

**TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Held at the Hudson Community Hall**

**Present:**           **Reeve:** Larry Craig  
                          **Councillors:** Dan Morrow, Martin Woods, Bryan McNair  
                          **Clerk-Treasurer:** Jordan Kemp  
                          **Road Superintendent:** Eric Lavallee  
                          **Consultant:** Michel Lachapelle

**Regrets:**           Greg Seed, councillor

Meeting started at 7:30 p.m.

**1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda**

2020-064 **Moved:**   **Martin Woods**           **Seconded:**   **Dan Morrow**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2020-065 **Moved:**   **Dan Morrow**           **Seconded:**   **Bryan McNair**  
That we the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.  
“CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

2020-066 **Moved:**   **Dan Morrow**           **Seconded:**   **Martin Woods**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 as presented.  
“CARRIED”

2020-067 **Moved:**   **Bryan McNair**           **Seconded:**   **Martin Woods**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Public Meeting of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 as presented.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**4. Delegations**

None

**5. Payments of Accounts – Voucher No. 2020-04**

2020-068 **Moved:**   **Martin Woods**           **Seconded:**   **Dan Morrow**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, approve the Payment of Accounts as presented:

Roads	\$ 13,182.23
Fire	\$ 317.70
General Administration	<u>\$ 29,236.34</u>
Total Voucher 2020-04	\$ 42,736.27

“CARRIED”

**6. Reports from Staff and Others**

a. Roads

The Road Superintendent reported that culvert on Road A3 washed out on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The Road Superintendent had prepared to recommend replacing the culvert at today’s meeting. The Road Superintendent contacted the Township of Harley to purchase a culvert as the correct replacement size was not in stock at the garage. The Township of Hudson will order the Township of Harley a replacement culvert.

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Gilbertson is planning to come to the pit to crush so the Road Superintendent has opened the road to allow access to the pit. The scrap yard is now open so a load from the landfill was brought.

b. Fire Department

The Hudson Fire Department was called to a fire outside the entrance of the landfill. Everything is very dry at the moment. Suspect the fire started from a cigarette.

c. Others:

i. Treasurer's Report – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

The Clerk-Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to council and is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.

ii. Township of Hudson COVID-19 Preparedness & Actions update

Clerk-Treasurer presented the Township of Hudson's COVID-19 update. Parks are still closed; staff are still rotating at work however planning to return after the long weekend; municipal office still closed to public and all recreation halls are closed.

iii. Earleton Airport Update

Councillor McNair presented to council that Herald is officially retiring and the board of directors have been busy reviewing resumes and interviewing candidates. The airport was able to advertise the position with different organizations then before and received lots of interest in the position from various locations outside of the Timiskaming District.

Councillor McNair informed council the generator is now ready to be picked up from the airport.

2020-069 **Moved: Bryan McNair**                      **Seconded: Dan Morrow**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt and accept the following reports/minutes, and that it be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting:

- a) Road Department Report
- b) Fire Department Report
- c) Others

- i. Treasurer's Report – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019
- ii. Township of Hudson COVID-19 Preparedness & Actions Update
- iii. Earleton Airport Update

“CARRIED”

**7. Correspondence for Council Consideration:**

- a- Town of Grimsby – Suspend Time-of-Use Electricity Billing

2020-070 **Moved: Martin Woods**                      **Seconded: Bryan McNair**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Town of Grimsby's resolution as presented, requesting the Ontario Energy Board suspend time-of-use electricity billing to support lower electricity bills for residents and businesses until such time that the COVID-19 outbreak has been contained; and

That a letter of support be forwarded to:

- Premier Doug Ford;

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- MPP, John Vanthof;
  - Ontario Energy Board; and
  - Town of Grimsby
- “CARRIED”

b- Township of Mapleton – Review Farm Property Class Tax Rate

Motion was not moved.

**8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:**

- a- Timiskaming District Health Unit – Municipal Meeting Minutes, March 25<sup>th</sup>
- b- Timiskaming District Health Unit – Municipal Meeting Minutes, March 31<sup>st</sup>
- c- Timiskaming District Health Unit – Municipal Meeting Minutes, April 7<sup>th</sup>
- d- Timiskaming District Health Unit – Municipal Meeting Minutes, April 14<sup>th</sup>
- e- Timiskaming District Health Unit – Municipal Meeting Minutes, April 21<sup>st</sup>
- f- Timiskaming Media Release – Community Spread, April 17<sup>th</sup>
- g- Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry – Restricted Fire Zone, April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- h- Solicitor General – Enforcement of Orders, March 27<sup>th</sup>
- i- Solicitor General – Community Safety & Well Being Plan Extension, April 24<sup>th</sup>
- j- Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Planning Board Extensions
- k- Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Redeployment of Staff, April 16<sup>th</sup>

**9. Other Business:**

- a- Cottage Travel – COVID-19

Reeve Craig informed council that there was an inquiry from a resident as to the action’s council is taking towards seasonal residents travelling from their permanent residences located outside of the district to the Township of Hudson -specifically the Twin Lakes area. As of this meeting, there is no provincial or federal order restricting interprovincial travel. The Province of Ontario and the Federal Government have only recommended people stay within their own districts, which is voluntary and not legally enforceable. Council agreed no action can be taken by the municipality regardless of their decision and this is a provincial issue.

- b- Municipal Tax Options

2020-071 **Moved: Bryan McNair**      **Seconded: Dan Morrow**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of three municipal tax options prepared for 2020 which are to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting; and

Direct the Clerk/Treasurer to prepare a taxation by-law for the following regular meeting given option 2 for the year 2020.

“CARRIED”

- c- Cemetery Burial

The Municipal Office will arrange to borrow Elk Lake’s grave shoring device as there is a burial scheduled this spring. The Road Superintendent will assist in the burial but requires assistance from the Cemetery Board. Bruce Loach will be contacted to provide the dimensions of the plot and to

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mark its location. The Municipal Office will arrange for Darren Hearn to dig the plot as the municipal equipment is too large.

d- Plow Specifications

Councillor Morrow presented quotes and documentation on a new plow truck from Kenworth which is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.

The Clerk-Treasurer informed council that both the Township of Casey and Township of Kerns were looking to replace their plow trucks this year and that a joint tender may be possible for cost savings. Each township could prepare their own specification sheet as required. Council directed the Clerk-Treasurer to discuss this option with the other townships and report their decision at next council meeting.

**10. By-Laws**

- a- By-Law No. 2020-06 Being a by-Law to enter into an agreement between the Township of Hudson and the Township of Harley for supplying the crushing of aggregate  
*[three readings]*

2020-072 **Moved: Martin Woods**      **Seconded: Bryan McNair**  
That we, **By-Law No. 2020-06**, being a by-Law to enter into an agreement between the Township of Hudson and the Township of Harley for supplying the crushing of aggregate, be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2020-073 **Moved: Martin Woods**      **Seconded: Bryan McNair**  
That we, **By-Law No. 2020-06**, being a by-Law to enter into an agreement between the Township of Hudson and the Township of Harley for supplying the crushing of aggregate, be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the By-Law Book.  
“CARRIED”

- b- By-Law No. 2020-07 Being a by-Law to enter into an agreement between the Township of Hudson and the Township of Kerns for supplying the crushing of aggregate *[three readings]*

2020-074 **Moved: Bryan McNair**      **Seconded: Martin Woods**  
That we, **By-Law No. 2020-07**, being a by-Law to enter into an agreement between the Township of Hudson and the Township of Kerns for supplying the crushing of aggregate, be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2020-075 **Moved: Bryan McNair**      **Seconded: Dan Morrow**  
That we, **By-Law No. 2020-07**, being a by-Law to enter into an agreement between the Township of Hudson and the Township of Kerns for supplying the crushing of aggregate, be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the By-Law Book.  
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**11. Resolution to move to closed session:**

a- None

**12. Adjournment:**

2020-076 **Moved: Martin Woods                      Seconded: Bryan McNair**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the  
Regular Meeting at 9:30 p.m. and will meet again on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 or at the call  
of the Reeve.  
“CARRIED”

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Larry Craig, Reeve

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Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer