

**TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of March 3rd, 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
 Krystle Seymour, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer
Regrets: None

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda

2021-040 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Bryan McNair**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of March 3rd, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
 “CARRIED”

2021-041 **Moved: Bryan McNair** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agenda as amended:
 ADD: 9.c. Township of Hudson – Funding for Fire Departments
 ADD: 9.d. Fire Hall
 ADD: 9.e. Request for Quote - Fuel
 “CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

2021-042 **Moved: Martin Woods** **Seconded: Bryan McNair**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 3rd, 2021 as presented.
 “CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2021-02

2021-043 **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	\$368,006.20
Fire	\$66.56
Admin	\$36,678.89
Total Voucher 2021-02	\$404,751.64

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6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road's Department Report

The Roads superintendent reported February was a quiet month overall. The new plow truck has arrived. Several culverts needed to be steamed. The grader was used in the lakes area for scarifying which has improved the roads icy conditions.

b. Fire's Department Report

No calls this month and nothing to report.

c. Others

i. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of January 22nd, 2021

ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of February 12th, 2021

2021-044 **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. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of January 22nd, 2021
 - ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of February 12th, 2021

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Township of Asphodel-Norwood – Community Safety & Well-Being Plan Extension Request

2021-045 **Moved: Bryan McNair Seconded: Greg Seed**

WHEREAS the Police Services Act, 1990, was amended on January 1st, 2019 to mandate every municipality in Ontario to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced the Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 to assist municipal governments and local boards and during the COVID 19 emergency; and

WHEREAS the protective measures municipalities have put in place to protect their communities, Councillors, and staff members include eliminating face-to-face meetings, closing municipal offices, and directing staff to work from home; and

WHEREAS Bill 189, Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020 was passed to amend various acts to support municipal, policing, and community partners during the pandemic;

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8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

- a. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – 2+1 Highways
- b. Timiskaming Health Unit – 5% Increase to Municipal Levy
- c. Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry – Draft Spruce Budworm Insect Pest Management
- d. District School Board Ontario North East – Community Planning and Partnership Policy
- e. District of Temiskaming Social Services Administration Board – 2021 Budget

9. Other Business:

a. Little Claybelt Homestead Museum – Donations Request

2021-048 **Moved: Martin Woods** **Seconded: Dan Morrow**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum's letter dated January 28th; and

Direct municipal staff to donate \$200 to help preserve and collect local stories, photographs and artifacts.

“CARRIED”

b. Farm 911 – The Emily Project

Council of the Township of Hudson supports the Farm 911 The Emily Project and permits all property owners within the Township of Hudson to purchase and install at their own cost, one 911 number at one main entrance on vacant lots such as farmland. The entrance with a 911 number is to be properly maintained by the owner to allow emergency response vehicles access to the property.

c. Township of Hudson – Funding for Fire Department

2021-049 **Moved: Dan Morrow** **Seconded: Bryan McNair**

WHEREAS the role of Ontario's 411 fire departments and their approximate 30,000 full, part time, and volunteer firefighters is to protect Ontarians and their property; and

WHEREAS according to the Ontario Fire Marshal and emergency Management's latest data, in Ontario there was over 11,000 number of loss fires, 9,500 no loss fires, 784 injuries, 91 fatalities, and over \$820 million dollars of estimated loss in 2018; and

WHEREAS fire emergencies only make up a portion of the total calls help received by fire and emergency service departments as the respond to nearly every public emergency, disaster, or 9-1-1 call and

WHEREAS Ontario's fire department infrastructure deficit continues to grow annually and is almost entirely borne by municipality and local taxpayers with the majority having populations under 25,000; and

WHEREAS due to antiquated structures and equipment that do not meet current industry standards the safety of the Ontario public and Ontario firefighters is being jeopardized;

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NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson resolves as follows:

1. THAT the Federal and Provincial government includes apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters; and
2. THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, local MPP, local MP, the Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, and all Ontario Municipalities.

“CARRIED”

d. Fire Hall

Council directed municipal staff to have the Fire Chief attend the next council meeting to discuss further.

e. Request for Quote – Fuel

- 2021-050 **Moved: Bryan McNair** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, direct municipal staff to issue a joint request for quote conditional on the approval of the Township of Harley, Kerns and Casey for the continuous supply of gasoline and diesel for a 36-month period.
“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws

- a. By-Law 2021-06** Being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2021
[three readings]

- 2021-051 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Bryan McNair**
That By-Law No. 2021-06, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2021, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

- 2021-052 **Moved: Martin Woods** **Seconded: Dan Morrow**
That By-Law No. 2021-06, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for 2021 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**

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12. Adjournment:

2021-053 **Moved: Dan Morrow** **Seconded: Martin Woods**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the
Regular Meeting at 9:03 pm and will meet again on April 7th, 2021 or at the
call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”

Larry Craig, Reeve

Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer