

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON

**MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting  
April 5, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Absent:

Reeve: Rodney Wood

Councillors: Pat Garside

Dianne Holt

Dave Leask

Robert Jerrard

Road Superintendent: Lyn Garside

Clerk Treasurer: Valerie Obarymskyj

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2017-35

Seconded by Dianne Holt

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

Moved by Pat Garside 2017-36

Seconded by Robert Jerrard

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2017, as presented. \*Carried\*

Moved by Dave Leask 2017-37

Seconded by Pat Garside

Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of March 1, 2017, as presented. \*Carried\*

Reeve Wood welcomed representatives of Algoma Power Inc., present for their annual information meeting with the Township. Council was advised there were no clearing or construction projects planned for our area this year. Results were still to be analyzed for the trial sites chosen in every municipality as part of the Corridors for Life Pollinator Project. The results will help determine the best approach for future work. It was confirmed that residential rates will decrease slightly this year, however, seasonal property rates will increase 2.7%.

Council welcomed a resident who was present to discuss the possibility of erecting a garage only on a 20 acre rural parcel of land. The current zoning by-law prohibits the construction of a garage (accessory building) prior to a primary residential use. Council acknowledged that while barns could be built on Rural properties without an existing residential structure, garages were defined as an accessory building to a primary residential use. The interpretation that 'primary use' must be linked to 'residential use' will be discussed at an upcoming Planning Board meeting and perhaps addressed in an overall review of the existing Zoning By-law. Council advised that at the present time, given the conditions in the current Zoning By-law, a zoning amendment would be required to permit such a structure.

Council reviewed updated engineered drawings for the proposed satellite firehall on W Line noting a couple corrections that should be made.

Moved by Dianne Holt 2017-38

Seconded by Robert Jerrard

Resolved that we do approve in principle the St. Joseph Island Planning Board Budget for 2017 in the amount of \$16,830 with Hilton Township's share being \$2,715.48 (20.65%) \*Carried\*

Correspondence was received from Tulloch Engineering advising that current Building Inspector Ron Leblanc would serve in the capacity of Deputy Chief Building Official on an as needed basis following his retirement, by filling in for Kevin Morris when he was not available.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2017-39

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1183-17 being a by-law to appoint a Chief Building Official for the Township of Hilton. \*Carried\*

The Clerk advised Council of another situation where a property owner wished to erect a garage prior to constructing a residence. This property is part of a waterfront subdivision. The owners would like to use part of the garage for living quarters on a temporary basis until the proposed cottage is built. Council recommended the owners apply for a zoning amendment to authorize such use. It was also noted that if the size of the structure was increased to 750 square feet it would satisfy the size for a 'dwelling' and thereby permit human habitation. The Clerk will discuss these options with the owners.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2017-40

Seconded by Pat Garside

Resolved that we do give first, second and third and final reading and pass By-Law No. 1184-17 being a by-law to approve a PTSD Prevention Plan for the Township of Hilton. \*Carried\*

The Algoma District Services Administration levy for the current year was presented. The Township of Hilton’s share has increased from \$261,241 (2016) to \$274,165 (2017). This \$13,000 increase coupled with the \$20,000 policing services increase will have a definite impact on the 2017 municipal levy to be raised given the municipality’s 2017 OMPF funding saw a slight decrease.

Council reviewed information from Xplornet Communications advising of its plans to erect a new telecommunications tower at 2951 Base Line. The tower would be 45 metres tall and equipment on the tower would enable Xplornet to provide high-speed wireless internet services to the local community. As part of its public consultation process the Company will provide written notice to those land owners within a distance of three times the tower height and allow for a 30 day comment period. In addition, a newspaper notice will be placed. Council recommended a notice in the Island Clippings would be appropriate.

Following a short video explaining how ‘ranked ballots’ work in an election, Council passed the following resolution.

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2017-41

Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that Council for the Township of Hilton agrees to continue the “First Past the Post” model for the 2018 municipal election as opposed to the new option of ranked ballots. \*Carried\*

Moved by Pat Garside 2017-42

Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilton supports the resolution from The United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria objecting to the changes to the Building Code that would require mandatory pump outs of septic systems and record retention by property owners. The province has not taken into consideration the financial hardship to property owners and the municipality; the broad variety of septic systems in rural northern Ontario; the lack of availability of septic pump out businesses to accommodate this demand and the lack of disposal sites for that many pump outs.

And further, Council would ask for clarification of how this will be monitored and achieved in the Unincorporated areas of the Province and throughout First Nation Reserves. \*Carried\*

Moved by Robert Jerrard 2017-43

Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of March 2017 in the amount of \$140,430.38 as per Voucher 03-2017: Administration - \$5,992.09; Algoma District School Board (1<sup>st</sup> Qtr) - \$33,600.83; Algoma District Services Admin (1<sup>st</sup> Qtr) - \$65,312.25; Building – \$448.61; Fire - \$12,687.82; Miscellaneous (Employee/ Employer Payroll Deductions/ Benefits) - \$6,153.83; Policing (January) - \$6,969.00; Roads – \$9,265.95. \*Carried\*

Moved by Pat Garside 2017-44

Seconded by Robert Jerrard

Resolved that we do pass By-Law No. 1185-17 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting.\*Carried

Moved by Pat Garside 2017-45

Seconded by Robert Jerrard

Resolved that we do adjourn at 9:37 p.m., Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 or at the call of the Reeve. \*Carried\*

Reeve, Rodney Wood

Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk Treasurer

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**\*\*\* Building Inspection \*\*\***

Kevin Morris – Building Inspector –

Call: 705-842-3372 or Toll Free: 1-800-797-2997

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**



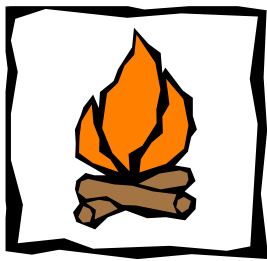
**WINTER Hours in Effect from Sept 15/16 – May 15/17:**  
 Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Sunday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**SUMMER Hours in Effect May15/17 – September 15/17:**  
 Wednesday: 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
 Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**Sunday: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
 Holiday Mondays: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Note: **Tippage FREE** weekend for all Hilton Township residents during the three days of the May 2017 ‘Victoria Day’ weekend (May 20, 21, 22)

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## FIRE - 911 for Emergencies



It is necessary to obtain a Fire Permit at the Municipal Office for Small Brush Burning and Incinerator Burning during the months from April to October. There is no fee for this permit. Available Monday/Wednesday/Friday or call 705-246-2472 or email: admin@hiltontownship for alternate pickup arrangements.

**A reminder that burning is only permitted two hours before sunset and two hours after sunrise.**  
*(Exception: campfires for cooking/warmth allowed anytime.)*

## Grill safely this barbecue season



With the barbecue season under way across Ontario, the **Hilton Union Fire Department** recommends taking a few safety precautions before grilling that first meal this summer.

Barbecuing is one of the great pleasures of summer and the fire service wants to make sure everyone enjoys the season safely. Before you fire it up for the first time this year, check and clean your propane barbecue following the manufacturer’s instructions.

To ensure your barbecue is ready for grilling season, the Technical Standards and Safety Authority recommends making this three-step safety check part of your spring-cleaning routine:

1. **CLEAN:** use a pipe cleaner or wire to make sure the burner ports are free of rust, dust, dirt, spider webs or other debris.
2. **CHECK:** examine the hose leading from the fuel supply to the burners. Replace if cracked or damaged.
3. **TEST:** find leaks by applying a 50/50 solution of water and dish soap to all fuel and hose connections. If bubbles appear, tighten the connections and/or replace the damaged parts and always re-test.

Remember that barbecues are for outdoor use only. If used in an enclosed space, carbon monoxide – an odourless, colourless, poisonous gas – will gather and reach dangerous exposure levels, which can lead to serious health effects, or even death.

For more information and safety tips about propane barbecues, visit the Technical Standards and Safety Authority website: [safetyinfo.ca](http://safetyinfo.ca).