

**TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**  
**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  
                  **Others:**   Clifford Fielder, Harley Councillor  
                                  Dennis Jibb, Kerns Councillor  
                                  Belinda Beairsto, Eco-Logix's CEO  
                                  Curtis Quinton, Zach Manners, Sarah Desmarais  
**Regrets:**             None

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

- 2024-022   **Moved:**   Clayton Seymour           **Seconded:**   Greg Seed  
            That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.  
            “CARRIED”
- 2024-023   **Moved:**   Dana McLean               **Seconded:**   Crystal Gauthier  
            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 January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

- 2024-024   **Moved:**   Greg Seed                   **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 January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 as presented.  
            “CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**4. Delegations/Presentation:**

**a. Belinda Beairsto – Blue Box Transition**

Belinda presented Council with a presentation regarding the Blue Box Transition. Municipal staff are recommending that the Township “opt-out” of an agreement with CMO for the reasons outlined in the Memo provided to Council at the January 2024 meeting. Once the transition date occurs, ensuring residents are aware of what is permitted in the recycling bins will be important, and current information states that CMO will provide that educational material to municipalities for distribution. Municipalities will need to make a decision on what to do with non-eligible sources of recycling.

- 2024-025   **Moved:**   Dana McLean               **Seconded:**   Clayton Seymour  
            That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Belinda's Beairsto's presentation regarding the Blue Box Transition; and

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Direct municipal staff to “opt-out” of signing the Blue Box transition agreement with Circular Materials Ontario (CMO); and

Agree that CMO would become responsible for recycling bins and collection, and processing during the transition period of October 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 - Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.

“CARRIED”

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-01**

2024-026    **Moved: Dana McLean**                      **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**  
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$44,089.24
Fire	\$20,247.46
General Administration	\$62,031.01
Total Voucher 2024-01	\$126,367.71

“CARRIED”

**6. Reports from Staff & Others**

**a. Road’s Department Report**

The Road’s Superintendent reports that they have ploughed, sanded, and scarified the roads, and cleaned up turnarounds. Wing-backed the banks around the intersections. There was some drifting snow for a few days. The Roads crew have had to apply gravel on some frost bumps and made sure the Hall parking lot was cleared for hall rentals. Wing-edges were replaced on both trucks. Three hydraulic hoses needed to be replaced on the Kenworth and some additional repairs were done on the Western Star. Warranty work was also performed on the new grader by the technician as the steering valves were leaking. Snow removal, was performed at the dump and the trench was baled.

**b. Fire Department Report**

The Fire Chief reports that it was a quiet start to the new year with no fire calls to report. A regular business meeting has been held and members were informed of the officers’ positions within the Hudson Fire Department.

- Fire Chief - Jason Morrow
- Deputy Fire Chief – Curtis Quinton
- First Officer – Trevor Waite
- Second Officer - Leon Stuzman
- Fire Prevention Officer - James Skrinda
- Training Officer - Clayton Seymour
- Secretary - Stephanie Foley

During the January training meeting, members checked through the trucks to make sure the supplies and stock were located in the correct places and a list was generated of what is needed to be purchased for 2024.

**c. Others**

- i. Eco-Logix’s Landfill Report – December 2023**
- ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport**
- iii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

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**iv. Recreation Report – January 2024**

The rink was open on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, and closed again due to warm weather. Cathy and Howard Morrow have donated 4 “Skate Helpers” for little ones to learn to skate. Upcoming activities include a Zumba Night, Skating Party on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 2 till 4 pm, and a Mother’s Day/Spring Floral Workshop.

**v. TMSA – Board Minutes – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**vi. Reports from Council and Staff [no item]**

The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on a resident’s follow-up complaint regarding a potential zoning by-law violation. The Chief Building Official provided input about “change of use” which was communicated to Council. Council asked staff to respond to the resident’s follow-up concerns that based on information known at this time, there is no enforcement action council can take at this time.

Reeve Craig provided an update on the January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 TMA meeting which included 2+1 Highways, residential landlines in Brethour, Community Risk Assessments, and the Medieval Villages.

2024-027     **Moved: Greg Seed**                                     **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**

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 – December 2023
  - ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport
  - iii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
  - iv. Recreation Report – January 2024
  - v. TMSA – Board Minutes – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - vi. Reports from Council and Staff [no item]

“CARRIED”

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

**a. City of Sarnia – Carbon Tax Cancellation Request**

2024-028     **Moved: Greg Seed**                                     **Seconded: Dana McLean**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the City of Sarnia’s request for the Federal Government to cancel the carbon tax which is financially hurting citizens at a time when affordability concerns are at an all-time high, and to ease financial and inflationary pressure on Citizens; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the City of Sarnia.  
“CARRIED”

**b. Municipality of Tweed – License Plate Renewal Fees**

No Action

**c. Association of Road Supervisors – Skills Development Fund  
Application Support**

No Action

**d. County of Prince Edward – Expansion of Fire Apparatus Life Span**

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- 2024-029    **Moved: Greg Seed**                      **Seconded: Dana McLean**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the County of Prince Edward's resolution regarding expanding the life span of fire apparatus's that have reached a certain age but continue to meet the safety regulations; and
- Support their request for the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities; and
- Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the County of Prince Edward, the Solicitor General, and the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs.
- "CARRIED"

**e. Temiskaming Shores and Area Physician Recruitment**

- 2024-030    **Moved: Crystal Gauthier**                      **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of letter from the Temiskaming Shores and Area Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee regarding their request for a renewed commitment to contributing funds over the next five years; and
- Agree to contribute \$1,590 per year, over a five-year period to the Temiskaming Shores and Area Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee in order to help attract physicians to the area.
- "CARRIED"

- 8. Correspondence for Council's Information:**
- a. TMSA – 2024 Planning Introduction**
  - b. TMSA – Councillor Information Session**
- 9. Other Business:**
- a. Rate Increase for Recycling Agreement**

- 2024-031    **Moved: Dana McLean**                      **Seconded: Greg Seed**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge the City of Temiskaming Shore's Public Works Memo 002-2024-PW outlining a 3.6% increase to the rate charged (\$331.77/tonne to \$343.71/tonne) to the Township of Hudson for the acceptance of recyclable material at the Spoke Transfer Station.
- "CARRIED"

**b. 2024 Gravel Crushing**

- 2024-032    **Moved: Crystal Gauthier**                      **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, direct the Clerk-Treasurer to work with the Township of Kerns and the Township of Harley to release a joint request for quote for the purpose of crushing the following granular material for 2024 and 2025 fiscal years:
- Granular M: 5,000 m<sup>3</sup>
  - Granular B: 1,500 m<sup>3</sup>
  - Class II: 0 m<sup>3</sup>

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**10. By-Laws**

**a. By-Law 2024-06**    Being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2024

*[three readings]*

2024-033    **Moved: Clayton Seymour                      Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That **By-Law No. 2024-06**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2024 be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2024-034    **Moved: Greg Seed    Seconded: Clayton Seymour**  
That **By-Law No. 2024-06**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2024 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:**

2024-035    **Moved: Dana McLean    Seconded: Greg Seed**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:53 pm and will meet again on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 or at the call of the Reeve.  
“CARRIED”

  
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Larry Craig, Reeve

  
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Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer