

TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of NOVEMBER 6TH, 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
 Roger Martin, Roads Department
 Curtis Quinton, Deputy Fire Chief
 Others: Bill Ramsay, HLA President
 John Shymko, Municipal Pet Rescue
 5 Members of the public
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2024-147 **Moved:** Clayton Seymour **Seconded:** Dana McLean
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of November 6th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
 “CARRIED”

2024-148 **Moved:** Dana McLean **Seconded:** Clayton Seymour
 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 October 2nd, 2024

2024-149 **Moved:** Greg Seed **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 October 2nd, 2024 as presented.
 “CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations/Presentation:

a. Bill Ramsay, President of the Hudson Lakes Association – Official Plan Process [no item]

Mr. Ramsay asked if the Official Plan can be made public for comment. The Clerk-Treasurer outlined the process to Mr. Ramsay and council and explained at what point in the process these documents are to be made public. The new Official Plan and zoning by-law documents are still in the drafting stage and being reviewed by staff, including by our Municipal Planner Jennifer Pye, but would be made public once ready for public comment. The small number of administrative staff is contributing to delays for projects of this size and nature, and the edits are significant. The HLA will be sending a survey out to its residents asking them for input on what items they would like to see in the new documents. They hope to present this to council in the upcoming weeks.

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2024-150 **Moved:** **Dana McLean** **Seconded:** **Greg Seed**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge delegation by Bill Ramsay, President of the Hudson Lakes Association, regarding the Official Plan Process.
“CARRIED”

b. John & Dwayne Shymko – Municipal Pet Rescue

Mr. Shymko outlined to Council the issue of increasing number of stray animals in our area. He and his wife are proposing the creation of a task force to address this problem with representation from each local municipality they approach. The task force will be tasked with things such as drafting policies and by-laws that each member municipality could consider passing to help deal with this problem. He outlined to council how the animal control by-law works in the Municipality of Temagami where he works. They have also reached out to other professionals such as vets to lend expertise to the task force.

2024-151 **Moved:** **Crystal Gauthier** **Seconded:** **Greg Seed**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge delegation and presentation by John Shymko regarding Municipal Pet Rescue.
“CARRIED”

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-10:

2024-152 **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	\$24,501.69
Fire	\$8,369.93
General Administration	<u>\$51,895.73</u>
Total Voucher 2024-10	\$84,767.35

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report

Roger Martin presented the roads report and added that there is a beaver dam on Rockley Road causing issues that will be dealt with tomorrow. The plow harness was installed and the tailgate on the Western Star was fixed at B&G. The blower motor was also replaced on the Komatsu for heat. A culvert was fixed at the end of Twin Lakes Road A. Grading was done throughout the township and a beaver dam was pulled down on the access road. Brushing was done throughout the Township in preparation for the winter season. Miller Paving completed the pulverization of sections of Hillview Road. Lastly, the winter sand is ready, cold mix is done, and the trench was dug at the landfill. Extended warranty options were presented to Council for consideration. The Roads Superintendent providing his recommendations to Council in the roads report.

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2024-153 **Moved: Dana McLean Seconded: Greg Seed**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to purchase the following extended warranty package for the 2024 John Deere Grader;

Comprehensive - 36mths/2500hrs ending November 30th, 2026 - \$10,721.25 plus taxes.

“CARRIED”

b. Fire Department Report

The Fire Department reported that they have purchased a new gas meter and fire bunker gear and were awarded \$10,000 from the TC Energy Community Grant to cover the costs of these purchases.

c. Others

i. Minor Variance Application – 2024-A02-Messenger – Planning Assessment

2024-154 **Moved: Clayton Seymour Seconded: Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of TMSA Planning Application Assessment report dated October 29th, 2024 regarding Minor Variance Application 2024-A02-Messenger and have considered the recommendations therein; and

Acknowledge that no written comments were received regarding Minor Variance Application 2024-A02-Messenger prior to November 1st, 2024 at 4:00pm;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the Township of Hudson approves Minor Variance application 2024-A02-Messenger; and does hereby grant relief from:

Section 9(2)(d) of the Township of Hudson Zoning By-Law to increase the maximum building area from 1% to 3.24%; and

Section 9(2)(e) of the Township of Hudson Zoning By-Law to reduce the minimum building setback, front from 40 metres to 21.336 metres.

“CARRIED”

ii. Eco-Logix’s Landfill Report – September 2024

iii. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport – Reports and Financials May-September 2024

iv. Drainage Superintendent Report – Drainage on Twin Lakes Road – October 2024 – Garth Noeker

Discussions on drainage issues on Twin Lakes Roads. The Clerk Treasurer will inquire if work permits are required for cleanouts on the outlet.

v. Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health Minutes – June & September 2024

vi. Treasurer’s Report – October 2024

vii. Recreation Report [no item]

The Recreation Department will be holding a Christmas Market on Saturday November 9th at the Hudson Hall from 10 am till 3 pm.

viii. Reports from Council and Staff-Ongoing Project Update [no item]

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The Clerk-Treasurer gave an update on the new Official Plan and Zoning By-Law process and explained to council that edits are taking a considerable amount of time.

Reeve Craig gave an update from TMA. DTSSAB and MPAC presented. Colman Township is having issues with small cabins on municipal and crown land located in Coleman.

2024-155 **Moved: Clayton Seymour** **Seconded: Greg Seed**

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. Roads Department Report
- b. Fire Department Report
- c. Others
 - i. Minor Variance Application – 2024-A02-Messenger – Planning Assessment
 - ii. Eco-Logix’s Landfill Report – September 2024
 - iii. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport – Reports & Financials May-September 2024
 - iv. Drainage Superintendent Report – Drainage on Twin Lakes Road – October 2024 – Garth Noeker.
 - v. Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health Minutes – June & September 2024
 - vi. Treasurer’s Report – October 2024
 - vii. Recreation Report *[no item]*
 - viii. Reports from Council and Staff-Ongoing Project Updates *[no item]*

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:

a. City of Temiskaming Shores – Location of Alcohol Sales & Provincial Alcohol Strategy

2024-156 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the City of Temiskaming Shores resolution regarding the provincial decision surrounding alcohol sales in convenience stores and locations that sell fuel to drivers, and the development of a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy; and

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

“CARRIED”

b. Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury – Ontario Deposit Return Program

No Action

c. Pavilion Women’s Centre – 2024 Proclamation of International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women

2024-157 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**

The Township of Hudson does hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 25th as The International Day for the elimination of Violence Against Women;

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WHEREAS violence continues to be the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals; and

WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS November 25th the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and

WHEREAS Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 62 femicides occurring in Ontario in 2023.

WHEREAS Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and South East Asian women and girls continue to experience higher rates of violence, including femicide; and
WHEREAS last year in Ontario, on average every 6 days a woman or child lost their life due to femicide; and

WHEREAS in five of the last six years, at least one person from the District of Timiskaming was the victim of femicide; and

WHEREAS this month and throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we acknowledge our community's support of the Wrapped in Courage campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for greater investment and action to end gender-based violence in our community and throughout Ontario; and
WHEREAS it is recognized that the courage of a woman alone is not enough, it takes an entire community to end gender-based violence; and

NOWHEREFORE, I, Larry Craig, Reeve of Hudson Township proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2024 shall be known as

"The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women" and urge all citizens to recognize this day by acting to support survivors of gender-based violence.

"CARRIED"

d. Ontario Good Roads Association – Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

2024-158 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier Seconded: Dana McLean**

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

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AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario’s already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Hudson requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario’s rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and the Ontario Good Roads Association.

“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

a. DTSSAB – 2024 Refund

9. Other Business:

a. Memo-24-016 – Cemetery Burial Fees

Council directed staff to provide the report to the Cemetery committee for review and recommendation.

b. Memo-24-017 – Council Meeting Schedule - 2025

2024-159 **Moved: Clayton Seymour Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-017- Council Meeting Schedule 2025*; and Approve the following Council Meeting schedule for the upcoming year:

January	8	2025
February	5	2025
March	5	2025
April	2	2025
May	7	2025
June	4	2025
July	2	2025
August	6	2025
September	3	2025
October	1	2025
November	5	2025
December	3	2025

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c. Memo-24-018 – Emergency Response Plan – Annual Table Top Exercise

2024-160 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-018 – Emergency Response Plan – Annual Table Top Exercise*; and

Agree to schedule the Township of Hudson’ annual table top emergency meeting at the Harley Community Hall on November 19th, 2024 for the following attendees:

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

“CARRIED”

d. Memo-24-019 – Emergency Control Group & Shared Services – Annual Meeting

2024-161 **Moved: Clayton Seymour** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-019 - Emergency Control Group & Administrative Shared Services - Annual Meeting*; and

Agree to schedule the Township of Hudson’s annual Emergency Control Group meeting and bi-annual Shared Services Administrative meeting with representatives from the Township of Harley, Township of Hudson and Township of Casey for Wednesday, November 20th, to be attended by Larry Craig, Reeve.

“CARRIED”

e. Royal Canadian Legion – 12th Annual Military Service Recognition Book

2024-162 **Moved: Clayton Seymour** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to post an advertisement (business card size) in the Royal Canadian Legion Military Service Recognition Book (12th Edition).

“CARRIED”

f. Landfill Contract Negotiation

The Clerk-Treasurer verbally presented that Kerns Township would like to reduce their share of the cost for the use of the Hudson Landfill as per Hudson Township’s motion 2022-100 dated July 6th, 2022. They are seeking a reduction of their share to 25%. Hudson Council discussed, and believe the Kerns portion should not be reduced to less than 30% for the following reasons: Hudson is the party responsible for ensuring all administration, complaints, and management of the landfill is completed, and are responsible for bearing the entire years costs associated for the landfill until the cost sharing is invoiced in December.

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10. By-Laws:

None

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

None

12. Adjournment:

2024-163

Moved: Dana McLean

Seconded: Greg Seed

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:25 pm and will meet again on December 4th, 2024 or at the call of the Reeve.

“CARRIED”



Larry Craig, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer