

TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of July 8th, 2020
Held at the Hudson Community Hall

Present: **Reeve:** Larry Craig
 Councillors: Martin Woods, Bryan McNair, Greg Seed
 Clerk-Treasurer: Jordan Kemp
 Road Superintendent: Eric Lavallee

Others: Janet Spencer, Library

Regrets: Dan Morrow

Meeting started at 7:30 p.m.

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda

2020-091 **Moved:** **Greg Seed** **Seconded:** **Bryan McNair**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of July 8th, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2020-092 **Moved:** **Martin Woods** **Seconded:** **Greg Seed**
That we the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
 9. c. Twin Lakes Road 4A Dust
 d. Dawson Jibb Memorial Tournament
 e. Pike Lake Park
 f. Generator
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

2020-093 **Moved:** **Bryan McNair** **Seconded:** **Greg Seed**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 3rd, 2020 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations

Hudson Outreach Library

Ms. Spencer informed council that the Hudson Outreach Library Board met on June 22nd to discuss the future of the library. The following points were shared to council;

- Library use by patrons is very low;
- The Board was looking forward to 2020 given the township exited the shared library contract with the City of Temiskaming Shores, and were hoping to see an increase in patrons;
- The Board is having difficulty recruiting new volunteers and board members
 - Currently have 15-20 volunteers however only 10-12 are active
- The Board is proposing to consider closing down the library permanently

Ms. Spencer informed council that the Hudson Outreach Library Board is proposing the following;

- Permanently close the Hudson Outreach Library;
- Possibly continue the summer craft program and other activities;
- Maintain public access to internet by WIFI;
- Liquidate assets to make the room available and use the funds to support recreation;

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Council and Ms. Spencer discussed not liquidating the assets and to keep the Hudson Outreach Library temporarily closed for 2020 given the current circumstances, and to reassess reopening the library in 2021 if agreed upon by the Board. Council also discussed allocating more funds to the Hudson Outreach Library in 2021 to increase the level of service.

5. Payments of Accounts – Voucher No. 2020-06

2020-094 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Martin Woods**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, approve the Payment of Accounts as presented:

Roads	\$ 96,011.59
Fire	\$ 2,298.71
General Administration	\$ 44,093.95
Total Voucher 2020-06	\$ 142,404.25

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff and Others

a. Roads

The Road Superintendent reported that a quote was received to install a new garage door for the sand shed at \$5,500. The Clerk-Treasurer will check to see if the garage door is an eligible expenditure under Main Street Funding.

Council discussed a letter received by the Lakes Association regarding fireworks at Pike Lake over the long weekend. The Lakes Association is seeking permission to have cars park at Pike Lake Park, as well as set off fireworks. Council approved the Lakes Association proposal on the condition they work closely with the fire chief.

Summer student is finishing up painting the railing. Grass has been cut. Calcium first pass is finished; second pass next week. Gilbertson has finished crushing at Firstbrook Pit.

b. Fire Department

Several issues with residents burning without a permit. Received a call to attend a grass fire.

c. Others:

- i. Treasurer’s Report – June 29, 2020
- ii. Staff Report as of July 3rd, 2020

2020-095 **Moved: Martin Woods** **Seconded: Bryan McNair**
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 – June 29th, 2020
- ii. Staff Report as of July 3rd, 2020

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7. Correspondence for Council Consideration:

- a- Town of Oakville – Commercial recovery Initiative

Motion not moved.

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b- Municipality of McDougall – FONOM re DSSAB

2020-096 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Bryan McNair**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Municipality of McDougall’s resolution No.: 2020-64 opposing the District Social Services Administration Boards replacing current OPP Detachment Boards; and,

That a letter of support be forwarded to the Municipality of McDougall.
“CARRIED”

c- Grey County – Reliable and Affordable Broadband issues

2020-097 **Moved: Martin Woods** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support Grey County’s Resolution CW93-20 requesting the government improve the level of service for broadband internet in unserved and underserved rural municipalities; and.

That a letter of support be forwarded to Grey County.
“CARRIED”

d- Township of Hudson – Blue Box programs

2020-098 **Moved: Bryan McNair** **Seconded: Martin Woods**
WHEREAS the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways in Northeastern Ontario is a growing area of public concern;

WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHGs significantly;

WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is a critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;

WHEREAS the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome;

WHEREAS the Township of Hudson is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products;

WHEREAS the Township of Hudson is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Hudson strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government’s Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Hudson forward this resolution to the Honorable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment,

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Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northeastern Ontario Municipalities and the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association.

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- e- Grey Highlands – Universal Basic Income Program

Motion not moved.

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a- Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes of Meeting May 28, 2020
- b- Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes of Meeting June 4, 2020
- c- Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes of Meeting June 11, 2020
- d- Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes of Meeting June 18, 2020
- e- OPP – Recent Protest Activity
- f- Office of the Solicitor General – OPP invoices
- g- OPP – Change in security check and revenue distribution processes
- h- Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Reliable Broadband Access

9. Other Business:

- a- J.L. Richard & Associates Ltd – Consent B02-2020, Temwest

2020-099 **Moved: Bryan McNair** **Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of J.L. Richards memorandum dated May 22nd, 2020 regarding Application for Consent B01-2020 as presented; and,

Grant provisional consent subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the memorandum which is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.
“CARRIED”

- b- Tender 2020-01 – Plow Truck

The Clerk-Treasurer presented official results for Tender 2020-01 for a replacement plow truck. Four tenders were received and a summary is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.

Council reviewed the official results for Tender 2020-01 and requested the Road Superintendent contact each manufacturer to ensure each truck has comparable specifications given the price differences. Council will make a final decision based on the additional information at next council meeting.

- c- Twin Lakes Road 4A Dust

The Clerk-Treasurer presented a letter received from a resident regarding the amount of dust on Twin Lakes Road 4A and is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.

The Road Superintendent informed council that Twin Lakes Road 4A receives calcium for dust suppressant at the end of July, during the second load.

- d- Dawson Jibb Memorial Tournament

The Reeve provided a cheque of \$4,000 to the Clerk-Treasurer which was received by the volunteers of the Dawson Jibb Memorial Tournament.

The Reeve inquired as to the status of the recreation committee and whether there would be any interest for the committee to continue a tournament similar to that of the Dawson Jibb Memorial Tournament.

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e- Pike Lake Park

Council received a petition that is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting regarding the installation of signs at Pike Lake Park indicating “No Horses”. Residents are witnessing horses enter Pike Lake Park and the nearby boat launch where children play and swim.

Council directed the municipal office to order and install the proper signage to prevent horses from entering the park.

f- Generator

Council authorized the municipal office to have an electrician install the generator for the Community Hall that was recently purchased from the Earlton-Timiskaming Airport.

10. By-Laws

a- None

11. Resolution to move to closed session:

a- None

12. Adjournment:

2020-100 **Moved: Martin Woods Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:25 p.m. and will meet again on August 5th, 2020 or at the call of the Reeve.

“CARRIED”

Larry Craig, Reeve

Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer