

**TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of JUNE 7<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  
                          Eric Lavallee, Road Superintendent  
**Regrets:**           None

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

2023-087   **Moved:**   Dana McLean                   **Seconded:**   Greg Seed  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2023-088   **Moved:**   Clayton Seymour               **Seconded:**   Crystal Gauthier  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agenda as amended:  
ADD:       vii. Cemetery  
              viii. POA Committee  
              ix. TMA Report  
“CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Minutes**  
**a. Regular Meeting of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

2023-089   **Moved:**   Dana McLean                   **Seconded:**   Crystal Gauthier  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adopt the following minutes:  
      a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 as presented.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**4. Delegations/Presentation:**

None

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2023-05**

2023-090   **Moved:**   Clayton Seymour               **Seconded:**   Dana McLean  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$27,723.34
Fire	\$578.90
Admin	\$37,373.92
Total Voucher 2023-05	<u>\$65,676.16</u>

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**6. Reports from Staff & Others**

**a. Road's Department Report**

The Road's Superintendent reports that work was done on Hillview Road to help with water run off. Cold mix was applied at Twin Lakes and Hillview Roads. Roads crew have ordered and replaced road signs and sign at Road A will be replaced. The grader broke down twice this month. Plow harnesses were taken off the plow equipment, and the sweeper brushes were replaced. The Kenworth dump truck has had its safety inspection, and the pick-up truck has had new summer tires installed and the power steering hose was replaced. The Superintendent also reports that the secondary well at the hall is not working and Packard Plumbing will be replacing the casing. Tables at Pike Lake have been put out and some repairs were needed to the dock anchors which suffered damage over the winter. The brush pile at the dump continues to be regularly maintained as well as the trench.

**b. Fire Department Report**

No report received. No fire calls. Fire Chief Morrow submitted a letter of resignation as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. He will remain on the Fire Department as volunteer firefighter. Council discussed the difficulties of retaining a volunteer Chief with all the downloaded work from the province. Council would like the Deputy Chief to canvas existing volunteers and see if anyone is willing to fill the vacant Fire Chief position.

2023-091

**Moved: Greg Seed**

**Seconded: Dana McLean**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of letter of resignation from Fire Chief Shawn Morrow effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and;

Acknowledge Deputy Fire Chief Jason Morrow as acting Fire Chief.  
"CARRIED"

**c. Others**

**i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – April 2023**

Municipal staff to follow up with the contractor as loads are not being inspected.

**ii. TMSA Minutes March 2023 & Financials 2022**

**iii. Timiskaming Health Unit Minutes April 2023 & Annual Report 2022**

**iv. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport – March & April 2023**

**v. Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2023**

The final budget included a capital road project for patching on Sawmill Rd. In order to better protect and maintain this road over the long-term, Council directed staff to prepare a tender for the pulverization and double surface treatment of the stretch of road where culverts were replaced in the prior year. This work is to be done after the approach on the corner culvert is dug out and repaired.

**vi. Recreation Report**

The Recreation committee reports that the flower work shop went well. They have requested that the rink floor be painted. The batteries in the defibrillator are dead and that they will be replacing them.

**vii. Cemetery Report**

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Councillor McLean provided an update from the cemetery committee. They met and discussed beautification around the cemetery. They are requesting \$250 to purchase things such as grass seed and large rocks to guard the corner. These expenses can be put under the regular cemetery budget. Bruce Loach has stepped down as Chair and John Bloetjes has stepped into this role. A bench will be put up in memory of Randy Woods. Municipal staff will continue to clear the East entrance of snow as much as practically possible during winter months, and will continue to cut grass during summer months including necessary trimming.

**viii. POA Committee Report**

Councillor McLean provided a summary of POA meeting held May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023. The committee expressed that while under this pilot project, things are not working well and are recommending the administration be returned to the province. The projected revenues to be returned to the province are considerably lower than in previous years.

**ix. TMA Report**

Reeve Craig provided an update and discussions that were had about possible funding from the government for the Fire Departments. They also discussed the poor state of the snow plow pull offs and rest areas along the roads. Timiskaming Home Support is lobbying the government for community care service enhancements.

2023-092    **Moved:    Crystal Gauthier                      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's Department Report
- b. Fire's Department Report – Fire Chief Letter of Resignation
- c. Others
  - i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – April 2023
  - ii. TMSA Minutes March 2023 & Financials 2022
  - iii. Timiskaming Health Unit Minutes April 2023 & Annual Report 2022
  - iv. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport – March & April 2023
  - v. Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2023
  - vi. Recreation Report
  - vii. Cemetery Report
  - viii. POA Committee Report
  - ix. TMA Report

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

**a. Town of Bracebridge – School Bus Stop Arm Camera**

2023-093    **Moved:    Dana McLean                      Seconded:    Clayton Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Town of Bracebridge's resolution calling on the Provincial Government to require that all school buses have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and

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Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Town of Bracebridge.

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**b. City of Cambridge – Highway Traffic Act Amendments**

No Action

**c. City of Stratford – Use of Long-Term Care Funding to Support Community Care Services**

2023-094      **Moved: Greg Seed**                      **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the City of Stratford’s resolution requesting the Provincial government to endorse the redirect of current ministry beds in abeyance funding towards the support of community care services; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the City of Stratford.

“CARRIED”

**d. Town of Kirkland Lake – Northern College Skills Development Form of Funding**

2023-095      **Moved: Dana McLean**                      **Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Town of Kirkland Lake’s resolution requesting that the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development re-evaluate their trades training funding approach to include Colleges in funding for skills training; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Town of Kirkland Lake.

“CARRIED”

**e. Municipality of Tweed – Pole Bell-Hydro Infrastructure**

No Action

**f. National Chronic Pain Society – OHIP Coverage for Chronic Pain**

No Action

**g. Prince Edward County – Provincial Planning Statement**

No Action

**h. Municipality of Wawa – Election Privacy of Candidates**

No Action

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

**a. MNRF – Changes to Ontario Regulation 244\_97 – Aggregate Resources Act**

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**9. Other Business:**

**a. MEMO – 20-009 – Provincial Fuel Tax Refund**

2023-096 **Moved: Clayton Seymour      Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of MEMO 23-009 regarding the proposed 5-year agreement with Holly Transportation for filing for the Provincial Fuel Tax Refund; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to sign the necessary agreement and documents with Holly Transportation to execute such agreement.  
“CARRIED”

**b. MPAC Data Sharing and Services Agreement**

2023-097 **Moved: Dana McLean      Seconded: Clayton Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Data Sharing and Services Agreement (DSSA) from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer and Reeve to sign the necessary Data Sharing and Services Agreement.  
“CARRIED”

**c. MEMO – 23-010 – Website Development**

2023-098 **Moved: Clayton Seymour      Seconded: Greg Seed**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of MEMO 23-010 regarding website development; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to accept Estimate 48-2023-06-30 from Results by Design to maintain and secure the municipal website.  
“CARRIED”

**10. By-Laws**

**a. By-Law 2023-09**      Being a by-law to establish user fees for the Corporation of the Township of Hudson  
*[three readings]*

2023-099 **Moved: Greg Seed      Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That **By-Law No. 2023-09**, being a by-law to establish user fees for the Corporation of the Township of Hudson, be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2023-100 **Moved: Clayton Seymour      Seconded: Greg Seed**  
That **By-Law No. 2023-09**, being a by-law to establish user fees for the Corporation of the Township of Hudson, be received and read a third time and hereby engrossed in the By-Law book.  
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**11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:**


**a. None**

**12. Adjournment:**

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2023-101    **Moved:**    **Dana McLean**                      **Seconded:**    **Clayton Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the  
Regular Meeting at 9:55 p.m. and will meet again on July 5<sup>th</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