

**TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of MAY 1<sup>ST</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  
                                  Curtis Quinton, Deputy Fire Chief  
                  **Others:**    2 Members of the Public  
**Regrets:**       Greg Seed, Councillor  
                                  Jason Morrow, Fire Chief

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

2024-063   **Moved:**   **Crystal Gauthier**           **Seconded:**   **Clayton Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2024-064   **Moved:**   **Clayton Seymour**           **Seconded:**   **Crystal Gauthier**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.  
ADD:     9. e. Littering  
“CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

**a. Regular Meeting of April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

2024-065   **Moved:**   **Clayton Seymour**           **Seconded:**   **Crystal Gauthier**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adopt the following minutes:  
          a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 as presented.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**4. Delegations/Presentation:**

None

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-04**

2024-066   **Moved:**   **Crystal Gauthier**           **Seconded:**   **Dana McLean**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$26,779.30
Fire	\$3,827.55
General Administration	\$49,293.51
Total Voucher 2024-04	\$79,900.36

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**6. Reports from Staff & Others**

**a. Road's Department Report**

The Road's Superintendent reports that they plowed some snow and pushed trees off the road that fell from the weight of the snowfall. They will be removed at a later time. Graded when weather permitted. The area experienced heavy rainfall on April 12-13 and water ran over Hillview Road, Ayrshire Road and two spots on Twin Lakes Road A. Overall there was minor damage in the Township and repairs were made quickly. Rollers were installed on the grader. The scrap metal was collected at the dump and the trench was dug. Some cold mix was done. The John Deere mechanic looked at the loader and it's now working properly. Morrow Road had a few soft spots repaired. Councillor Gauthier asked if staff could get some safety signs being offered from the Health Unit. She will forward the details.

**b. Fire Department Report**

The Fire Chief reports that there were no calls for the month of April. Budget discussions continued during their meeting. The Department has signed up for a Hazmat Awareness course to be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup> and 4 members have also signed up for Water Rescue Awareness. All 4 trucks were brought to the 4 corners and checked over the Forest Equipment. All Forestry Pumps were run and signed off regarding proper set up and use. Water packs were also checked to make sure they functioning properly. The department is currently on call for Kerns Township as their Pumper is down.

**c. Others**

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

**ii. Timiskaming Health Unit – March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

The recreation committee have postponed their flower workshop.

**iv. Reports from Council and Staff [no time]**

Reeve Craig provided a verbal update regarding TMA. Exotic animals, and Asset Retirement Obligations were discussed and MPAC had to postpone their presentation to TMA till the fall.

The Clerk-Treasurer provided an update to Council regarding the Community Risk Assessments. Office staff provided the documents to the Fire Department and they are still working on completing it.

2024-067 **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 – March 2024

ii. Timiskaming Health Unit – March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

iii. Recreation Report [no item]

iv. Reports from Council and Staff [no item]

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

**a. City of Peterborough – Jurisdiction of Ontario's Ombudsman**

2024-068    **Moved: Dana McLean                      Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the City of Peterborough's resolution requesting that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be requested to introduce a Bill to amend the Ombudsman Act to require the Ontario Ombudsman to provide to each municipality, if requested by the municipality, sufficient particulars of each investigation, matter or case respecting the municipality as outlined in the City of Peterborough's resolution; and

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

“CARRIED”

**b. Town of Kirkland Lake – Exotic Animals**

No Action

**c. Municipality of Huron Shores – Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle**

2024-069    **Moved: Crystal Gauthier                      Seconded: Clayton Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Municipality of Huron Shores' resolution to resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, John Vanthof, MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Municipality of Huron Shores.

“CARRIED”

**d. Hastings County – Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities**

2024-070    **Moved: Dana McLean                      Seconded: Clayton Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support Hastings County's motion to call on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small and rural municipalities; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to Hastings County.

“CARRIED”

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

**a. MNRF – Aerial Insecticide Project 2024**

**b. Community Cancer Care – Transportation Services North East**

**9. Other Business:**

**a. Memo-24-008 – Asset Retirement Obligation – Update**

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2024-071    **Moved: Crystal Gauthier                      Seconded: Dana McLean**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of a Memo 24-008 Asset Retirement Obligation – Update, including service agreement and quote from 360 Engineering & Environmental Consulting Ltd for the implementation of the asset retirement obligation; and

Direct municipal staff to engage the services of 360 Engineering & Environmental Consulting Ltd to complete the 2023 Asset Retirement Obligation Assessment in compliance with PS 3280; and

That Council hereby authorizes a total estimated expenditure of \$10,077 plus applicable taxes as outlined in “Option A: 2023”.  
“CARRIED”

**b. Timiskaming Health Unit – Community Safety Well-Being Plan (CSWB)**

2024-072    **Moved: Clayton Seymour                      Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of letter from the Timiskaming Health Unit regarding Municipal Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWB) Implementation for the period of August 1, 2024 to August 31, 2026 including Memorandum of Agreement; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and the Board of Health for the Timiskaming Health Unit for the performance of work described in Section 7.0 Statement of work; and

That Council hereby authorizes an estimated expenditure as outlined in Section 12.0.  
“CARRIED”

**c. Memo-24-009 – Municipal Budget 2024**

2024-073    **Moved: Clayton Seymour                      Seconded: Dana McLean**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby acknowledge receipt of three proposed levy options with corresponding budget for the fiscal year 2024 as prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to request that each department review their section of the 2024 budget and provide efficiencies as able to alleviate pulling money from reserves.  
“CARRIED”

**d. Road A Culvert – April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Flooding Event [no item]**

Councillor McLean asked about the flooding on Road A. There is a “ditch” on private property that became full during the flood and one basement was flooded as a result. The Road Superintendent viewed the site where water ran over the road and confirmed that the roads crew has been maintaining the municipal ditches, but we do not have access to the ditch on private property that runs to the lake. It does not appear that the Township has an easement for this ditch nor is it maintained by the Township.

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**e. Littering [no item]**

Councillor McLean said that there is an increase in people dumping yard waste on the road side allowances, Township ditches, and forest access roads. Council requested that office staff draft a no littering by-law for their consideration.

**10. By-Laws**

- a. By-Law 2024-07** Being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and Miller Paving Limited for the crushing of aggregate in the Firstbrook Pit  
*[three readings]*

2024-074 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That **By-Law 2024-07**, being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and Miller Paving Limited for the crushing of aggregate in the Firstbrook Pit, be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2024-075 **Moved: Clayton Seymour** **Seconded: Dana McLean**  
That **By-Law 2024-07**, being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and Miller Paving Limited for the crushing of aggregate in the Firstbrook Pit, be received and read a third time and hereby engrossed in the By-Law book.  
“CARRIED”

- b. By-Law 2024-08** Being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and the Corporation of the Township of Harley for the sale of aggregates  
*[three readings]*

2024-076 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That **By-Law 2024-08**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and the Corporation of the Township of Harley for the sale of aggregate, be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2024-077 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That **By-Law 2024-08**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and the Corporation of the Township of Harley for the sale of aggregate, be received and read a third time and hereby engrossed in the By-Law book.  
“CARRIED”

- c. By-Law 2024-09** Being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns for the sale of aggregates  
*[three readings]*

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2024-078    **Moved:**    **Crystal Gauthier**                    **Seconded:**    **Clayton Seymour**  
That **By-Law 2024-09**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns for the sale of aggregate, be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2024-079    **Moved:**    **Dana McLean**                                    **Seconded:**    **Crytal Gauthier**  
That **By-Law 2024-09**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Hudson and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns for the sale of aggregate, be received and read a third time and hereby engrossed in the By-Law book.  
“CARRIED”

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

None

**12. Adjournment:**

2024-080    **Moved:**    **Crystal Gauthier**                    **Seconded:**    **Dana McLean**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:50 pm and will meet again on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to hold a special meeting to review and finalize the 2024 budget.  
“CARRIED”

  
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Larry Craig, Reeve

  
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Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer