

TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of OCTOBER 4TH, 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

2023-153 **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 4th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2023-154 **Moved:** **Greg Seed** **Seconded:** **Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agenda as amended:
ADD: 6. c. iii. Reports From Council & Staff
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes
a. Regular Meeting of September 6th, 2023

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.

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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 **Moved: 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
 - i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – August 2023
 - ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Minutes – June 7 & Aug 10 2023
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7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

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

No Action

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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 four-times 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.

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- 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

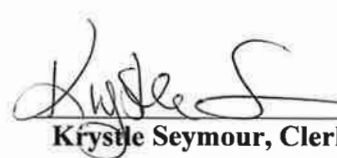
Direct municipal staff to inform Janet Spencer she can spend \$300.00 for expenses for the library.
“CARRIED”

- 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, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer