

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Present:

Reeve: Rodney Wood
 Councillors: Dave Leask
 Mike Garside
 Janet Gordanier
 Mike Trainor

Acting Clerk Treasurer: Sara Dinsdale
 Road Superintendent: Lyndon Garside

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Reeve Rodney Wood declared pecuniary interest in regards to agenda items No. 11; c & d.

Resolution 2024 - 186
 Moved: Janet Gordanier
 Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does accept the agenda for August 14, 2024 as presented. *CARRIED*

Resolution 2024 - 187
 Moved: Mike Trainor
 Seconded: Mike Garside

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of July 10, 2024. *CARRIED*

Resolution 2024 - 188
 Moved: Janet Gordanier
 Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does approve the minutes of the closed Council meeting of July 10, 2024. *CARRIED*

Delegations #1:

Mr. John McDonald presented information regarding a proposal for a land swap with the Township on behalf of Mr. Eric Hamilton and Ms. Lorrie Lippe. The request that was presented was to swap 80' of their property located on X Line; specifically, being their South end of Block A on plan H597 to the Township for the 66' unopened road allowance adjacent to their west property line of Block A on plan H597. Mr. McDonald explained the proposal including possible benefits to the Township if the swap were to move forward. Reeve wood requested Road Superintendent Lyn Garside's comment on the matter. Mr. Garside explained that the water is low in that area and a discussion took place regarding the high-water mark.

Resolution 2024-189
 Moved: Mike Garside
 Seconded: Janet Gordanier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does recommend to the Clerk to post a public notice regarding the land swap request made by Mr. John McDonald on behalf of Mr. Eric Hamilton and Ms. Lorrie Lippe, and to proceed with the next steps. *CARRIED*

Delegation #2:

Mr. Andrew McCarty voiced his concerns regarding the speed limit of 50 kms/hr of rural roads in the township, X Line, and Hamilton Bay Drive. Mr. McCarty expressed concerns of "*high speed and aggressive driving in local subdivisions*" and requested that the township lower the speed limits and update the appropriate signage to reflect such. Mr. McCarty explained that there is a blind corner that is a concern as it is creating a blind spot, as speeding around it puts his children and others at risk for injury. Mr. McCarty also requested that speed bumps or an island be installed so people will need to drive slower for the summer months.

Council explained that a lot of the roads in our township are dead end roads with the same speed limit, with no concern and the corner Mr. McCarty is referring to is a natural deterrent to slow the traffic in that area. Council expressed that installing speed bumps or an island would be an unnecessary additional cost to the township and a sign won't stop people from speeding.

Councillor Gordanier and Councillor Trainor both added that they live on the same road and have only witnessed one occasion that a vehicle was speeding in the past, and they were not a local resident and have since not been seen again.

Mr. McCarty asked who sets the speed limits and Reeve Wood explained that it's set by the township based on the OPP's recommendations. Reeve Wood asked Road Superintendent Garside for his input on the speed limits and he explained that 50 kms/hr is the lowest the speed limit can go. Mr. McCarty pointed out that school zones are lower than 50 kms/hr and Council explained that this area is not a school zone therefore that wouldn't apply.

Council thanks Mr. McCarty for his input on the matter and agreed that speeding is not a township issue as it's an OPP matter.

Road Superintendent Lyn Garside's road updated included an issue with the dump truck that needed repairing. It is working smoothly again. He explained that lots of cold patching has been underway and the surface treatment material should be arriving in the following week. Superintendent Garside explained that he won't be packing the roads; however just adding gravel and doing some touch-ups. Surface treatment of Trainors side road will be started the following week, and Canoe Point Rd. is currently in the process. He explained that the culvert that is there will not be moved or replaced; however, the dip in the road will be levelled out.

Road Superintendent Garside explained that he will have the 10-year plan that was promised for this meeting completed for the next regular Council meeting instead.

Councillor Trainor expressed his gratitude towards Road Superintendent Garside for how great the condition of the township roads are. All of Council agreed that all the work he has done and continues to do is much appreciated and well done.

Road Superintendent Garside discussed that the township still hasn't received the order of calcium that was supposed to arrive earlier in the summer; therefore, it doesn't make much sense to move forward with the order since it's the end of the season.

Resolution 2024-190
Moved: Mike Trainor
Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does recommend to Road Superintendent Lyn Garside to cancel the calcium order due to the inability to obtain it. * CARRIED*

A discussion took place regarding posting a job advertisement for the replacement of Superintendent Garside after he retires at the end of the year. It was recommended that the Clerk post the advertisement a deadline of Friday, September 6 in order to include qualified candidates' applications in the regular meeting of September 11, 2024.

Resolution 2024-191
Moved: Mike Trainor
Seconded: Mike Garside

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does direct the Clerk to advertise for the position of Road Superintendent/Public Works Foreman with a closing date of September 6, 2024.
CARRIED

The Acting Clerk presented a report regarding the resolutions passed by both the Village of Hilton and the Township of Hilton regarding the decisions made in the Hilton Union Fire Board meeting held on June 26, 2024. The report stated that since this matter is at an impasse, the applicants that were interviewed for the Volunteer Fire Chief position have been notified that the hiring process has been put on hold. The report also stated that further discussions regarding this matter will take place at the next Fire Board meeting that will take place on Monday, September 9, 2024.

A discussion took place regarding an application for consent to sever property that was submitted.

Resolution 2024-192
Moved: Janet Gordanier
Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does recommend to the St. Joseph Island Planning Board that the application by M. & A. Jagger for the consent to sever the West half of Lot 7, Concession 15, Township of Hilton, into 2 parcels be approved subject to the following conditions:

All property taxes are paid up to date as well as satisfying any requirements set by the Planning Board. Council recommends that the site inspection be conducted by someone other than the applicant. *CARRIED*

Resolution 2024-193
Moved: Mike Garside
Seconded: Mike Trainor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does direct the Clerk to apply for the recommended business visa through Northern Credit Union with a borrowing limit of combined \$5000.00 between the Roads Department and the Municipal Office. *CARRIED*

Acting Clerk Sara Dinsdale expressed her appreciation of the township allowing her to enroll in the needed courses of the Municipal Administration Program. She explained that upon approval at the previous meeting, only one of the courses was still open for registration as the other closed due to capacity. Acting Clerk Sara Dinsdale requested that Council allow her to enroll in the next program once it opens, rather than waiting for approval at proceeding meeting.

Resolution 2024-194
Moved: Dave Leask
Seconded: Janet Gordanier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree to authorize consent to Sara Dinsdale to enroll in the needed units of the MAP program as they become available. *CARRIED*

The financial statements that were recently completed by BDO Canada LLP. were presented and discussed. Acting Clerk Sara Dinsdale explained that she was still awaiting clarification on specific questions regarding the financial statements. Council agreed to defer the topic to the following regular Council meeting.

Resolution 2024-195
Moved: Dave Leask
Seconded: Mike Garside

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree to postpone the issuing of the final 2024 tax bills by one month and direct the Clerk to post a public notice. Tax payments will be due by October 31, 2024. *CARRIED*

Resolution 2024-196
Moved: Janet Gordanier
Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree to set a budget meeting date of August 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. *CARRIED*

Resolution 2024-197
Moved: Janet Gordanier
Seconded: Mike Trainor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree to the donation amount of \$200.00 to the P.R.O Bear Campaign. *CARRIED*

9:00 pm, Deputy Reeve Dave Leask resumed as Chair due to the declaration of pecuniary interest submitted by Reeve Rodney Wood regarding section 11. c & d.

Council discussed the imposition of penalty regarding the Integrity Commissioner Investigation that was deferred from the special meeting held on July 24, 2024.

Resolution 2024 - 198
Moved: Mike Garside
Seconded: Janet Gordanier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree that the letter of apology sent by Reeve Wood addressed to Ms. Duguay on February 21, 2024 is sanction enough and no further penalty is required. *CARRIED*

9:26 pm: Reeve Wood resumed Chair

Resolution 2024 - 199
Moved: Mike Trainor
Seconded: Janet Gordanier

Resolved that this Council move into closed session at 9:27 p.m.in accordance with *Municipal Act Section 239 (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual:*

- To discuss a complaint submitted about an identifiable individual

And in accordance with *Municipal Act Section 239 (2) (d) labour relations or employee negotiations:*

- To discuss a contract request

Further be it Resolved that should the said closed session be adjourned, the Council may reconvene in closed session to discuss the same matters without the need for a further authorizing resolution. *CARRIED*

Resolution 2024 - 200
Moved: Janet Gordanier
Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON returns to open session at 10:07 pm. *CARRIED*

Resolution 2024 - 201
Moved: Mike Trainor
Seconded: Janet Gordanier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does direct the Clerk to engage Michael Jagger O/A Island Resources Development Consultants to assist with the development of Municipal policies and by-laws, upon request at a rate of \$75.00 per hour *CARRIED*

Resolution 2024 - 202
Moved: Janet Gordanier
Seconded: Mike Trainor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does direct the Clerk to direct the township's By-law Enforcement Officer to proceed with actions from the Clerk as discussed in closed session. *CARRIED*

Resolution 2024 - 203
Moved: Mike Trainor
Seconded: Dave Leask

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does agree to the payment of Township bills for the month of July, 2024 in the amount of \$87,172.69 as per the attached voucher. *CARRIED*

Resolution 2024-204
Moved: Mike Garside
Seconded: Janet Gordanier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does pass By-law No. 1429-24 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of this meeting. *CARRIED*

Resolution 2024 - 205

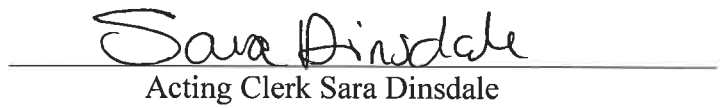
Moved: Dave Leask

Seconded: Mike Trainor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON does adjourn at 10:12 p.m.
Council to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal office on August 26, 2024 at 7:30 pm or at the call of the
Reeve. *CARRIED*



Reeve Rodney Wood



Acting Clerk Sara Dinsdale