2023-158  
Moved: Mike Garside  
Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON authorizes the requested extension to October 31, 2024 by the owner of Block A, Plan H597, to remove or relocate accessory structures currently situated within the municipal road allowance. This will represent the final extension to be granted. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2023-139  
Moved by Dave Leask  
Seconded by Mike Garside

Resolved that we do do authorize Mary Lynn Duguay to attend the AMCTO Zone Meeting held in Sault Ste. Marie on November 2, 2023. \* Carried \*

Resolution 2023-159  
Moved: Dave Leask  
Seconded: Mike Garside

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON accept the proposed Christmas Office Closure hours as presented. **\*CARRIED\***

Resolution 2023-160  
Moved: Dave Leask  
Seconded: Mike Garside

WHEREAS the jury that heard the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam Inquest (The Renfrew County Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to prevent future deaths and delivered those recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and

WHEREAS recommendation #1 of the Inquest is for the Province of Ontario to formally declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic; and

WHEREAS every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner; and

WHEREAS this past year in Ontario, 52 women or one every week, were victims of femicide; and

WHEREAS gender- and sexually-diverse Indigenous individuals are particularly at risk, being five times more likely than non-Indigenous gender- and sexually-diverse individuals to experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS according to Statistics Canada, 80% of intimate partner violence goes unreported; and

WHEREAS violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities nearly \$10 billion dollars per year; and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS over 60 municipalities and regions across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic; and

WHEREAS on August 20, 2023, Ontario Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario passed a motion declaring intimate partner violence and gender-based violence an epidemic; called on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities and regions in Ontario and Canada to do the same; and called for changes to the Criminal Code; and

WHEREAS The Council of the Township of Hilton recognizes that issues of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence are matters of local importance, including public health, EMS, community services, and community safety:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON declares an epidemic in intimate partner violence and gender-based violence in accordance with recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest;

That the Township request the Ontario Provincial Police to integrate intimate partner violence into the Police Service's Community Safety and Well Being Plan in accordance with recommendation #10 of the Renfrew County Inquest.

That a copy of this motion be sent to The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; The Honourable Parm Gill, Minister of Red Tape Reduction; MP Carol Hughes, MPP Michael Mantha, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. **\*CARRIED\***

Resolution 2023-161  
Moved: Dave Leask  
Seconded: Mike Garside

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of October 2023 in the amount of \$86, 979.89 per the attached Voucher #23-10. **\*CARRIED\***

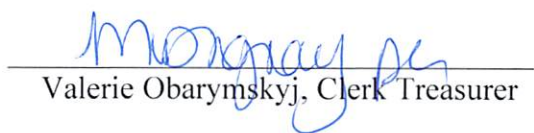
Resolution 2023-162  
Moved: Mike Garside  
Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON passes By-Law no. 1393-24 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting November 8, 2023. \*CARRIED\*

Resolution 2023-163  
Moved: Mike Garside  
Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON do adjourn at 8:34 p.m., Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 for the next regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Reeve. \*CARRIED\*

  
Rodney Wood, Reeve

  
Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk Treasurer