

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 4, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Present:

Reeve: Rodney Wood
Councillors: Mike Garside
Janet Gordanier
Dave Leask
Mike Trainor
Road Superintendent: Lyn Garside
Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Resolution 2023-01

Moved by Mike Trainor

Seconded by Mike Garside

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

Resolution 2023-02

Moved by Janet Gordanier

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2022 and the Special Meeting of December 15, 2022, as presented. * Carried *

Resolution 2022-03

Moved by Dave Leask

Seconded by Mike Garside

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Closed Meetings of December 7, 2022 and December 15, 2022, as presented. * Carried *

Lyn Garside, Road Superintendent provided an update on road issues in the Township. All roads equipment handled well during the extended holiday snowstorm periods. The backhoe was very handy at clearing the significant snow accumulated near the Firehall doors.

In preparation for submitting our amalgamated tender resolutions next month for our 2023 capital road work, Council reviewed our 10 Year Improvement Plan. This Plan was adopted in 2022 and already the order of some projects have been changed. Last year we completed Whybourne and Haight Road reconstruction in lieu of the scheduled Hilton Road work. Trainor Side Road had been scheduled for 2023 but at a projected cost of \$141,000, the decision was made to shift it to 2024 and fund it with two years of the NORDS grant (total \$126k). In anticipation of taking over the year-round road maintenance of Red Maple Drive next year, surface treating that road was moved up to 2023 from the original date of 2025. That cost will be approximately \$100k. It is also planned to resurface the M and N Road from Base Line to the Hilton Beach landfill.

Resolution 2023-04

Moved by Janet Gordanier

Seconded by Mike Trainor

Resolved that Council accepts the Clerk's Report addressing the status of unused vacation and outstanding overtime for the Road Superintendent for the Year 2022. * Carried *

Council reviewed a report from the Clerk confirming uses not included in the Zoning By-law are generally considered prohibited. Short Term Rental units are currently considered a form of residential use which is permitted. The updated draft Official Plan stipulates that Short Term Rentals for non-owner occupied dwellings will now be considered a Commercial use and subject to either zoning or licensing requirements. This change will not be in effect until the draft OP requires final approval which is anticipated in Spring 2023. An extension to the current Interim Control By-law prohibiting new STRs will be adopted in February 2023.

Correspondence was received from the City of Sault Ste. Marie describing the application procedure it will be implementing for owners of short term rental properties. The City will be licensing STR use and owners will be required to obtain an on-site inspection by the Building Department; an on-site inspection by the Fire Department and complete the necessary application forms to enable remittance of the Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) to the City. Such licences will be valid for three years.

The Clerk provided a sample Notice addressing Short Term Rentals and recommended it be included in the Township's Interim Tax mailout later this month.

Correspondence was received from Tulloch Engineering advising costs for building inspection services and mileage will increase as of January 1, 2023. Council questioned the last time our building permit fees had been increased and the Clerk confirmed not since 2010. The Clerk advised she would contact area municipalities and provide a comparison survey for Council at an upcoming meeting.

Resolution 2023-05

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Mike Trainor

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1354-23 being a by-law to appoint officers, servants, boards and commissions for the year 2023. * Carried *

Resolution 2023-06

Moved by Mike Trainor

Seconded by Janet Gordanier

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1355-23 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy for 2023 and for the payment of taxes and for penalty and interest of 1.25% per month after the due date. * Carried *

Resolution 2023-07

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. 1356-23 being a by-law to establish tax ratios for the Township of Hilton for the Year 2023. * Carried *

Correspondence was received from the Ministry of Infrastructure confirming our Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) allocation for 2023 has increased from \$100,000 to \$105,617.

Correspondence was received from the Ministry of Finance confirming our Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocation for 2023 has increased from \$286,900 to \$314,100.

Resolution 2023-08

Moved by Dave Leask

Seconded by Mike Trainor

Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of December 2022 in the amount of \$115,164.38 as per Voucher 12-2022: Administration - \$19,909.30; Algoma District School Board - \$32,979.77; Algoma District Services Admin - \$24,801.67; Building – \$1,654.77; Emergency Management - \$1,393.00; Fire - \$4,950.57; Misc (Employee/ Employer Payroll Deductions/ Benefits) - \$7,947.26; Policing - \$7,135.00; Roads – \$14,393.04. *Carried*

Resolution 2023-09

Moved by Dave Leask

Seconded by Mike Trainor

Resolved that we do pass By-Law No. 1357-23 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting.*Carried*

Resolution 2023-10

Moved by Mike Garside

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do adjourn at 8:55 p.m., Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 or at the call of the Reeve. *Carried*

Reeve, Rodney Wood

Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk Treasurer



Building Inspection:

Kevin Morris – Building Inspector

Phone: 1-705-842-3372 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**

FIRE - 9 1 1 for Emergencies

ICE and What You Should Know:

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 2023 PROPERTY TAXES

The 2023 Interim Property Taxes will be mailed to residents toward the end of January with a due date of February 28, 2023. Tax payments may be submitted using any of the following methods:

- Use the Bill Payment option in your personal financial institution's 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 POR 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.
- 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) or submit your inquiry via email to admin@hiltontownship.ca.