INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH

**MINUTES**

# Council Meeting – May 8, 2024

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers, Hilton Beach Municipal Office**

3100 Bowker Street, Hilton Beach, Ontario

**PRESENT**

Council: Robert Hope; Mayor

Brian Delvecchio; Councillor

Sally Cohen; Councillor

Sarah Brown; Councillor

Absent with regrets: Kelly Rathwell

Staff: Myra Eddy; Clerk Treasurer

**DECLARATIONS of PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**DELEGATIONS**

Mara Parr attended the meeting on behalf of Natalie Allard, owner of Hilton Beach Inn who presented a letter proposing to convert the building into a retirement living/senior living center that will provide PSW and nursing services. The council was supportive, however there was a question about Zoning and Official Plan regulations. The Inn is currently located in a commercial zone that allows for the operation of a hotel, motel, or tavern. An inquiry would be made with the St. Joseph Island Planning Board for direction if a zoning amendment is sufficient or if an Official Plan Amendment is required.

Road Superintendent, Elijah Lederman attended the meeting to update the Council on road matters. Algoma Road Superintendent Association’s tender for surface treatment was awarded to Beemish Construction Inc. Mariner’s Way Road is on the plan for 2024. Prior to surface treatment being done on Mariner’s Way, water and sewer lines will need to be installed under the road in order to service the washroom at Forbes Park. It is anticipated that the washroom will be constructed next year. A quote from Trimount was provided to Council for the installation of the water and sewer.

Tom and Suzanne Walls attended the meeting to request the removal of dead willow trees from Village property that extends into their back yard. There are also trunks and branches above the creek, close to the road andif cleaned up would look nicer. Also, a concern about a deep hole in the grass above the creek that should be filled. Road Superintendent, Elijah will assess the matter to decide on how to proceed. He will contact the MNRF regarding work around waterways.

**CALL TO ORDER**

2024-64 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Brian Delvecchio

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED

2024-65 Moved by Sally Cohen

Seconded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council accept the addendum as presented.

CARRIED

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2024-66 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach adopt the minutes of April 10, 2024 as presented.

CARRIED

**VOUCHERS**

2024-67 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Township Voucher 2024-03 (March) in the amount of $148,208.11 ( Administration-$32,302.94, Algoma Power-$14,118.21, MacDougall Fuels -$84.75, Bell-$857.47, Office supplies-$2083.74, Internet-$187.49, Hall maintenance-$1,214.75, OCWA (water/sewer)-$11802.49, 2024 Insurance-$65,817.44, ADSAB-$6,586.00, Policing-$7,877.90, roads-$1,833.08, Tulloch (Building)-$207.92, Progams-$1,323.99, Miscellaneous-$293.67).

CARRIED

2024-68 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do approve Marina Voucher 2024-04 (March) in the amount of $1,529.06 (Capital-marina-$1,210.42 and maintenance-$318.64)

CARRIED

**CLERKS REPORT**

Items included;

* The Village of Hilton Beach is looking for nominations until May 29th for Senior of the Year
* From June 3rd to 5th the spring hydrant flushing will occur. There will be periods of low water pressure and discoloured water during the time of flushing.
* Clerk’s recommendation to accept Tulloch’s Engineering quote to do a Conditional Assessment on municipal buildings. This is one of the requirements from the Province regarding Asset Management Planning
* A summary had been done of the Chicken Survey. The comments overall were favourable
* Resumes have been received for summer positions at the Marina and for Landscaping. Interviews will need to occur.
* NORDS funding project of a washroom at Forbes Park was accepted.
* NOHFC project of marina improvements are to be completed by June 30th, 2024
* A resolution is needed to be sent to the MMAH to request any Councillor training.

2024-69 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk’s Report of May 8th, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

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The following resolutions were passed.

2024-70 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach approve Tulloch Engineering to do a Conditional Building Assessment.

CARRIED

2024-71 Moved from Sarah Brown

Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach request from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to provide Councillor Training.

CARRIED

2024-72 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council approves to provide donations to Central Algoma Intermediate and Secondary School in the amounts of $50.00 for Grade 8 and $100.00 for Grade 12 to be presented at the graduation ceremonies.

CARRIED

**MAYOR/COUNCILLOR ITEMS**

The Village of Hilton Beach has offered the use of the Community Hall to the Township of Hilton Beach as their Emergency/Warming Centre with no fees. This is to thank them for all the hard work, time and financial assistance given to the hall’s expansion and ongoing volunteerism.

A letter from the Village of Hilton Beach has been given to the St. Joseph Island Lion’s club requesting financial assistance at the Community Hall. Further discussion will occur.

Councillor, Sally Cohen provide additional information about the Arts at the Dock and requested use of the Mariner’s Lounge for the day. Permission was granted.

Councillor, Sarah Brown provided information on an Invasive Species Workshop being held at the Community Hall on May 24th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Councillor, Brian Delvecchio informed council that the Hilton Beach Heritage Committee will be holding a meeting on May 20th at 11:00 a.m. at the Jail on South Street.

Mayor Robert Hope brought forward items about the Hilton Union Fire Department.

A joint letter was written on behalf of the Township of Hilton and the Village of Hilton Beach expressing concerns about the management of Rural fire safety. The following resolution was passed.

2024-73 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Sally Cohen

WHEREAS THERE is concern over the management of Rural fire safety and the overbearing regulations of both governments and insurance agencies tied to the replacement of fire service equipment as small rural communities fall under the same guidelines as large municipalities;

WHERE THE regulations prove a burden to communities due to equipment and staffing and the increased amount of required training that has potential volunteers turning away from service.

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AND WHEREAS we recognize the safety of the Emergency Response personnel is important but there needs to be a way to regulate small communities that considers the reality of firefighting in its entirety and enforcing the same requirements as a city with paid staff.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council supports the Township of Hilton to send a copy to MPP Michael Mantha. CARRIED

A recommendation from the Hilton Union Fire Board was made to advertise for a Volunteer Fire Chief.

2024-74 Moved by Robert Hope

Seconded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach support the Hilton Union Fire Department in advertising for a Volunteer Fire Chief.

CARRIED

The Hilton Union Fire Board requested council’s support for the composition of the Fire Board.

2024-75 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council supports the Hilton Union Fire Board to have the joint board be composed of 3 elected members and one alternate from both Hilton Township and the Village of Hilton Beach, and the board recommendations/decisions must be presented to respective Council for approval. CARRIED

**MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS – INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Loyalist Township -prioritizing funding from the Housing Enabling Fund to those without housing targets that are not eligible for funding under Building Faster Fund
2. Township of Alnwick- use of Long-Term Care Funding to support Community Care Services
3. Ministry of Finance – Taxation of new multi-residential rental properties
4. Ironside Consulting – list of services provided to municipalities
5. Township of Hilton – Revised notice for Zoning By-law Amendment
6. Village of Hilton Beach Recreation – minutes of March 27, 2024, meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS**

Jeff Ewards letter asking if Council would like him to continue as the Community Emergency Management Co-Ordinator for the Village. A decision will be made at a future meeting.

Loyalist Township asking that the Provincial Government act against the recommendations of the Audit on closing six community-based PHO labs.

2024-76 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Sarah Brown

WHEREAS THE Auditor General Report and recommendations regarding Public Health Ontario were released on December 6, 2023;

AND WHEREAS THE recommendations would result in the closure of six Public Health Ontario Labs, including Sault Ste. Marie;

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council supports the resolution from the City of Elliot Lake that the closure will have a profound impact on the public health of Northern Ontarians as it is a critical asset in assisting with the many public health challenges in Ontario.

CARRIED

**OLD BUSINESS**

Hilton Union Public Library provided a 2024 budget.

2024-77 Moved by Sally Cohen

Seconded by Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach approve the Hilton Union Public Library’s budget as presented. CARRIED

Correspondence was received from the Municipality of Wawa regarding a Municipal Equipment Course.

2024-78 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Robert Hope

WHEREAS there is no province-wide course that trains municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment;

AND WHEREAS we support the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator’s Course;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do support the Municipality of Wawa on calling on the Province of Ontario’s Ministry of Labour, Training and Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Course in 2024 through the Skills Development fund.

CARRIED

**CLOSED MEETING:**

2024 - 79 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Sally Cohen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council move into closed session to consider items concerning labour relations or employee negotiations as well as matters about identifiable individuals including municipal or local employees.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT should said session be adjourned, the Council may reconvene in closed session to discuss matters without the need for a further authorizing resolution.

CARRIED

2024 -80 Moved by Brian Delvecchio

Seconded by Sally Cohen

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council reconvene to the open meeting at 10:08 p.m.

2024-81 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Sally Cohen

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council will offer the Marina Manager a salary position commeasuring with experience. CARRIED.

**BY-LAW**

2024 – 82 Moved by Brian Delecchio

Seconded by Sarah Brown

THAT BY-LAW NO. 2024-09, being a by-law to establish and require payment of Various Fees and Charges and Schedule ‘A’ be given FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 8th day of May 2024.

CARRIED

2024-83 Moved by Sally Cohen

Seconded by Brian Delvecchio

THAT BY-LAW NO. 2024-10, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of the current estimates and tax rates for 2024, and to provide for the penalty and interest in default of payment be given FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 8th day of May 2024.

2024-84 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded by Sally Cohen

THAT By-law no. 2024-11, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings and resolutions of Hilton Beach Council which were adopted up to and including May 8th, 2024 be give FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READING and FINALLY PASSED this 8th day of May, 2024.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

2024 –85 Moved by Sarah Brown

Seconded Brian Delvecchio

THAT the Village of Hilton Beach Council adjourn and agree to meet again Jun 12, 2024, or at the call of the Mayor.

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Mayor Robert Hope

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