

**TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
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  
                                  Curtis Quinton, Deputy Fire Chief  
                  **Others:**     1 Member of the Public  
**Regrets:**             Greg Seed, Councillor

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

2025-044   **Moved:**   Clayton Seymour           **Seconded:**   Crystal Gauthier  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2025-045   **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 February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

2025-046   **Moved:**   Dana McLean               **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 February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as presented.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:**

None

**4. Delegations/Presentation:**

None

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2025-02**

2025-047   **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	\$28,072.92
Fire	\$1,294.27
General Administration	\$45,102.49
Total Voucher 2025-02	\$74,469.68

“CARRIED”

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

**a. Roads Department Report**

The Road’s Superintendent reports that winter operations such as plowing, sanding, and scarifying continued throughout the month. Snowbank were winged back after high winds caused drifting in some

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areas. Maintenance was also done on the equipment, and the monitor for the security system was replaced. Clean up was done at the landfill and a new trench was dug. Roads projects for 2025 were discussed and the Road Superintendent proposed surface treatment on sections of Hillview Road (north of Hwy 65). The Clerk-Treasurer will incorporate this into the budget for council's consideration during budget discussions.

**b. Fire Department Report**

The Fire Department reports that they responded to a medical call in the Lakes area last month and another medical call earlier today on Road A3. The Fire Chief has followed up with an EMS supervisor as there seemed to be some confusion on scene by EMS relating to assistance the Fire Department was able to provide.

**c. Others**

**i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – January 2025**

**ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Minutes – Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**iii. Northeastern Public Health Unit Board Minutes – Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2025**

**iv. Northeastern Public Health Unit Board Minutes – Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**v. Armstrong Township – Library Report 2025**

**vi. TMSA Board Updates – February 2025**

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

The rink is closed currently due to warm weather, however if weather conditions improve it may re-open. Some young visitors to the rink were not using the facility appropriately and were asked to leave by another guest. There was a mess left behind that required attention. The Recreation Committee has organized a Spring Market which will take place in April. Electricity at Pike Lake Park was briefly discussed as the HLA are looking into purchasing a defib machine for the lake which would require power for its docking station. Some discussion took place on the potentially high cost to get power out to this area. Council asked staff to try and get some rough quotes on cost of having electricity at the lake. The recreation committee is applying for some funding for a pickle ball court, and also provided the Clerk-Treasurer with some budget items to be incorporated as part of Council's upcoming budget discussions.

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

2025-048 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier      Seconded: Dana McLean**

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 – January 2025

ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Minutes – Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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vii. Recreation Report [no item]

viii. Reports from Council and Staff [no item]

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

**a. Municipality of Casselman – Social and Economical Prosperity Review**

No Action

**b. Town of Uxbridge – Implementation of Buy Canadian Policy**

2025-049 **Moved: Dana McLean                      Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Town of Uxbridge’s resolution requesting that all municipalities in Ontario implement a “Buy Canadian” Policy.

“CARRIED”

**c. Town of Halton Hills – Sovereignty of Canada**

2025-050 **Moved: Dana McLean                      Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Town of Halton Hills resolution regarding the sovereignty of Canada; and

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

“CARRIED”

**d. Peterborough County – Proposed U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Goods**

No Action

**e. City of Woodstock – Rural Road Safety Implementation**

2025-051 **Moved: Clayton Seymour                      Seconded: Dana McLean**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the City of Woodstock’s resolution requesting that the government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, which will allow Ontario’s rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario’s rural roads; and

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

“CARRIED”

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

**a. Municipal Road Safety Forum**

**b. DTSSAB – 2025 Budget Media Release**

**c. Northern Hospice Care**

**d. MNR Timiskaming Forest Annual Work Schedule 2025-2026**

**9. Other Business:**

**a. Memo 25-005 – 2025 Wage Grid Adjustments**

2025-052 **Moved: Dana McLean                      Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 25-005-2025 Wage Grid Adjustments*; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to adjust the 2025 wage grids by 3.4%.

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**b. Memo 25-006 – User Fee Comparative**

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Council discussed the user fees and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to draft a motion outlining set increases to particular fees and to look into combining other fees charged by the Township into one user fee by-law.

**c. Memo 25-007 – Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT)**

The Clerk-Treasurer outlined how a MAT tax can be used by municipalities as well as some of the legislative requirements for passing such a tax, such as the requirement to designate a minimum of 50% of a MAT tax to an eligible tourism entity. Council discussed licensing Airbnb establishments, and the difficulties involved in this. There is also no eligible tourism entity within the Township, therefore a MAT cannot be implemented at this time. The Clerk-Treasurer also outlined that revenues from a MAT must be used in such a way as to incentivise short-term accommodation stays.

2025-053    **Moved: Dana McLean**                      **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 25-007-Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT)*.  
“CARRIED”

**d. Asset Management Plan – Hemson Consulting Proposal**

2025-054    **Moved: Crystal Gauthier**                      **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of proposal from Hemson Consulting Ltd. to update the 2016 Asset Management Plans for the Township Hudson in the amount of \$7,125; and Direct municipal staff to engage the services of Hemson Consulting Ltd. to complete the Asset Management Plans in compliance with Ontario Regulation 588/17; and

That Council hereby authorizes a total expenditure of \$7,125 plus applicable taxes as outlined in the submitted proposal.  
“CARRIED”

**e. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness – Weed Inspector**

2025-055    **Moved: Crystal Gauthier**                      **Seconded: Dana McLean**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of information provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness regarding requirements under the Weed Control Act, R.S.O, 1990 and appointment of weed inspectors; and

Direct municipal staff to prepare and present a by-law for council’s consideration at the regular council meeting of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 appointing Road Superintendent Eric Lavallee as the weed inspector for the Township of Hudson.  
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**10. By-Laws:**

**a. By-Law 2025-10**    Being a by-law to appoint a weed inspector for the Corporation of the Township of Hudson  
*[three readings]*

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2025-056    **Moved:** Clayton Seymour        **Seconded:** Dana McLean  
That **By-Law No. 2025-10**, being a by-law to appoint a weed inspector for the Corporation of the Township of Hudson be received and read a first and second time.  
"CARRIED"

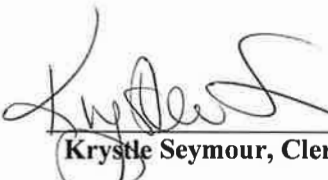
2025-057    **Moved:** Dana McLean                    **Seconded:** Clayton Seymour  
That **By-Law No. 2025-10**, being a by-law to appoint a weed inspector for the Corporation of the Township of Hudson be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.  
"CARRIED"

**11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:**  
None

**12. Adjournment:**

2025-058    **Moved:** Dana McLean                    **Seconded:** Crystal Gauthier  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:52 p.m. and will meet again on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 or at the call of the Reeve.  
"CARRIED"

  
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Larry Craig, Reeve

  
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Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer