

**TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**  
**Held at the Hudson Community Hall**

**Present:**   **Reeve:**       Larry Craig  
                  **Councillors:** Dan Morrow  
                                  Martin Woods  
                                  Greg Seed  
                                  Bryan McNair  
                  **Staff:**         Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer  
                                  Eric Lavallée, Road Superintendent  
                  **Others:**        Jason Morrow, Deputy Fire Chief  
                                  Clayton Seymour, Volunteer Fire Fighter

**Regrets:**                       None

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

2020-152   **Moved:   Greg Seed**                       **Seconded:   Martin Woods**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2020-153   **Moved:   Dan Morrow**                       **Seconded:   Bryan McNair**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agenda as amended as follows:  
ADD: 9. g. Office Holiday Hours  
ADD: 9. h. Hudson Outreach Library  
ADD: 10. a. By-Law 2020-14   a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$88,686.49 towards a 2020 plow truck  
  
“CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

220-154   **Moved:   Martin Woods**                       **Seconded:   Dan Morrow**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as presented.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**4. Delegations**

Fire Department  
RE: Investing in Canadian Infrastructure Program (ICIP) -COVID-19 Stream

Jason Morrow and Clayton Seymour presented drawings for a 40'x 22' addition to the fire hall. The addition is an eligible expenditure under ICIP's Covid-19 Resilience Stream and the total cost is expected to be under the Township of Hudson's \$100,000 allocation. The addition would provide the fire department with a suitable space for meetings and training. It would also free up additional space within the existing firehall that could be used to store the fire department's rescue van. Due to a lack of space, the rescue van is stored in the old fire hall. Once relocated, the old fire hall could be used by the Roads Department to store its second plow truck.

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Drawings from the delegation are to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2020-11**

2020-155 **Moved: Bryan McNair**                      **Seconded: Greg Seed**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$19,544.84
Fire	\$4,690.51
Admin	\$66,019.88
Total Voucher 2020-11	\$90,255.23

“CARRIED”

**6. Reports from Staff & Others**

**a. Road’s Department Report**

The Road Superintendent reported unpaved roads were graded as much as possible before freeze. There were no new signs stolen from last month. Work is being done on the grader. Hillview Road and Twin Lakes Road B have been brushed and Twin Lakes Road A4 was trimmed. Morrow Haulage dug a new trench at the landfill. Foley Road’s surface was damaged by ATVs.

**b. Fire’s Department Report**

Jason Morrow, Deputy Fire Chief, provided the following annual report and breakdown of 30 events for the year:

- 7 Business Meetings
- 11 Practices
- 2 Medical Calls
- 9 Fire Calls in Hudson
- 1 Fire Call in Kerns.

Medical calls were limited due to COVID-19 restrictions beginning in March.

The fire department currently has 17 active members and on average 13 members attend events.

**c. Others**

- i. Treasurer’s Report as of November 30<sup>th</sup>

2020-156 **Moved: Martin Woods**                      **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’s Department Report
  - b. Fire’s Department Report
  - c. Others
    - i. Treasurer’s Report as of November 30<sup>th</sup>
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**b. The County of Prince Edward – Bill 218, Changes to the Municipal Elections Act of 1996**

2020-158 **Moved: Bryan McNair**                      **Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support Prince Edward County's Resolution No. CW-407-2020 requesting the Government of Ontario respect Ontario municipalities' ability to apply sound representative principles in their execution of elections and support the freedom of municipalities to run democratic elections within the existing framework of the Municipal Elections Act.

“CARRIED”

**c. District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board – 2021 Rent Freeze**

**d. John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane – Bill 226, Broadband is an Essential Service Act**

2020-159 **Moved: Dan Morrow**                      **Seconded: Martin Woods**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support John Vanthof, MPP of Timiskaming-Cochrane's letter dated November 6<sup>th</sup>, regarding Bill 226-The Broadband is an Essential Service Act. to develop and implement a high-speed internet strategy that ensures 95% of Ontarians have access by 2026, and the other 5% by 2030, under the condition that the Minister of Infrastructure would have to report on and update the strategy to ensure its completion.

“CARRIED”

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

**a. Ministry of Finance – 2021 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocations**

**b. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – Media Release November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**c. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meeting – October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**d. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meeting – November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**9. Other Business:**

**a. J.L. Richards Memorandum RE: Application for Consent B02-2020-Scott**

2020-160 **Moved: Dan Morrow**                      **Seconded: Martin Woods**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of J.L. Richards Memorandum No. 28773-000 (03) regarding Application for Consent B02-2020-Scott which is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting; and

Recognize no comments have been received by the township prior to a decision; and

Support J.L. Richard's recommendation of approval, subject to the following conditions;

1. That the Owner file with the Clerk a copy of the Registered Reference Plan, prepared by an Ontario Land Surveyor registered in the Province of Ontario, to include the following:

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- a) Parts for the retained lot and severed lot
- b) Lot dimensions and area in accordance with the applications
- c) Access easement over severed lands for southeasterly portion of retained lands

The Reference Plan should conform substantially to the sketch (Schedule 'A') filed with the Application for Consent

2. That the payment of the balance of any outstanding taxes, as of the date of the certification of the Transfer/Deed with respect to the property that is subject to the application shall be made to the Treasurer of the Township;
  3. That the Owner(s) provide verification of the location and functionality of the septic system and well and confirmation that both conform to applicable legislation.
  4. That an easement is provided over the severed lands to provide access to the southeasterly portion of the retained lands (PIN 61334-0044) and is registered on title.
  5. That a notice be registered on title of the retained lands indicating that the lands currently described as PIN 61334-0044 cannot be transferred separately from PIN 61334-0410 without the approval of the consent-granting authority.
  6. That the owner provides confirmation of compliance with the provisions of the AG Zone for the buildings and structures on the proposed severed lot. Should the requirements of the AG Zone not be met, that a minor variance application for such non-compliance be submitted and approved, with all appeals exhausted.
  7. That the outstanding fees related to application review are paid to the Township.
- “CARRIED”

**b. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – COVID-19 Resilience Stream**

2020-161 **Moved: Dan Morrow**                      **Seconded: Martin Woods**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, direct municipal staff to apply to Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for the Following projects:

Retrofit and upgrades to the public works and fire hall buildings to improve energy efficiency and reduce operating costs with the following;

- a. Replace existing garage doors;
- b. Add insulation & replace roof; and
- c. New energy efficient heating system.

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**c. Annual Emergency Response Plan Meeting**

2020-162 **Moved: Bryan McNair**                      **Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree for Larry Craig, Reeve, to attend the Annual Emergency Management Program Review scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> to review the Township of Hudson's joint emergency response plan with the Emergency Management Program Committee as required under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. c. E.9.  
"CARRIED"

**d. The Managed Municipality – Modernisation Report Final Version**

2020-163 **Moved: Bryan McNair**                      **Seconded: Dan Morrow**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of a joint modernization report funded under the Modernization Program and prepared by The Managed Municipality for the Township of Kerns, Casey, Hudson and Harley which highlights technological improvements to increase efficiency and reduce costs; and

That the joint report be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting as presented.  
"CARRIED"

**e. NEOnet – COVID-19 Technology Adoption Fund Application**

2020-164 **Moved: Greg Seed**                                      **Seconded: Bryan McNair**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, direct staff to submit an application for funding to NEOnet, for the total amount of \$9,547.37 as outlined in the municipal staff report dated November 26<sup>th</sup> for electronic equipment that would allow staff and council to work remotely as well as conduct electronic council meetings if required in the future.  
"CARRIED"

**f. Road's Project for 2021 Budget Consideration**

Municipal staff provided council with two potential road projects for consideration in 2021's budget which is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.

The two road projects along with there estimates were as follows:

1. Application of single surface treatment along Twin Lakes Road C3 for roughly 2,000 meters for a total estimated expenditure of \$59,529.72, granular supplied by the township;
2. Application of double surface treatment along Twin Lakes Road A4 to convert the road from unpaved to paved for roughly 1,000 meters for a total estimated 2021 expenditure of \$98,707.39, granular supplied by the township;

Council requested Twin Lakes Road C3 be included in 2021's budget for consideration and estimates to repair Culvert CU38 on Sawmill Road be prepared prior to preparing the budget.

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**g. Holiday office hours**

2020-165 **Moved: Bryan McNair**                      **Seconded: Dan Morrow**  
That we the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, authorize the closing of the municipal office from noon December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the holiday season.  
“CARRIED”

**h. Hudson Outreach Library**

Larry Craig, Reeve informed council that volunteers from the Hudson Outreach Library are unsure whether they will reopen in the future and whether the township requires their space in the hall.

Council agreed that the Hudson Outreach Library can continue to occupy their space in the hall until after current circumstances relating to COVID-19, in which case volunteers of the Hudson Outreach Library would be invited to attend council to discuss the libraries future going forward.

**10. By-Laws**

**a. By-Law 2020-14**      Being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson to authorize borrowing upon amortising debentures in the principal amount of \$88,686.49 towards the cost of a 2020 plow truck.  
*[three readings]*

2020-166 **Moved: Bryan McNair**                      **Seconded: Greg Seed**  
That **By-Law No. 2020-14**, a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson to authorize borrowing upon amortising debentures in the principal amount of \$88,686.49 towards the cost of a 2020 plow truck, be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2020-167 **Moved: Dan Morrow**                      **Seconded: Martin Woods**  
That **By-Law No. 2020-14**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$88,686.49 towards the cost of a 2020 plow truck be read a third time and the same engrossed in the by-law book.  
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**11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:**

**a. None**

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**12. Adjournment:**

2020-168    **Moved:    Martin Woods                      Seconded:    Bryan McNair**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the  
Regular Meeting at 9:59pm and will meet again on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 or at the  
call of the Reeve.  
“CARRIED”

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**Larry Craig, Reeve**

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**Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer**