

**TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**  
**Held at the Hudson Community Hall**

**Present:**   **Reeve:**     Larry Craig  
              **Councillors:** Crystal Gauthier  
                                  Greg Seed  
                                  Clayton Seymour  
              **Staff:**     Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer  
                                  Eric Lavallee, Road Superintendent  
              **Others:**    Jeff Manners, CSWB Coordinator  
                                  2 Members of the Public  
**Regrets:**             Dana McLean, Councillor (electronic participation)

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

2025-024   **Moved:**   **Greg Seed**                             **Seconded:**   **Clayton Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2025-025   **Moved:**   **Crystal Gauthier**                     **Seconded:**   **Greg Seed**  
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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

2025-026   **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 January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as presented.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:**

None

**4. Delegations/Presentation:**

**a. Jeff Manners, CSWB Coordinator – Community Safety Well-Being Plan**

Jeff Manners presented the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP) that was legislated in 2019 for all Ontario municipalities. The plans were developed in 2021 by a consultant, but led by DTSSAB and overseen by a local steering committee. The document is a collaborative and living document that serves the Timiskaming District (incl. Temagami), and outlines several priorities for our local community to focus on. The top 3 priorities that are currently being focused on are Housing, Community Safety, and Health & Well-Being. Jeff outlined the work that has been done up to date for this plan and explained the goals and mechanisms for achieving and measuring success in each of these areas. Council was given the opportunity to ask questions and more information was provided on how the CSWBP is assisting with homelessness in the Timiskaming District as well as tangible practical ways the CSWBP is implemented. Ongoing communication regarding updates will be provided to council via email blasts, or delegations of council.

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2025-027    **Moved:**    **Crystal Gauthier**                      **Seconded:**    **Greg Seed**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge presentation of the Community Safety Well-Being Plan by CSWB co-ordinator, Jeff Manners.  
"CARRIED"

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2025-01:**

2025-028    **Moved:**    **Clayton Seymour**                      **Seconded:**    **Greg Seed**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$38,648.41
Fire	\$23,227.79
General Administration	<u>\$80,139.10</u>
Total Voucher 2025-01	\$142,015.30

"CARRIED"

**6. Reports from Staff & Others:**

**a. Roads Department Report**

The Road's Superintendent reports that winter operations continued over the last month. Several windy days caused some drifting in some areas. Roads were scarified and maintenance on equipment. An electrician looked at the wiring issues at the hall as there was no heat and some lights inside were not working.

**b. Fire Department Report**

The Fire Department did joint training with Kerns Fire Department on Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**c. Others**

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

**ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport – Reports**

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

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

TMA Update: Larry Craig gave an update from TMA. John Vanthof provided an update on his plan to help make northern highways safer. Wind turbines were discussed again as well as tile drainage issues and Brethours ongoing financial issues.

2025-029    **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. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – December 2024

ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport – Reports

iii. Recreation Report

iv. Reports from Council and Staff

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

**a. City of Peterborough – Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024**

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2025-030    **Moved: Clayton Seymour                      Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the City of Peterborough's resolution regarding their request for the Province of Ontario to amend Bill 242 to clearly define a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces; and

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

"CARRIED"

**b. Town of Cobalt – Improvements to Catch & Release**

2025-031    **Moved: Greg Seed    Seconded: Clayton Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Town of Cobalt's resolution requesting that the Federal and Provincial governments make meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Town of Cobalt.

"CARRIED"

**c. FONOM – Ineligible Recycling Amendments to O.Reg 391/21**

2025-032    **Moved: Crystal Gauthier    Seconded: Clayton Seymour**  
WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for including businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

AND WHEREAS these costs will further burden the municipalities' finances and potentially take resources away from vital infrastructure projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP John Vanthof, AMO, ROMA and FONOM.

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

None

**9. Other Business:**

**a. Memo 25-004 – User Fee Review**

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Council requested staff to bring other comparatives from similar sized municipalities, as well as present 2 scenarios: Increase current fees by 5% and increase current fees by 2024 annual CPI of 2.4%.

2025-033      **b. Temiskaming Veterinary Service Committee – 2025 Membership Fee**  
**Moved: Crystal Gauthier      Seconded: Greg Seed**

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”

2025-034      **c. Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum – 2025 Donation Request**  
**Moved: Crystal Gauthier      Seconded: Clayton Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum’s donation request to continue to preserve the district’s heritage; and

Direct municipal staff to issue payment of \$200 as a donation to The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum.

“CARRIED”

**10. By-Laws:**

**a. By-Law 2025-06**      Being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Reeve for the Corporation of the Township of Hudson  
*[three readings]*

2025-035      **Moved: Clayton Seymour      Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That **By-Law No. 2025-06**, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Reeve for the Corporation of the Township of Hudson be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2025-036      **Moved: Clayton Seymour      Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That **By-Law No. 2025-06**, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Reeve for the Corporation of the Township of Hudson be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.  
“CARRIED”


**b. By-Law 2025-07**      Being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2025  
*[three readings]*

2025-037      **Moved: Crystal Gauthier      Seconded: Greg Seed**  
That **By-Law No. 2025-07**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2025 be received and read a first and second time.  
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