

TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of JANUARY 3RD, 2024
Held at the Hudson Community Hall

Present: **Reeve:** Larry Craig
 Councillors: Dana McLean
 Greg Seed
 Clayton Seymour
 Staff: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
 Eric Lavallee, Road Superintendent
 Jason Morrow, Acting Fire Chief
 Others: Bill Ramsay
 2 members of public
Regrets: Crystal Gauthier

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda

2024-001 **Moved: Dana McLean Seconded: Greg Seed**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of January 3rd, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
 “CARRIED”

2024-002 **Moved: Clayton Seymour Seconded: Greg Seed**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agenda as presented.
 “CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting of December 6th, 2023

2024-003 **Moved: Dana McLean Seconded: Greg Seed**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
 a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6th, 2023 as presented.
 “CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations/Presentation:

a. Hudson Lakes Association – Letter November 2nd, 2023

No one was present from HLA. Council reviewed the letter submitted by the Hudson Lakes Association and discussed their requests. Hudson Council encourages in-person participation for council meetings and providing virtual access to council meetings is not currently financially feasible. Agendas are being posted to the municipal website to inform of upcoming items for discussion. Council discussed the open house format for the public meetings regarding the new official plan and zoning by-law and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to request a formal presentation at the next one with a question and answer period. Council also discussed sending one council member to the HLA AGM. Council directed the Clerk-Treasurer to respond with a letter as directed during the discussion.

2024-004 **Moved: Greg Seed Seconded: Clayton Seymour**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Hudson Lakes Association’s letter dated November 2nd, 2023; and

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Direct municipal staff to respond to the letter with the following directives;

- Council will send a member to the HLA AGM.
- Each council meeting is open to the public for HLA members to attend.

“CARRIED”

b. Bill Ramsay – ATV Trails

Bill Ramsay attended on behalf of the South Temiskaming ATV Club (STAC). He presented Council with a map of the proposed trails and notified Council that one of the trails they are working on would enter Hudson Township on Rockley Road, head to Spring Lake, then move towards Lundy to connect to the Railway bed towards Elk Lake/Earlton. They are trying to avoid Twin Lake Road C.

2024-005 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge the presentation by Bill Ramsay of the ATV club in regards to designated ATV trails.

“CARRIED”

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2023-12

2024-006 **Moved: Clayton Seymour** **Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$675,227.81
Fire	\$24,169.54
General Administration	\$82,648.37
Total Voucher 2023-12	<u>\$782,045.72</u>

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road’s Department Report

The Road’s Superintendent reports that snowploughing and sanding was performed. The new grader has arrived and staff installed the two-way radios and necessary equipment to it. Scarifying was also performed with the new grader. The Superintendent also reports that outside lights for the main door at the shop were replaced, and bulbs at the fuel tanks as well. Regular maintenance was performed on equipment. Work was also done in the arena. Screws were put in to secure boards, and the floors were swept and washed.

b. Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that there were no calls in the month of December and the business meeting agreed upon a new generator. The Fire Department had a pizza party and handed out the points cheques to end the year. Officers Elections took place during the January 1st meeting, and Jason Morrow has agreed to accept the Fire Chief position, and Curtis Quinton has agreed to take the Deputy Fire Chief position.

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2024-009 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Memo-24-002 – Tax Ratio Analysis; and

Direct municipal staff to make the following adjustments to the tax ratio by-law for the 2024 taxation year:

Increase Pipeline ratio to 0.516500 to move it closer to the range of fairness
 “CARRIED”

Councillor McLean requested a recorded vote on this matter:

Recorded Vote		
Council Member	For Motion	Against Motion
Crystal Gauthier		
Dana McLean		X
Greg Seed	X	
Clayton Seymour	X	
Larry Craig	X	

b. Memo-24-003 – Blue Box Transition

2024-010 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Memo-24-003 regarding the Blue Box Transition; and

Agree to defer a decision until more information is received by Belinda Beairsto at the February 7th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting
 “CARRIED”

c. Bus Service – Hwy 65 New Liskeard to Elk Lake [no item]

Councillor McLean notified Council that there is a plan to try and get a bus running along Highway 65 to pick up individuals to take them to town to get groceries. More information should be available in the future.

10. By-Laws

a. By-Law 2024-01 Being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, due date for the payment of interim taxes, and penalty and interest charges for the non-payment of taxes or any installment by the due date
[three readings]

2024-011 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
 That **By-Law No. 2024-01**, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, due date for the payment of the interim taxes, and penalty and interest charges for the non-payment of taxes or any installment by the due date be received and read a first and second time.
 “CARRIED”

2024-012 **Moved: Clayton Seymour** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
 That **By-Law No. 2024-01**, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, due date for the payment of the interim taxes, and penalty and interest charges for the non-payment of taxes or any installment by the due date be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.

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- b. By-Law 2024-02** Being a by-law of the Township of Hudson to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2024.
[three readings]

2024-013 **Moved: Clayton Seymour** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
That **By-Law No. 2024-02**, being a by-law of the Township of Hudson to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2024 be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2024-014 **Moved: Clayton Seymour** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
That **By-Law No. 2024-02**, being a by-law of the Township of Hudson to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2024 to be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

- c. By-Law 2024-03** Being a by-law to amend By-Law to enter into an agreement with the Township of Harley for Shared Administrative Services
[three readings]

2024-015 **Moved: Clayton Seymour** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
That **By-Law No. 2024-03**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Township of Harley for Shared Administrative Services be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2024-016 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
That **By-Law No. 2024-03**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Township of Harley for Shared Administrative Services be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

- d. By-Law 2024-04** Being a by-law to appoint a Fire Chief
[three readings]

2024-017 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
That **By-Law No. 2024-04**, being a by-law to appoint a Fire Chief be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2024-018 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
That **By-Law No. 2024-04**, being a by-law to appoint a Fire Chief be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

- e. By-Law 2024-05** Being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief
[three readings]

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2024-019 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
That **By-Law No. 2024-05**, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2024-020 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
That **By-Law No. 2024-05**, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:


None

12. Adjournment:

2024-021 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:20 pm and will meet again on February 7th, 2024 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”



Larry Craig, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer