

TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of NOVEMBER 1ST, 2023
Held at the Hudson Community Hall

Present: **Reeve:** Larry Craig
 Councillors: Crystal Gauthier
 Dana McLean
 Clayton Seymour
 Staff: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
 Allison Doyon, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer
 Jason Morrow, Acting Fire Chief
Regrets: **Councillor:** Greg Seed
 Staff: Eric Lavallee, Road Superintendent

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda

2023-163 **Moved:** Dana McLean **Seconded:** Clayton Seymour
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of November 1st, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2023-164 **Moved:** Crystal Gauthier **Seconded:** Dana McLean
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agenda as amended:
ADD: 9. f. Hudson Township property on Twin Lakes Road C
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes
a. Regular Meeting of October 4th, 2023

2023-165 **Moved:** Clayton Seymour **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 October 4th, 2023 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
None

4. Delegations/Presentation:
None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2023-10

2023-166 **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	\$24,140.07
Fire	\$445.89
Admin	\$43,803.47
Total Voucher 2023-10	\$68,389.43

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff & Others
a. Road’s Department Report

The Road’s Superintendent reports that they have prepared the cold mix for the coming winter season. Summer equipment was cleaned and stored. Salt was delivered and sand will be done by end of October or by

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November 13th. Grading was done when weather permitted. Hillview Road needed attention and was graded on October 6th after the rainfall. It was also graded again on October 11th. Gravel at the turnarounds needed to be smoothed out from ATV's doing donuts. The Western Star went for its annual safety and a few repairs were necessary. The Kenworth is in Mattawa for repairs, and it has also been undercoated. The Superintendent also reports that culverts were repaired and marked. They have also pushed wood piles and the trench at the dump.

b. Fire Department Report

Acting Fire Chief Jason Morrow notified council that Shawn Morrow is willing to be the Fire Chief once again. Jason Morrow presented to council some additional compensation requests for members of the fire department including the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and volunteer members as outlined in the Memo to council. He requested an increase to the points budget for 2023 and a cell phone allowance for the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief positions of \$75/month. Attendance for calls and meetings is consistently very good among all members.

2023-167 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Memo-23-018 from Acting Fire Chief Jason Morrow; and

Direct staff to increase the points total to \$12,000 for 2023; and

Pay the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief \$75/month as a cell phone allowance beginning November 1st 2023; and

Agree to enter closed session under item 11 of the regular meeting of council November 1st, 2023 to discuss the following item;

a. Employee Negotiations – Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief Salaries.
“CARRIED”

c. Others

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

ii. **Timiskaming Health Unit Minutes – September 6th, 2023**

iii. **Eartlon-Timiskaming Airport – Minutes May 2023 – Managers Reports – Financials May-August 2023**

iv. **Treasurer's Report – October 2023**

v. **Recreation Report**

Lights were installed in the arena last week. There were 2 events planned for November but the painting event has been postponed until the new year. A Wreath making workshop will be scheduled for December. The Fan was installed, but an electrician still needs to wire it in.

vi. **Reports from Council and Staff**

-TMA Update - Reeve Craig provided an update from TMA discussions. There is some funding for Northern Ontario Fire departments, but not for trucks. There are supposed to be further incentives for housing in Northern Ontario, however due to the makeup, much of this incentive will be directed further south of our area. Issues with the trucking industry and driver training were discussed. Mayor in Elk Lake has been working with Fisets to see if

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older fire trucks can continue to be certified. Nothing has developed on that yet. Ongoing discussions continue about Medieval Villages.

- Councillor McLean, notified Council she reached out to the City of Temiskaming Shores regarding the landfill. The city shared their closing costs and costs to open the new landfill which was in the millions. The City has wells which need to be monitored, adding a large amount of cost. Councillor McLean suggested that an engineer's report on the landfill would provide Council with information about remaining life of the landfill and options when the landfill needs to be closed. Council asked whether stacking the garbage was permitted and what the current agreement permits. Municipal staff will look into these documents.

- Municipal staff provided an update on online voting. Quotes for the 2026 election are unavailable at this time. Staff have made some initial contacts to inquire as to what is involved, and when an RFP should be sent out for quote. Most municipalities first engage in the fall of year before the election.

- There was a brief discussion in regards to posting the agenda and/or council package on the municipal website. Council directed staff to begin posting the agendas for the upcoming meetings on the municipal website.

2023-168 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier** **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**
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 – September 2023
 - ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Minutes – September 6th, 2023
 - iii. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport – Minutes May 2023 – Managers Reports – Financials May-August 2023
 - iv. Treasurer's Report – October 2023
 - v. Recreation Report
 - vi. Reports from Council and Staff

“CARRIED”

7. **Correspondence for Council's Consideration:**
a. **City of Waterloo – Bill 21 – Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act**

2023-169 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Corporation of the City of Waterloo's correspondence regarding support for Bill 21 – Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022; and

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

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b. Timiskaming Health Unit – Municipal Expense Allocation Method

2023-170 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier Seconded: Clayton Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Timiskaming Health Unit's correspondence regarding a proposed change to the Municipal expense allocation method; and Support the Timiskaming Health Unit's motion recommending that a move to census-based allocation for board of health expenditures be adopted effective January 1st, 2024; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Timiskaming Health Unit.

“DEFEATED”

c. Municipality of Bluewater – Childcare Availability in Ontario

No Action

d. Town of Cobourg – Illegal Land Use Enforcement

No Action

e. Township of McKellar – Call for an Amendment to the Legislation Act

No Action

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

9. Other Business:

a. MEMO 23-015 – Emergency Response Plan – Annual Table Top Exercise

2023-171 **Moved: Dana McLean Seconded: Clayton Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Memo-23-015; and

Agree to schedule the Township of Hudson's annual table top emergency exercise at the Earlton Arena on November 15th, 2023 for the following attendees:

- Larry Craig, Reeve
- Eric Lavalley, Road Superintendent
- Jason Morrow, Acting Fire Chief
- Krystle Seymour, CEMC
- Allison Doyon, Alternate CEMC
- Melanie Woods, Municipal Staff

“CARRIED”

b. MEMO 23-016 – Emergency Control Group & Shared Services – Annual Meeting

2023-172 **Moved: Dana McLean Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to schedule the Township of Hudson's annual Emergency Control Group meeting and bi-annual Shared Administrative meeting with representatives from the Township of Harley, Township of Kerns and Township of Casey for

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Thursday, December 14th, at 12:00 p.m., to be attended by Larry Craig, Reeve.

“CARRIED”

c. MEMO 23-017 – Non-Resident User Fees

- 2023-173 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier Seconded: Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to reimburse Hudson Township residents 100% of all current non-resident user fees incurred for any children’s (age 17 and under) recreational activities within the District of Timiskaming, provided that itemized receipts are submitted to the municipal office for reimbursement prior to December 31st of the fiscal year for which the non-resident user fee was incurred.
“CARRIED”

d. TMSA – Planning Services

- 2023-174 **Moved: Clayton Seymour Seconded: Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of correspondence from the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association (TMSA) regarding the addition of a planner to the TMSA’s list of shared services; and
Agree to participate in shared planning services with the TMSA; and
Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the TMSA.
“CARRIED”

e. MEMO 23-019 – Tax Ratio Analysis

- 2023-175 **Moved: Clayton Seymour Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Memo-23-019 – Tax Ratio Analysis; and

Direct staff to provide another option as directed, to be presented for council’s consideration at the January 2024 regular council meeting.

“CARRIED”

f. Hudson Township property on Twin Lakes Road C

Reeve Craig suggested the Township look into whether it would be possible to server and sell building lots on Township owned property on Road C. Staff will inquire with the planner whether this is possible. There were discussions on whether residents who live in the Twin Lakes area would be in support of this development or not, due to the possible increased use of the surrounding lakes. Reeve Craig clarified that the area he is suggesting for development is not on any of the lakes, and that new homes built in the Township would make positive additions to the municipal tax base.

10. By-Laws

- a. By-Law 2023-17** Being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$300,272.17 towards the cost of 2024 JD Grader
[three readings]

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2023-176 **Moved:** Clayton Seymour **Seconded:** Dana McLean
That **By-Law No. 2023-17**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$300,272.17 towards the cost of a 2024 JD Grader, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2023-177 **Moved:** Dana McLean **Seconded:** Crystal Gauthier
That **By-Law No. 2023-17**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$300,272.17 towards the cost of a 2024 JD Grader, be received and read a third time and hereby engrossed in the By-Law book.
“CARRIED”

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

a. Employee Negotiations – Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief Salaries

2023-178 **Moved:** Dana McLean **Seconded:** Clayton Seymour
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to enter closed session at 10:05 pm to discuss the following item:

11. a. Employee Negotiations – Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief Salaries
“CARRIED”

2023-179 **Moved:** Dana McLean **Seconded:** Clayton Seymour
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to arise from closed session at 10:30 pm; and

Direct municipal staff to inform Acting Fire Chief, Jason Morrow, as directed during closed session.
“CARRIED”

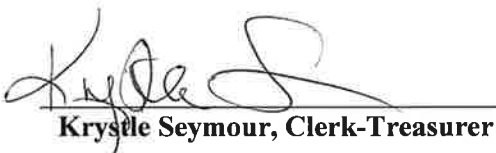
12. Adjournment:

2023-180 **Moved:** Clayton Seymour **Seconded:** Crystal Gauthier
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:39 pm and will meet again on December 6th, 2023 or at the call of the Reeve.

“CARRIED”



Larry Craig, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer