

**TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
Held at the Hudson Community Hall**

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

**Regrets:**   None

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

2021-020   **Moved:**   **Greg Seed**                                 **Seconded:**   **Dan Morrow**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2021-021   **Moved:**   **Bryan McNair**                                 **Seconded:**   **Martin Woods**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.  
ADD: 9.f. RBC – Online Payments  
ADD: 9.g. Township of Hudson – Draft Resolution Requesting Support for Fire Departments  
ADD: 9.h. Consent B02-2020 Scott  
REMOVE: 7.b. Municipality of Grey Highlands – Insurance Rates  
“CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

2021-022   **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 January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as presented.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**4. Delegations**

None

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2021-01**

2021-023   **Moved:**   **Dan Morrow**                                 **Seconded:**   **Bryan McNair**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$20,987.74
Fire	\$18,097.22
Admin	\$97,404.29
Total Voucher 2021-01	\$136,489.25

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**6. Reports from Staff & Others**

**a. Road Department Report**

The Road Superintendent reports that the month of January has been quite regarding snowfall. The Western Star required maintenance on its fuel tank. A window in the Western Star was also repaired as it was broken while clearing the landfill. The block heater has been changed in the work truck.

**b. Fire Department Report**

The fire department received one call in January for a carbon monoxide detector. Martin Woods has resigned from the Fire Dept.

**c. Others**

**i. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup>**

2021-024 **Moved: Bryan McNair**                      **Seconded: Greg Seed**

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. Timiskaming Health Unit Meetings – Minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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**7. Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:**

**a. Municipality of Charlton & Dack – Insurance Rates**

2021-025 **Moved: Greg Seed**                      **Seconded: Bryan McNair**

WHEREAS the cost of municipal insurance in the Province of Ontario has continued to increase – with especially large increases going into 2021; and

WHEREAS Joint and Several Liability continues to ask property taxpayers to carry the lion’s share of a damage award when a municipality is found at minimum fault; and

WHEREAS these increases are unsustainable and unfair and eat at critical municipal services; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues including:

1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.
2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1-year limitation period may be beneficial.
3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.
4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.

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5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non-profit insurance reciprocals.
6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.
7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Hudson call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID 19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming- Cochrane, and all Ontario municipalities.

“CARRIED”

**b. Township of South-West Oxford**

No Action

**c. Town of Bracebridge – Infrastructure Funding**

2021-026

**Moved: Dan Morrow                      Seconded: Martin Woods**

That we, Council of the Township of Hudson request the Federal and Provincial Governments provide immediate broad and substantial municipal funding opportunities for well-planned, shovel-ready projects already prioritized under municipal asset management plans to provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and the federal economies in order to rebound from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance; the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; the Local Member of Parliament; and the Local Member of Provincial Parliament.

“CARRIED”

**d. Township of Augusta – Ontario Fire College**

2021-027

**Moved: Bryan McNair                      Seconded: Martin Wood**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby request that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as it is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists in protecting their residents; and

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That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ontario Fire Marshal.

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**e. Township of Wollaston – Request for Revision to Municipal Elections**

No Action

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

**a. Ministry of Transportation – Ontario Regulations 8/03 Off Road Vehicles**

**b. Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines – Long-Term Energy Plan**

**c. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – January 27<sup>th</sup> Media release**

**9. Other Business:**

**a. Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee – 2021 VAP Membership Fee**

2021-028 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Martin Woods**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, direct staff to pay the Temiskaming Veterinary Services’ annual membership fee of \$225.00 to reduce travel costs incurred by its residents when requiring veterinary services for large animals such as sheep, beef, dairy, goats, and horses.

“CARRIED”

**b. City of Temiskaming Shores – Recycle Agreement \$/tonne Increase**

2021-029 **Moved: Dan Morrow** **Seconded: Bryan McNair**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge the City of Temiskaming Shore’s Public Works Memo 002-2021-PW outlining a two percent (2%) increase to the rate charged (\$295/tonne to \$301/tonne) to the Township of Hudson for the acceptance of recyclable material at the Spoke Transfer Station.

“CARRIED”

**c. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Municipal Modernization Program**

2021-030 **Moved: Bryan McNair** **Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing’s letter dated January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 announcing the launch of the second intake under the Municipal Modernization Program; and

Direct staff to submit a joint completed Expression of Interest form with the Township of Harley, Township of Casey, and Township of Kerns to implement digital modernization opportunities outlined in The Managed Municipalities report dated November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 which was prepared under the first intake of the Municipal Modernization Program.

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**d. Township of Hudson – Firstbrook Pit Municipal Portions**

2021-031 **Moved: Martin Woods**                      **Seconded: Dan Morrow**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Firstbrook Pit Municipal Portions report for 2020 and direct staff to invoice the following:

- Township of Kerns \$7,896.37; and
- Township of Harley \$5,837.55.

“CARRIED”

**e. Township of Hudson – Landfill Municipal Portions**

The Clerk-Treasurer presented a report outlining the 2020 operating expense for the township’s landfill, as well as the Township of Kern’s municipal share in the amount of \$15,719.97. The Clerk-Treasurer also discussed the remaining life of the landfill which is estimated at 15.5 years. Council directed staff to prepare a report on a new engineering study for the future closure costs of the landfill.

**f. RBC – Online Payments**

2021-032 **Moved: Dan Morrow**                      **Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, direct municipal staff to arrange the acceptance of online payments with its Royal Bank of Canada account representative; and

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and Reeve to sign any formal agreements with the Royal Bank of Canada and other major banks to arrange such method of payment.

“CARRIED”

**g. Township of Hudson – Draft Resolution Requesting Support for Fire Departments**

The Clerk-Treasurer presented a draft motion requesting financial support from the Provincial and Federal government in regards to Fire Departments.

**h. Consent B02-2020 – Scott**

2021-033 **Moved: Martin Woods**                      **Seconded: Bryan McNair**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of J.L. Richards Memorandum No. 28773-000 (04) dated February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 regarding Application for Consent B02-2020 Scott which is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting; and

Agree to J.L. Richard’s recommendation to amend existing conditions of approval as presented.

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**10. By-Laws**

- a. By-Law 2021-05**      Being a by-law to enter into an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and the Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores for the provision of road services and repairs of boundary roads -Pipeline Road  
*[three readings]*

2021-034      **Moved: Bryan McNair**                      **Seconded: Greg Seed**  
That By-Law No. 2021-05, being a by-law to enter into an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and the Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores for the provision of road services and repairs of boundary roads -Pipeline Road, be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2021-035      **Moved: Dan Morrow**                      **Seconded: Martin Woods**  
That By-Law No. 2021-05, being a by-law to enter into an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and the Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores for the provision of road services and repairs of boundary roads -Pipeline Road, be received and read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.  
“CARRIED”

**11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:**

2021-036      **Moved: Martin Woods**                      **Seconded: Dan Morrow**  
That we the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to move to Closed Session at 9:00 to discuss the Following items:  
**a.** Federal & Provincial Funding  
**b.** Employee Negotiations  
“CARRIED”

2021-037      **Moved: Greg Seed**                              **Seconded: Bryan McNair**  
That we the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to arise from a Closed Session at 9:25 pm.  
“CARRIED”

2021-038      **Moved: Dan Morrow**                      **Seconded: Martin Woods**  
That we the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept Option # 1 of the two options presented to council by the Clerk-Treasurer as outlined in confidential report CONF-001-2021 in Closed Session concerning salaries for 2021.  
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**12. Adjournment:**

2021-039    **Moved:   Martin Woods                      Seconded:   Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:38 pm and will meet again on March 3<sup>rd</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**