

TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2020
Held at the Hudson Community Hall

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

Others: Steven Acland, Kemp, Elliot & Blair LLP

Regrets: None

Meeting started at 7:30 p.m.

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda

2020-111 **Moved:** **Bryan McNair** **Seconded:** **Martin Woods**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of September 2nd, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2020-112 **Moved:** **Greg Seed** **Seconded:** **Bryan McNair**
That we the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agenda as amended as follows:

ADD: 9. c. Installation of Hall Generator

ADD: 10. c. By-Law No. 2020-13 Being a by-law to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to delegate powers and duties for the purpose of holding council and committee meetings in accordance with the Township of Hudson`s procedural by-law.

ADD: 6. c. iii. Earlton – Timiskaming Airport.
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

2020-113 **Moved:** **Bryan McNair** **Seconded:** **Dan Morrow**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 5th, 2020 as amended.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

a. Councillor Dan Morrow declared pecuniary interest in Agenda Item: #10.a. By- Law No. 2020-11 Being a by-law to authorize the purchase of a 2021 Kenworth T800 with Viking plow and sander unit.

b. Councillor Greg Seed declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item: #9.b. Appointment of 2020 Financial Auditor

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest Forms are to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.

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4. Delegations

- a. Steven Acland - Kemp, Elliot & Blair LLP – 2019 Audited Financial Statements

2020-114 **Moved:** **Martin Woods** **Seconded:** **Dan Morrow**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Township of Hudson’s audited financial statements for the 2019 fiscal year as presented by Steven Acland; and,

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and/or Reeve to sign any required documents to finalize the 2019 audit.
“CARRIED”

5. Payments of Accounts – Voucher No. 2020-08

2020-115 **Moved:** **Dan Morrow** **Seconded:** **Martin Woods**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, approve the Payment of Accounts as presented:

Roads	\$ 30,360.62
Fire	\$ 32.22
General Administration	<u>\$ 43,792.77</u>
Total Voucher 2020-08	\$ 74,185.61

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff and Others

- a. Roads

The Road Superintendent reported that gravel was hauled from First Brook Pit for roughly six (6) days with two (2) trucks. Gravel was placed on various roads throughout the township. Hillview stop sign was stolen but has since been replaced. Approximately 40 tonnes of salt has been delivered for the winter. The summer student finished work on September 1st.

Councillor McNair inquired if the Road Superintendent could loosen a pile of soil at the cemetery so it could be spread.

- b. Fire Department

No calls to report. Fire department is still meeting for training.

- c. Others:

- i. Treasurer’s Report as of August 26th, 2020
- ii. Municipal Staff Report as of August 26th, 2020
- iii. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport, July Minutes

2020-116 **Moved:** **Greg Seed** **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 as of August 26th, 2020
 - ii. Municipal Staff Report as of August 26th July 29th, 2020
 - iii. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport, July Minutes

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7. Correspondence for Council Consideration:

a- Township of Armstrong – Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport

2020-117 **Moved: Martin Woods** **Seconded: Dan Morrow**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Township Armstrong’s Resolution No. 2020-280 urging the Federal Government to provide additional programs to support Canada’s Air Transport Sectors and ensure a commitment that municipally owned and operated airports will also be eligible for these programs; and

A copy of this resolution be forwarded for the following:

- Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister;
- Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Regional Economic Development & Official Languages;
- Anthony Rota, M.P. Nipissing-Timiskaming District
- Airport Management Council of Ontario;
- Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority; and
- Municipalities within the District of Temiskaming.

“CARRIED”

b- Township of Matachewan – Internet & Cell Service

Motion not moved

c- NEOnet – Affordable & Reliable Broadband Internet

2020-118 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Brian McNair**

Whereas: access to affordable and reliable broadband networks is an important part of everyday life and key to economic, education, social and health development and;

Whereas: communities outside urban centers face challenges in accessing internet services levels comparable to those in cities due to factors such as low population, distance and challenging partnerships rather than just one community and;

Whereas: we believe future ICT infrastructure investment in our community would benefit from holistic model that takes into account the connectivity needs of regional community partnerships rather than just one community and;

Whereas: this regional partnership should begin with a comprehensive needs analysis conducted by NEOnet, a publicly funded non-profit development corporation using their expertise and Blue Sky Net expertise with the Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping tool BAIMAP (Broadband and Associated Infrastructure Mapping Analysis Project). And;

Whereas: from the analysis and public consultation NEOnet will conduct, it will be determined where internet gaps remain while also acknowledging what may be the best technology to fill these gaps based on access to the closest ICT infrastructure and;

Whereas: once we determine priority areas, we propose establishing three classes of gaps;

- 1) Gaps in fiber/backbone infrastructure
- 2) Gaps in last mile/local access to business and residents and
- 3) Gaps in access in remote/very isolated area, and

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Whereas: the Federal and Provincial government are proposing funding programs that will support the implementation of Broadband projects and will require in-depth information, we would propose;

Therefore; be it resolved that, the Township of Hudson supports NEOnet leading a steering committee to which a representative from the Township of Hudson will be appointed and that NEOnet work with this committee during the period of analysis, funding application and any subsequent RFP engagement.
“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a- Ministry of Solicitor General – Court Security & Prisoner Transportation
- b- Ministry of Transportation of Ontario – School Bus Stop Arm Camera Programs
- c- Timiskaming District Health Unit Minutes of July 24th
- d- Timiskaming District Health Unit Minutes July 31th
- e- Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – Media Release August 19th

9. Other Business:

- a- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Safe Restart Program

2020-119 **Moved: Martin Woods** **Seconded: Dan Morrow**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to sign the Ministry of Affairs and Housing safe Restart Agreement acknowledging that the Township of Hudson will receive \$39,600 for the purpose of assisting with COVID-19 costs and pressures, and that any funds not required for this purpose in 2020 be placed into reserves to support COVID-19 costs and pressures in 2021.

“CARRIED”

- b- Appointment of 2020 Financial Auditor

2020-120 **Moved: Bryan McNair** **Seconded: Dan Morrow**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, appoint Kemp, Elliot & Blair LLP as the financial auditors for the fiscal year ending 2020 and authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and Reeve to sign any required engagement letters.

“CARRIED”

- c- Electrical Generator – Hall

2020-121 **Moved: Dan Morrow** **Seconded: Bryan McNair**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge three (3) licensed electricians were contacted to provide a quote for the installation of the Township of Hudson’s generator for the hall and that only one (1) quote was received ; and,

Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby accept Joedy Aitchison Electric’s quote of \$11,500 to be financed under Main Street Funding.

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10. By-Laws

- a- By-law No. 2020-11 being a by-law to authorize the purchase of a 2021 Kenworth T800 with Viking plow and sander unit.
[three readings]

2020-122 **Moved: Bryan McNair Seconded: Martin Woods**

That **By-law No. 2020-11**, being a by-law to authorize the purchase of a 2021 Kenworth T800 with Viking plow and sander unit, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2020-123 **Moved: Martin Woods Seconded: Bryan McNair**

That **By-law No. 2020-11**, being a by-law to authorize the purchase of a 2021 Kenworth T800 with Viking plow and sander unit, be read a third time, and the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

- b- By-law No. 2020-12 being a by-law to approve the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and lands corporation (“OILC”) for the long-term financing of certain capital work(s) of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson; and to authorize the entering into of rate offer letter agreement pursuant to which the municipality will issue debentures to OILC.
[three readings]

2020-124 **Moved: Martin Woods Seconded: Dan Morrow**

That **By-law No. 2020-112**, being a by-law to approve the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and lands corporation (“OILC”) for the long-term financing of certain capital work(s) of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson; and to authorize the entering into of rate offer letter agreement pursuant to which the municipality will issue debentures to OILC, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2020-125 **Moved: Greg Seed Seconded: Bryan McNair**

That **By-law No. 2020-112**, being a by-law to approve the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and lands corporation (“OILC”) for the long-term financing of certain capital work(s) of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson; and to authorize the entering into of rate offer letter agreement pursuant to which the municipality will issue debentures to OILC, be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

- c- By-law No. 2020-13 being a by-law to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to delegate powers and duties for the purpose of holding council and committee meetings in accordance with the Township of Hudson’s procedural by-law.
[three readings]

2020-126 **Moved: Bryan McNair Seconded: Greg Seed**

That **By-law No. 2020-113**, being a by-law to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to delegate powers and duties for the purpose of holding council and committee meetings in accordance with the Township of Hudson’s procedural by-law, be received and read a first and second time.
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2020-127 **Moved: Dan Morrow Seconded: Martin Woods**

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"CARRIED"

11. Resolution to move to closed session:

a- Federal-Provincial Funding

2020-128 **Moved: Dan Morrow Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby agree to move to closed session at 8:55 pm to discuss the following:
a. Federal-Provincial Funding
"CARRIED"

2020-129 **Moved: Dan Morrow Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to remove from closed session at 9:02.
"CARRIED"

12. Adjournment:

2020-130 **Moved: Dan Morrow Seconded: Bryan McNair**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:08 p.m. and will meet again on October 7th, 2020 or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"

Larry Craig, Reeve

Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer