

**TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**  
**Held at the Hudson Community Hall**

**Present:**   **Reeve:**       Larry Craig  
                  **Councillors:** Crystal Gauthier  
                                  Dana McLean  
                                  Greg Seed  
                                  Clayton Seymour  
                  **Staff:**        Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer  
                                  Allison Doyon, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer  
                                  Eric Lavallee, Road Superintendent  
                                  Jason Morrow, Deputy Fire Chief  
**Regrets:**               None

**1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:**

2023-051   **Moved:**   **Crystal Gauthier**               **Seconded:**   **Greg Seed**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2023-052   **Moved:**   **Dana McLean**               **Seconded:**   **Clayton Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agenda as amended:  
    REMOVE: 4. a. Belinda Bearisto – Eco-Logix  
    ADD: 11. a. Closed Session Minutes of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 - Revisions  
    ADD: 6. c. v. TMA Meeting  
“CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

2023-053   **Moved:**   **Greg Seed**               **Seconded:**   **Crystal Gauthier**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adopt the following minutes:  
    • Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 as presented.  
    • Minutes of the Closed Session portion of Regular Meeting of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 as amended.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**4. Delegations/Presentation:**

b. Jason Morrow – Fire Department

Deputy Fire Chief Jason Morrow is asking Council for a 6% increase to their budget and a 12% increase for bunker gear. The Fire Department has provided the Clerk-Treasurer with budget requests for the upcoming budget meeting. He also notified council that the current pumper truck will not be able to pass its annual inspection once it has reached a life of 30 years. The pumper is currently 28 years old and will need to be replaced. He also presented Council with a letter regarding a preliminary proposal for hiring an administrative fire chief that could be shared among other Townships as a shared service.

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2023-054 **Moved: Dana McLean**                      **Seconded: Greg Seed**  
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt and accept the following letters presented by Deputy Fire Chief Morrow, and they be filled along with the minutes of the regular meeting:

- a) Preliminary Proposal for and Administrative Fire Chief
- b) JJ Fire Service – Fire apparatus over 25 years old

and,

Are willing to participate in further discussions in regards to this preliminary proposal with the Township of Harley, Casey and Kerns; and

Direct municipal staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Townships of Harley, Casey and Kerns.  
 “CARRIED”

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2023-03**

2023-055 **Moved: Dana McLean**                      **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$33,128.66
Fire	\$1,469.94
Admin	\$90,128.10
Total Voucher 2023-03	\$121,726.70

“CARRIED”

**6. Reports from Staff & Others**

**a. Road’s Department Report**

The Road’s Superintendent reports that half load season will begin April 6<sup>th</sup> until July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Superintendent received preliminary quotes for a new grader. John Deere is approximately \$590,000 and Sani would be around \$470,000-\$480,000. Possible road projects for 2023 include surface treatment on 1 mile of Sawmill Road, repairs to 1 mile of Milberta Road (Morrow Rd to Uno Park Rd), repairs to Morrow Rd (Foley Rd to Hwy 65), surface treatment on A3, and culverts are also needed on Hillview Road.

**b. Fire Department Report**

No additional report given.

**c. Others**

**i. Eco-Logix’s Landfill Report – February 2023**

**ii. Minutes of Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health – January 25, 2023**

**iii. DTSSAB – Annual Report 2022**

**iv. Recreation Report**

Recreation Committee met and discussed some ways to use the arena in the summer months. Some repairs need to be made to some of the boards in the rink. They are also planning activities for the summer months.

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**v. TMA Report**

Timiskaming Home Support presented what they do in the area. They are seeking funding support and will be passing around a resolution for support. Airport will be raising their per capita fee to \$9.80.

- 2023-056 **Moved: Clayton Seymour**      **Seconded: Dana McLean**  
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 - None
  - c. Others
    - i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – February 2023
    - ii. Minutes of Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health – January 25, 2023
    - iii. DTSSAB – Annual Report 2022
    - iv. Recreation Report
    - v. TMA Report - March 29
- “CARRIED”

- 2023-057 **Moved: Greg Seed**      **Seconded: Dana McLean**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, direct staff to prepare a tender for a Grader.  
“CARRIED”

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

**a. Chatham-Kent Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs**

- 2023-058 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier**      **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby support the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's resolution to address rising municipal insurance costs; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

“CARRIED”

**b. Township of Lucan Biddulph – Barriers for Women In Politics**

- 2023-059 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier**      **Seconded: Dana McLean**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Township of Lucan Biddulph's resolution to support women in politics and promote gender equality in all areas of society; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Township of Lucan Biddulph.

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**c. Town of Kirkland Lake – Bill 42 Gender Affirming Healthcare Act**

No Action

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**d. Township of Lucan Biddulph – Future Accuracy of Permanent Register of Electors**

2023-060    **Moved: Dana McLean**                      **Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Township of Lucan Biddulph's resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario, through Elections Ontario and the Chief of Electoral Officer utilize any resources available to produce the highest quality Permanent Register of Electors; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Township of Lucan Biddulph  
"CARRIED"

**e. Chatham-Kent – Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act**

2023-061    **Moved: Dana McLean**                      **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's resolution supporting Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.  
"CARRIED"

**f. Association of Ontario Road Supervisors – Enbridge Gas Utility Locates Fee Proposal**

2023-062    **Moved: Crystal Gauthier**                      **Seconded: Dana McLean**  
WHEREAS, Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;

AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;

AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;

AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

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THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Township of Hudson strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;

AND THAT, the Province of Ontario’s Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;

AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, MPP John Vanthof, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

“CARRIED”

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

- a. **DTSSAB – Homelessness in Ontario**
- b. **Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources & Forestry – Inspection of the 2023-2024 Annual Work Schedule on the Temagami Forest**
- c. **MNRF – Amendments to O. Reg 161/17 – Floating Accommodations and Camping over Public Lands**
- d. **Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority Municipal Contributions**

**9. Other Business:**

- a. **Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum – Donation 2023**

2023-063     **Moved: Greg Seed**     **Seconded: Dana McLean**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of The Little Miss Claybelt Homesteaders Museum’s donation request in the amount of \$200.00. to continue to preserve the district’s heritage; and  
  
Direct municipal staff to issue payment in the amount of \$200.00  
“CARRIED”

- b. **MEMO – J.L. Richards – Official Plan and Zoning By-Laws 31736 – Prime Agriculture Designation**

2023-064     **Moved: Greg Seed**     **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge MEMO from J.L. Richards & Associates Limited regarding a proposed scope change related to the mapping and policies for designating prime agricultural areas for the Official Plan and Zoning By-Laws; and  
  
Direct municipal staff to coordinate a meeting to discuss J.L. Richards proposal with the GIS specialist and invite Harley Township and Casey Township to attend.  
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**c. Facility Rental Fees**

2023-065 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier      Seconded: Dana McLean**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, set the following fees for facility rentals effective April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023; and

Direct municipal staff to make the necessary changes to the facility rental agreement.

	FEE (resident*)	FEE (non- resident*)	EVENT DATE
Community Hall	\$120	\$150	Any day
	\$170	\$200	Any day with SOP
Multi-Use Building (arena)	\$120	\$150	Any day
Both Facilities	\$240	\$300	Any day with or without SOP
*Fees do not include skating rink rentals for winter seasons. Hudson Recreation Committee administers ice rentals			
*Resident means renter must be listed on Official Township of Hudson Tax Roll Record at time of booking			
<b>Organizations - No Fee</b>			
Council agrees to waive rental fees for the following organizations: (additional Organizations seeking approval must submit a written request to council)			
Scouts Canada, The Timiskaming Bulls Eye Club, Hudson Lakes Association (HLA), Hudson Seniors, Hudson Lions Club			

“CARRIED”

**10. By-Laws**

**a. By-Law 2023-06**      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 and repeal and replace by-law 2020-12  
*[three readings]*

2023-066 **Moved: Dana McLean      Seconded: Clayton Seymour**  
That **By-Law No. 2023-06**, 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.  
“CARRIED”

2023-067 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier      Seconded: Greg Seed**  
That **By-Law No. 2023-06**, 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 read a third time and hereby engrossed in the By-Law book.  
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**b. By-Law 2023-07**    Being a by-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner  
*[three readings]*

2023-068    **Moved: Crystal Gauthier**                      **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**  
That **By-Law No. 2023-07**, being a by-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner, be received and read a first and second time.  
"CARRIED"

2023-069    **Moved: Greg Seed**                                      **Seconded: Dana McLean**  
That **By-Law No. 2023-07**, being a by-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner, be read a third time and hereby engrossed in the By-Law book.  
"CARRIED"

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

**a. Closed Session Minutes of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 - Revisions**

2023-070    **Moved: Dana McLean**                                      **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to enter closed session at 9:50 to discuss the following:  
    • Closed session minutes of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Revision.  
"CARRIED"

2023-071    **Moved: Greg Seed**                                      **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to amend the closed session minutes of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 as directed by council.  
"CARRIED"

2023-072    **Moved: Dana McLean**                                      **Seconded: Greg Seed**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to arise from closed session at 9:55 pm.  
"CARRIED"

**12. Adjournment:**

2023-073    **Moved: Dana McLean**                                      **Seconded: Greg Session**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:55 pm and will meet again on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 or at the call of the Reeve.  
"CARRIED"

  
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Larry Craig, Reeve

  
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Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer