Present: Regrets:	Reeve: Councillors: Staff:	Larry Craig Crystal Gauthier Dana McLean Greg Seed Clayton Seymour Krystle Seymour, Cle Eric Lavallee, Road S None		K		
-	1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda					
2023-153	Moved: Crystal Gauthier Seconded: Greg Seed That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of October 4 th , 2023 at 7:30 p.m. "CARRIED"					
2023-154	Moved:Greg SeedSeconded:Dana McLeanThat we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agendaas amended:ADD:6. c. iii. Reports From Council & Staff"CARRIED"					
2.	Adoption of Minutes a. Regular Meeting of September 6 th , 2023					
2023-155	Moved: C	rystal Gauthier	Seconded:	Dana McLean		

2023-155 Moved: Crystal Gauthier Seconded: Dana McLean That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adopt the following minutes:

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 6th, 2023 as presented.

"CARRIED"

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations/Presentation:

a. Alex Welch – Alex Welch Logging – Timber on Pike Lake Road

Alex Welch notified Council that he will be cutting fire wood along Pike Lake Road this winter. He plans to begin shortly and asked Council if the Township requires him to leave a buffer zone along the cut. He showed Council members a map of where the cutting will take place, and confirmed that the hydro lines are on the opposite side of the road from the cut area. Council asked what types of trees need to be left during the cut and what other regulations need to be followed. (eg: White Pine, animal corridors). The truck hauling route he uses was discussed, and Council let Mr. Welch know that he is permitted to haul local deliveries on Twin Lakes Roads as he is a local business owner and resident.

- 2023-156 **Moved: Greg Seed Seconded: Clayton Seymour** That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of presentation by Alex Welch Logging regarding Timber on Pike Lake Road; and
 - Direct municipal staff to notify Mr. Welch that the Township is not requiring a buffer zone along Pike Lake Road and additionally will confirm with Mr. Welch that he can haul along Twin Lakes Road. "CARRIED"

Councillor Gauthier requested a recorded vote on this matter:

	Recorded Vote	
Council Member	For Motion	Against Motion
Crystal Gauthier		√
Dana McLean	✓	
Greg Seed	\checkmark	
Clayton Seymour	\checkmark	
Larry Craig	✓	

- 5. Payment of Accounts Voucher No. 2023-09
- 2023-157 **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	\$34,673.53
Fire	\$65.79
Admin	<u>\$98,568.77</u>
Total Voucher 2023-09	\$133,308.09
Total Voucher 2023-09 "CARRIED"	\$133,308.09

6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road's Department Report

The Road's Superintendent reports that he has spoken with Miller Paving regarding surface treatment on Sawmill Road. Smoothness should improve by next spring and would be further improved with an additional layer of surface treatment if applied at a later date. There is potential for the Township to receive some uncontaminated clay that can be stored at the dump for future capping. The Road Superintendent will arrange as necessary. Gravel hauling for Kerns and Harley from Firstbrook Pit is currently taking place and trucks are using Pipeline Road to haul on. Normally hauling occurs on Hillview Road. Pipeline Road is damaged in a few places. The Clerk-Treasurer was directed to discuss with Harley's Road Superintendent. The road superintendent requested 3 quotes to replace the pressure tank at the community hall, and received only 1 quote from Packard Plumbing. Their quote also included a new pump for a separate issue. Will proceed with Packard's quote for the pressure tank only, which includes replacement and installation.

b. Fire Department Report

No calls this month. Deputy Chief Morrow extends his regrets for this evening's absence, and plans to attend Council next month to provide an update on the vacant Chief position.

c. Others

- i. Eco Logix's Landfill Report August 2023
- ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Minutes June 7 & Aug 10 2023
- iii. Timiskaming Health Unit 2023 Mid-Year Board Report
- iv. DTSSAB Quarterly Report Q2 April June 2023
- v. MEMO-23-014 MNRF Herbicide Spraying
- vi. Treasurer's Report September 2023
- vii. Recreation Report September 2023

Upcoming events include: Sip and Paint with Josée Gauthier, Owner of Déjà Vue Boutique, on November 17th, and a Holiday Wreath Workshop with Anna Regele from Country Charm Flowers on December 1st. A visit from Santa is also scheduled for December 17th, and an afternoon of crafts is organized. Canned goods donation will be collected for the local foodbank.

viii. Reports from Council and Staff:

-Airport Update: Councillor Gauthier reports that the airport awarded a contract to Koch Farms for the farmland around the airport. -POA Update: Councillor McLean provided an update on POA. They reached out to Elgin County for comparative purposes. They plan to approach different ministers to see what funds are available to help reduce costs.

-LEAR Study Update: Councillor Seed provided and update on the Ag Committee meetings and updated council on what the map showed for Prime Ag as per the LEAR study review and what edits were made for Hudson Township.

-CSWBP: Councillor McLean provided an update on the Community Safety Well Being Plan launch meeting.

2023-158

Dana McLean 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
- c. Others

Moved:

- i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report August 2023
- ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Minutes June 7 & Aug 10 2023
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- viii. Reports from Council and Staff
- "CARRIED"

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. City of Cambridge – Declaring Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) an Epidemic

No Action

b. Town of Midland – "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario

2023-159 **Moved: Dana McLean Seconded: Clayton Seymour** That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Corporation of the Town of Midland's request to the Federal and Provincial Governments for meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in Ontario; and

> Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Corporation of the Town of Midland. "CARRIED"

c. FONOM – Support for Northern Ontario School of Medicine

2023-160 Moved: Crystal Gauthier Seconded: Dana McLean WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Hudson hereby, recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians; and

> WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a fourtimes higher rate; and

WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities; and

WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs; and

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Hudson strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario. "CARRIED"

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

- a. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 2022 Affordable House Prices and Rents Table
- b. Municipal Policing Bureau Distribution of Police Record Check Revenue to Municipalities
- c. MNRF Slash Pile Planned Burning Fall 2023
- 9. Other Business:
 - a. Hudson Library Budget Request
- 2023-161 Moved: Greg Seed Seconded: Dana McLean That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of letter from Janet Spencer – Hudson Library, requesting permission to use municipal funds to purchase supplies and new books for the library; and

Direct municipal staff to inform Janet Spencer she can spend \$300.00 for expenses for the library. "CARRIED"

- 10. By-Laws
 - a. None
- 11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session: a. None

12. Adjournment:

2023-162 **Moved: Dana McLean Seconded: Clayton Seymour** That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:18 pm and will meet again on November 1st, 2023 or at the call of the Reeve. "CARRIED"

Larry Craig, Reev

Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer