

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF HILTON BEACH

MINUTES

Joint Meeting

June 28, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Present for Township of Hilton:

Councillors Mike Garside, Janet Gordanier, Mike Trainor
Clerk Treasurer Valerie Obarymskyj

Present for Village of Hilton Beach:

Mayor Robert Hope
Councillors Shirley Bailey-Meeks, Sarah Brown, Sally Cohen, Brian Delvecchio
Clerk Treasurer Jillian Hayes

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Mayor Hope welcomed everyone to the meeting to discuss upcoming changes to the Hilton Landfill, owned and operated by the Village of Hilton Beach, and to review the 2023 Fire Department budget for the jointly owned Hilton Union Fire Department (HUFD).

The Clerk for the Village provided an overview of the history of the landfill noting it first received approval as a waste disposal site in 1983. In 1991, an agreement between the Township of Hilton and the Village of Hilton Beach was reached allowing for the disposal of waste from both communities at the site. Notices followed in 1998 and 2001 permitting the disposal of limited amounts of sewage sludge from the Village of Hilton Beach and Echo Bay.

An Amended Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) was issued by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in March 2022 addressing a variety of requirements to be satisfied by the Owner, the Village of Hilton Beach. The requirements included record keeping and retention; service hours; the types of waste that could be disposed of from the Village and the Township; landfill cell cover; training of employees; monitoring; closure plan and annual reporting.

A Design and Operations Plan was prepared by Pinchin for the Hilton Beach Landfill Site in October 2022. This is a detailed Plan that addresses Site Design/Development/Facilities/Operations/Closure. Satisfying the requirements of the Plan will be a costly but necessary process to ensure the landfill site can continue to service both communities and operate in a positive environmental manner.

As Owner of the site, the Village will be responsible for the Capital costs of sample well drilling, expected to take place in 2023. The Operational costs will be shared with the Township and include wages of the attendants; seasonal clean-up; ongoing monitoring of ground and surface water and filing of the Annual Report. Costs are split on the basis of the number of households resulting in a 68% share for the Township and 32% for the Village. Expenses for both municipalities are expected to increase significantly with estimated operational costs of \$60,000 in 2023 and \$82,000 in 2024. This represents a substantial increase from last year's \$46,000 total budget.

Given the many changes for both municipalities it was recommended a Landfill Committee be established and made up of two members of each Council. A new Agreement will be developed to confirm the shared arrangement between both municipalities.

Following the landfill discussion, Councils reviewed the draft Fire Budget for 2023. Mayor Hope, who also serves as Deputy Chief of the HUFD noted an increase to each municipality's levy of approximately \$3,700. The increase is largely the result of purchasing a new set of bunker gear, several water-packs for the volunteers and an increase of \$5,000 to insurance due to the loss of fleet coverage by the Township. Both the Township and the HUFD will be discussing the merit of acquiring another vehicle which would restore the fleet coverage requirement of five vehicles. The HUFD currently has a total of \$185,000 in Reserve Funds, with \$13,000 allocated to bunker gear. It was recommended we don't use those savings at this time as the years 2025 and 2026 will require the purchase of up to eight new sets which will be reaching the end of their 10 year life. The annual allocation of \$10,000 to Reserve Funds was discussed noting it had been \$20,000 several years ago but subsequently reduced when reserve balances were considered adequate. It was determined that both Councils would give further review to the budget at their upcoming individual meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.