

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON

MINUTES
Special Meeting
August 6, 2019
2:00 p.m.

Present: Absent:
Reeve: Rod Wood
Councillors: Mike Garside Pat Garside
Dianne Holt
Dave Leask
Road Superintendent: Lyn Garside
Clerk : Valerie Obarymskyj

Council met on Ellwood Boulevard to take a look at two properties that have experienced water issues this spring. Representatives of both properties joined Council as well as an abutting landowner. The focus of one property owner’s issue was with the flow of water from a culvert and how it had been so forceful it had broken through the berm of the roadside ditch and flowed up onto the property. This owner had cleared some vegetation from the ditch in an effort to have the water flow quicker to a drainage ditch further down the road of the subdivision. It was clarified with the property owner than no private work should be done on municipal roadside ditches. The representative of the property owner further down the road abutting the drainage ditch was concerned about the significant water flow this spring through the ditch and how the force of it was starting to erode his beachfront. He noted how the force of water through his adjacent ditch would be lessened if other property owners along the road created their own ditches to take some of the water flow coming from the vacant acreage across the road.

The Road Superintendent once again noted how water problems during the Spring of 2019 were extensive throughout the Algoma area. It was described as the ‘perfect storm’ : a significantly wet Fall 2018; a long heavy snowfall winter 2018-2019; an extremely wet Spring 2019. There is the hope future spring runoffs will not be so intense if these same weather patterns are not repeated. The Road Superintendent also noted how the Great Lakes are at record high levels and waterfront owners everywhere are facing shrinking beaches.

While one owner made the request to clean out the roadside ditch to allow for a faster flow of water, the merit of maintaining vegetation in the ditch was explained as a means of stabilizing the soil to prevent erosion and increasing the rate and quantity of water infiltration.

Council left the location at 3:10 pm and advised the matter would be discussed at the regular council meeting on August 7, 2019 to determine the best approach for resolving all concerns.

Reeve, Rodney Wood Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 7, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Present: Absent:
Reeve: Rod Wood
Councillors: Pat Garside
Mike Garside
Dianne Holt
Dave Leask
Road Superintendent: Lyn Garside
Clerk : Valerie Obarymskyj

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Moved by Mike Garside 2019-97
Seconded by Dave Leask
Resolved that we do accept the Agenda as presented. * Carried *

Moved by Dianne Holt 2019-98
Seconded by Dave Leask
Resolved that we do approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2019, as presented. *Carried*

Lyn Garside, Road Superintendent, advised the major 2019 construction project on Trainor Side Road had been completed. The road has been widened to 8 metres and gravel applied. As soon as there is some rain, grading will be done and then calcium applied. Road side brushing is done although there are some areas where it may need to be done again. That work will be completed with the grader and brushhog attachment.

Council discussed its onsite visit to Ellwood Boulevard on August 6, 2019 and meeting with representatives of concerned property owners. The Road Superintendent confirmed he could build a berm at the location of Lot 26 where the force of the water from the culvert outlet had damaged the back slope. This work could be done in the coming weeks allowing time for new vegetation to grow back by next spring. This should alleviate flooding of the property on the south side of the laneway but the owner will need to perform his own ditching along the newly installed driveway to avoid similar water problems there. Noting the benefit of some vegetation in the ditches, the Road Superintendent recommended leaving the roadside ditch untouched at least 100' from the ditched triangle leading to the existing drainage ditch between Lots 28 and 29. The Clerk had already advised Council that while the registered plan of subdivision from 1986 showed this proposed drainage ditch between lots 27 and 28, the developer had instead installed it between Lots 28 and 29. The suggestion of installing a second drainage ditch between Lots 27 and 28 was not considered to have any notable benefit on the water flow in the current ditch due to the terrain nor be fair to the owners of Lot 28 who would end up having a ditch on either side of their property. Council asked the Road Superintendent to keep an eye on the existing drainage ditch location in the Spring of 2020 to make sure it was handling waterflow as intended.

The Clerk advised that area clerks had met with an OPP representative to discuss the best approach to developing the provincially mandated Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. Discussion at the meeting led to a recommendation that the Algoma District Services Administration Board be approached about using its resources to develop such a Plan that would encompass the entire East Algoma region.

Council once again discussed the placement of shipping containers on township properties. It was confirmed that the Ontario Building Code categorizes these containers as structures that do require a building permit. After reviewing several by-laws from other municipalities regulating the use/placement of the containers, Council noted that most allowed such units in Rural, Commercial and Industrial areas but not in Residential areas. There is a concern about shipping containers being used for storage on waterfront subdivision lots given their unappealing appearance in such close proximity to significantly assessed homes. Council asked the Clerk to communicate with other Clerks, the Building Inspector and Planning Board Secretary in order to present a draft zoning by-law at next month's council meeting restricting the location for these containers.

The Clerk advised Council of a clerical error by MPAC related to a property sale which had resulted in the owners paying an increased amount of taxes for several years. The Clerk recommended crediting back the owners the last three years but would need MPAC to provide details on what the assessment for 2017/2018/2019 should have been. Council authorized the Clerk to pursue the matter with MPAC through a Form 358 request.

Moved by Dave Leask 2019-99
Seconded by Dianne Holt

Resolved that we do authorize the payment of Township bills for the month of July 2019 in the amount of \$78,698.89 as per Voucher 07-19: Admin - \$11,218.46; Algoma Dist Services Admin (July) - \$23,793.33; Assessment (Qtrly) - \$4,556.13; Building - \$1,055.06; Fire - \$350.00; Miscellaneous (Employee/ Employer Payroll Deds/Benefits) - \$4,575.42; Policing - \$7,150.00; Roads – \$24,152.10 ; WSIB (Qtrly) - \$1,848.39
Carried

Moved by Mike Garside 2019-100
Seconded by Dave Leask

Resolved that we do pass By-Law No 1255-19 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting. *Carried

Moved by Pat Garside 2019-101
Seconded by Mike Garside

Resolved that we do adjourn at 10:33 p.m. Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 for the next regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Reeve.
Carried

Rodney Wood, Reeve

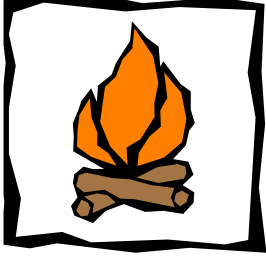
Valerie Obarymskyj, Clerk Treasurer

M and N Road - Landfill/Recycling



SUMMER Hours in Effect from May 16 – September 15/2019	
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

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.)

A Resource for Caregivers of People with Alzheimer Disease or Related Dementia

Alzheimer Disease is a progressive, degenerative brain disease that destroys vital brain cells. As a result of the changes to the brain, it no longer works as it used to. People with this disease become less and less able to make sense of information from the outside world. They become unable to think, remember, understand, and make decisions as before. If a fire were to occur in their home, people with Alzheimer Disease or other dementia would be extremely vulnerable to serious injury, or even death. This fact sheet provides caregivers with important fire safety information that can help them to provide a safer environment for persons with Alzheimer Disease - and those who live with them.

Prevent fire before it starts.

Smoking

Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths in Ontario. For people with Alzheimer Disease, the risk is even greater. As the disease progresses, they are less likely to follow safe smoking procedures, such as extinguishing cigarettes. Caregivers may be able to discourage smoking by removing visible reminders, such as cigarettes, matches, lighters and ashtrays. With these articles out of sight, the person with Alzheimer Disease may forget about smoking. It is important to supervise an individual with Alzheimer Disease while they are smoking. Purchase large, deep ashtrays and consider putting water in the bottom for added safety. Cigarette butts and ashes should be submerged in water before being dumped in the garbage. Placing a cookie sheet under the ashtray can prevent cigarette and its hot ashes from falling onto furniture or clothing. Smoking outside, or while seated at a table, is safer than smoking on upholstered sofas or chairs. No one should ever smoke in bed, nor in a home where oxygen is in use.

Cooking

If the person with Alzheimer Disease likes to cook, it is important to provide supervision and assist where necessary. Make sure he or she wears tight-fitting sleeves that cannot come in contact with a hot burner. Keep all combustible materials a safe distance from the stove, including paper towels, utensils, recipes or tea towels. Removing the fuses or knobs from the stove will prevent its use during unsupervised times. Other appliances, such as toasters and electric kettles, should be unplugged and stored out of sight when not in use. While microwave ovens present less hazards than stovetops, they can still cause fires and burn injuries. The use of microwave ovens by people with Alzheimer Disease should be supervised at all times.

**A Resource for Caregivers of People with Alzheimer Disease or Related Dementia
(Continued)**

Heating Appliances

If space heaters are used in the home, make sure they are kept at least one metre (three feet) away from anything that can burn, such as furniture, curtains, paper or people. The surfaces of woodstoves and fireplaces get extremely hot, so keep metal fire screens around them to prevent contact burns.

Candles

The use of candles has increased dramatically over the past several years and so has the number of candle-related fires. All candles should be removed from the home of a person with Alzheimer Disease or related dementia. Candles can be easily knocked over or brushed against, so if they do exist, make sure they are placed out of reach and enclosed in glass containers. Also, after lighting candles, store the matches or lighters out of sight. Remember to extinguish all candles before leaving the room or going to bed.

Burn Injuries

Scalds are painful injuries that can be prevented by adjusting the temperature of water heaters to 54C (130F). If a burn injury does occur, run cool water over the affected area for three to five minutes then seek medical attention if necessary.



***** Building Inspection *****
Ron LeBlanc – Building Inspector - Call 1-800-797-2997
Email: ron.leblanc@tulloch.ca

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OWNER TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT
IT IS ILLEGAL TO START WORK WITHOUT A PERMIT**

FINAL 2019 PROPERTY TAXES

A reminder that the 2019 Final Property Taxes will be mailed to residents the beginning of September with a due date of September 30, 2019. Residents may pay their bills at the Township Office (cash or cheque only) during regular office hours (Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9 am till 4:30 pm) or by online payments through most banking institutions.

COUNCIL MEETING - CHANGE IN DATES

Notice is hereby given that the date for the Council Meeting in September will be changed from Sept 4th to the following week on September 11th. The date for the regular October meeting will also be changed from October 2nd to October 9th.