

**TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**  
**Held at the Hudson Community Hall**

**Present:**     **Reeve:**     Larry Craig  
                  **Councillors:** Crystal Gauthier  
                                  Dana McLean  
                                  Clayton Seymour  
                  **Staff:**     Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer  
                                  Eric Lavallee, Road Superintendent  
                                  Jason Morrow, Fire Chief

**Members of the Public:** 3  
**Regrets:**            Councillor Greg Seed

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

2024-036     **Moved:**   Crystal Gauthier            **Seconded:**   Clayton Seymour  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2024-037     **Moved:**   Dana McLean                **Seconded:**   Crystal Gauthier  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agenda as amended:  
ADD     6. c. vi. Facility Evaluations  
“CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Minutes**  
**a. Regular Meeting of February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

2024-038     **Moved:**   Crystal Gauthier            **Seconded:**   Clayton Seymour  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adopt the following minutes:  
a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 7<sup>th</sup>, as presented  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**  
None

**4. Delegations/Presentation:**  
None

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-02**

2024-039     **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	\$37,683.29
Fire	\$1,434.64
General Administration	\$46,647.17
Total Voucher 2024-02	\$85,765.10

“CARRIED”

**6. Reports from Staff & Others**

**a. Road’s Department Report**

The Road’s Superintendent reports that the warm weather has created some water issues that needed to be dealt with and 8 culverts were steamed. The roads were scarified during the ice storm and ditches were

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opened as needed. The new grader has performed very well under current weather conditions.

**b. Fire Department Report**

The Fire Chief reports that no calls have been received yet this year. The members discussed the 2024 budget needs. There are upcoming training courses available online that all members need to take which will cost \$65 each. Three members have also signed up to take the NFPA 1006 Water Rescue Awareness course. Trucks were checked over and test drove.

**c. Others**

**i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – January 2024**

**ii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 & Merger Update**

**iii. Temiskaming Municipal Association – Minutes January 2024**

**iv. Recreation Report *[no item]***

The arena is currently closed due to the warm weather. The Recreation committee has applied for some grant money to be used to install a pickle ball court in the arena. Announcements about successful applications are expected Summer of 2024. The skating party was cancelled due to weather.

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

Municipal staff were made aware that at times, Council members receive complaints from Residents. Council discussed, and in order to provide a consistent approach, agrees that Council members receiving complaints may direct residents to forward all complaints through the municipal office so that they may reviewed by Council at a regular council meeting as appropriate.

Councillor McLean notified Council that the HLA received Council's response letter regarding their November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 letter to council and they have asked for clarification on virtual meetings. They are asking if virtual meetings would be an option if no participation was expected from virtual attendees. Council discussed this model and concluded that an additional staff member would still be required to attend meetings and cyber protection/security continues to be a risk even in this model. Providing virtual access to council meetings is not currently feasible.

**vi. Facility Evaluation**

The Clerk-Treasurer notified Council that the facility evaluations need to be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 as part of the next asset management plan update, and the TMSA will not be able to release the planned joint RFP due to time constraints. CBO Barton from the TMSA, is available to assist municipalities with this for \$350/day. Council agreed to proceed with this approach to complete facility evaluations for municipal buildings.

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2024-040    **Moved: Dana McLean**                      **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 – January 2024
  - ii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 & Merger Update
  - iii. Temiskaming Municipal Association – Minutes January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - iv. Recreation Report *[no item]*
  - v. Reports from Council and Staff *[no item]*
  - vi. Facility Evaluation

“CARRIED”

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

**a. Township of Perry – Amend Blue Box Program Regulation**

2024-041    **Moved: Dana McLean**                      **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Township of Perry's request for the Province of Ontario to amend Blue Box Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, specifically for 'Ineligible' Sources so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Township of Perry, Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, Andrea Khanjin, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, and John Vanthof, MPP Temiskaming-Cochrane.

“CARRIED”

**b. Township of Evanturel – Comprehensive Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

No Action

**c. City of Hamilton – Support for the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy**

No Action

**8. Correspondence for Council's Information:**

None

**9. Other Business:**

**a. Municipality of Temagami – OPP Detachment Board 3 - Reorganization**

2024-042    **Moved: Clayton Seymour**                      **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Solicitor General has been working since March 2021 to develop and finalize the detachment board compositions for the Ontario Provincial Police; and

**WHEREAS** the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police serves 19 municipalities and one First Nation; and

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**WHEREAS** a proposal was submitted to the Ministry of the Solicitor General by the City of Temiskaming Shores on behalf of the communities served by the Temiskaming Detachment to establish three (3) Detachment Boards; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Solicitor General approved the Temiskaming Detachment Board Framework on July 19, 2023; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Solicitor General announced that the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 will come into force and effect on April 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry posted the Draft Regulation setting out the OPP Detachment Board compositions and other related matters on the Ontario Regulatory Registry (ORR) for public review and feedback on January 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Temagami has reconsidered their prior support of a three (3) Board governance structure for the Temiskaming Detachment and adopted Resolution No. 24-043 on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 requesting the Ministry of the Solicitor General to amend the draft Regulation in order to maintain the Temagami Police Services Board as a stand-alone Board; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Solicitor General has indicated that unanimous consent of all the municipalities identified in Board 3 for the Temiskaming Detachment would be required in order to amend the Regulation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Hudson hereby confirms their support that a three (3) Board structure for the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is the preferred choice for the Township of Hudson; and

**FURTHER THAT** Council respectfully declines to support the Municipality of Temagami's request to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.  
"CARRIED"

2024-043

**Moved: Crystal Gauthier                      Seconded: Clayton Seymour**

**WHEREAS** at the Regular Council meeting of December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Hudson passed resolution 2023-190 to appoint a member of council to the Timiskaming OPP Detachment Board (South); and

**WHEREAS** the Clerk-Treasurer has recently been made aware of the eligibility criteria that must be followed in order for Council to appoint a council member to the Timiskaming OPP Detachment Board (South); and

**WHEREAS** this criteria was unknown at the time of Council's appointment on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Township of Hudson hereby rescinds Resolution 2023-190,



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an appointment resolution for the Timiskaming OPP Detachment Board (South).

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**b. Temiskaming Veterinary Service Committee – 2024 VAP Membership Fee**

2024-044    **Moved: Dana McLean**                      **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee’s donation request in the amount of \$225.00 to assist in reducing travel costs for veterinary services for residents of the Township of Hudson; and

Direct municipal staff to issue payment in the amount of \$225.00 as a donation to the Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee.

“CARRIED”

**10. By-Laws**

None

**11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:**

**a. Employee Negotiations**

2024-045    **Moved: Crystal Gauthier**                      **Seconded: Dana McLean**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to enter closed session at 8:30 pm to discuss the following:

11. a. Employee Negotiations

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2024-046    **Moved: Dana McLean**                      **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to arise from closed session at 9:05 pm; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to adjust the confidential wage scale for 2024 & 2025 as per signed Report ID: CONF-001-2024

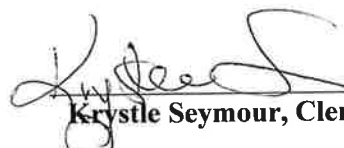
“CARRIED”

**12. Adjournment:**

2024-047    **Moved: Dana McLean**                      **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:06 pm and will meet again on April 3<sup>rd</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