

TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of JANUARY 8TH, 2025
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
 Jason Morrow, Fire Chief
 Curtis Quinton, Deputy Fire Chief
 Others: 1 member of the public
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2025-001 **Moved:** **Greg Seed** **Seconded:** **Crystal Gauthier**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of January 8th, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2025-002 **Moved:** **Crystal Gauthier** **Seconded:** **Dana McLean**
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 4th, 2024

2025-003 **Moved:** **Dana McLean** **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 December 4th, 2024 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:
None

4. Delegations/Presentation:
None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-12

2025-004 **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	\$31,822.54
Fire	\$29,012.95
General Administration	\$47,477.71
Total Voucher 2024-12	<u>\$108,313.20</u>

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6. Reports from Staff & Others:
a. Roads Department Report

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The Roads Superintendent reports that winter operations have begun and snow plowing and sanding were performed throughout the Township. The mild weather in December brought challenges, but the roads were scarified and sanded as much as possible during the warm weather. There was a small hole in the radiator on the Western Star plow truck that was repaired. Several lights on the hall and surrounding buildings were repaired and all are now in working order. A complaint was received regarding driveway markers being hit by the snow plow. Staff responded to the complainant. Residents are reminded that the Township road allowance is 66ft (33ft from the centre of the road on each side) and no objects are permitted to be placed within these limits.

b. Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that they have set up a training portal for the Department members to take Ontario Fire College courses. There were no fire calls in December.

c. Others

i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – November 2024

ii. Temiskaming Municipal Services Association Updates and Meeting Minutes September 11th, 2024

2025-005 **Moved: Clayton Seymour Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, recommend that the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association (TMSA) adopt planning services as a mandatory core offering; and

Direct municipal staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the TMSA.
"CARRIED"

iii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Board Minutes Oct_Nov 2024

iv. Treasurer's Report – December 2024

v. Recreation Report *[no item]*

The Recreation Committee reports that they had a great turn out for the Santa Claus event. They are planning a skating party for the month of February. The ice rink was closed for a few days after Christmas due to the mild temperatures. They also report that they are no longer renting out the ice for private events, and also reminded rink users that family skating always takes priority over hockey. The Recreation Committee will be posting signage outlining that the Township is not responsible for lost or stolen items left at the rink.

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

2025-006 **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. Roads Department Report

b. Fire Department Report

c. Others

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ii. Temiskaming Municipal Services Association Updates and Meeting Minutes September 11th, 2024

iii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Board Minutes Oct_Nov 2024

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- iv. Treasurer's Report – December 2024
 - v. Recreation Report *[no item]*
 - vi. Reports from Council and Saff *[no item]*
- “CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Township of Evanturel – Funding – 2025 – Hope Air

2025-007 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier Seconded: Dana McLean**
WHEREAS the government of the Province of Ontario has made important enhancements to the Northern Health Travel Grant;

AND WHEREAS these enhancements will provide meaningful support through partial reimbursement of travel expenses for those travelling long distances for medical care;

AND WHEREAS upfront costs for airfare, accommodations, and other necessities often reach thousands of dollars with some essential travel expenses continuing to remain ineligible for reimbursement;

AND WHEREAS Hope Air continues to bridge this gap, complementing the government's policy to reduce barriers of distance and cost in access to health care for Northern Ontario patients;

AND WHEREAS the demand for the services of Hope Air continues to grow;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson requests the Ministry of Health consider funding Hope Air, in 2025, to support its vital work in assisting the residents of Northern Ontario to receive access to the health care they deserve;

AND FURTHER that the resolution be directed to the Minister of Health; and circulated to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Finance; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; the Temiskaming Municipal Association; and the Municipalities in the District of Temiskaming.

“CARRIED”

b. FONOM – Financial Sustainability in Child Welfare

2025-008 **Moved: Dana McLean Seconded: Greg Seed**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities' resolution regarding financial sustainability in child welfare; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

- a. Porcupine_Timiskaming Health Unit – Voluntary Merger
Confirmation Media Release Dec 2024**
- b. Coeur du Village – Thank You Letter**
- c. TMSA-Nomination and Consent Form**
- d. OPP 2025 Billing Update *[no item]***

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The Clerk-Treasurer provided council with a verbal update that the administrative office received official correspondence confirming that the OPP Billing for 2025 was revised, and the expected 17% increase was reduced to a 1% increase.

9. Other Business:

a. Memo-25-001 – Cemetery Burial Fees

2025-009 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Memo-25-001 – Cemetery Burial Fees; and approve the following increases to weekday burial fees at the Hudson Township Cemetery Located on Twin Lakes Rd C;

- 1) Increase Burial (Full Casket) Fee from \$350.00 to \$450.00
- 2) Increase Burial (Cremation) Fee from \$150.00 to \$210.00
- 3) Increase Burial (Niche) Fee from \$100.00 to \$170.00; and

Direct municipal staff to prepare the necessary By-Law to amend “Schedule B” Tarriff of Fees of By-Law 2010-09 being a by-law for the operation of the Hudson Memorial Cemetery, to be presented for Council’s consideration.
“CARRIED”

b. Memo-25-002 – Insurance Renewal 2025

2025-010 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 25-002 – Insurance Renewal 2025* regarding the insurance renewal proposal provided by McDougall Insurance; and

Direct municipal staff to prepare and present a by-law for council’s consideration at the Regular Meeting of January 8th, 2025, authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to execute an Insurance Program Proposal with an annual premium of \$46,351.00 provided by McDougall Insurance.
“CARRIED”

c. Memo-25-003 – Deputy Reeve Appointment

2025-011 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Memo 25-003 – Deputy Reeve Appointment; and

Direct municipal staff to prepare the necessary by-law to appoint a Deputy Reeve for the Township of Hudson to be presented for Council’s consideration at the February 5th, 2025 regular council meeting; and

Direct municipal staff to amend “Section 4) Presiding Officer” of Procedural By-Law 2020-04 to read as follows:

- 4) **Presiding Officer**
 - a) The Reeve shall preside at all meetings of the Council.
 - b) When the Reeve is absent or refuses to act, or the office is vacant, the Deputy Reeve shall act in the place and stead of the head, and

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- 2025-016 **Moved: Clayton Seymour Seconded: Greg Seed**
That **By-Law No. 2025-02**, 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, 2025 be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”
- c. By-Law 2025-03** Being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2025-2026
[three readings]
- 2025-017 **Moved: Clayton Seymour Seconded: Dana McLean**
That **By-Law No. 2025-03**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2025-2026 be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”
- 2025-018 **Moved: Greg Seed Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**
That **By-Law No. 2025-03**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2025-2026 be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”
- d. By-Law 2025-04** Being a by-law to amend tariff of fees detailed in ‘schedule B’ of By-Law 2010-09 being a by-law for the operation of the Hudson Memorial Cemetery
[three readings]
- 2025-019 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier Seconded: Dana McLean**
That **By-Law No. 2025-04**, being a by-law to amend tariff of fees detailed in ‘Schedule B’ of By-Law 2010-09 being a by-law for the operation of the Township of Hudson Memorial Cemetery be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”
- 2025-020 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier Seconded: Dana McLean**
That **By-Law No. 2025-04**, being a by-law to amend tariff of fees detailed in ‘Schedule B’ of By-Law 2010-09 being a by-law for the operation of the Township of Hudson Memorial Cemetery be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”
- e. By-Law 2025-05** Being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment agreement for the fire protection grant between His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Corporation of the Township of Hudson
[three readings]
- 2025-021 **Moved: Greg Seed Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**
That **By-Law No. 2025-05**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment agreement for the fire protection grant between His

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Majesty the King in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Corporation of the Township of Hudson be received and read a first and second time.

“CARRIED”

- 2025-022 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2025-05**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment agreement for the fire protection grant between His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Corporation of the Township of Hudson 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:

- 2025-023 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:00 p.m. and will meet again on February 5th, 2025 or at the call of the Reeve.

“CARRIED”



Larry Craig, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer