

TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of APRIL 2ND, 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
 Curtis Quinton, Deputy Fire Chief
 Others: Chelsea Jibb & Gwen Welch, Delegation of Council
 1 member of the public
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2025-059 **Moved:** **Dana McLean** **Seconded:** **Clayton Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of April 2nd, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2025-060 **Moved:** **Crysal 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 March 5th, 2025

2025-061 **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 March 5th, 2025 as presented
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations/Presentation:

a. Gwen Welch & Chelsea Jibb – “Hudson Jam Fest” 2025

Gwen and Chelsea addressed Council about the “Hudson Jam Fest” 2025 being held on Saturday June 14th from 11:00am-4:00pm at the Hudson Hall and Arena to celebrate the 40 years of the Hudson Lions Club. The event will feature live music from local artists, a silent auction in the Hall and a BBQ. They are currently requesting local donations for the event and the proceeds will be donated to the breakfast program at the Kerns Public and Elk Lake Public Schools. The Hudson Fire Department will be doing the BBQ and some of those proceeds will go towards the Fire Department. The event will be advertised on the radio station and social media. Insurance was briefly discussed and the Clerk-Treasurer outlined that the municipality has general liability insurance on the hall property, but if additional insurance was needed it would be at the renter’s expense. Lions Club Association may have insurance the Hudson Lions Club can access. Gwen and Chelsea will look into that.

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2025-062 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge presentation by Gwen Welch and Chelsea Jibb regarding the “Hudson Jam Fest” scheduled for June 2025.
 “CARRIED”

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2025-03

2025-063 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

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|------------------------|--------------|
| Roads | \$31,728.94 |
| Fire | \$5,652.15 |
| General Administration | \$79,065.29 |
| Total Voucher 2025-03 | \$116,446.38 |

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report

The Road’s Superintendent reports that winter operations continued throughout the month. Ditches were cleaned out to help with water runoff, eight culverts were steamed, and frost bumps were fixed. There was some water that ran onto the roads due to the flash freeze but there were no major issues identified. Regular maintenance was performed on equipment and the Western Star had its sander chain replaced. The Road Assistant will be organizing the sale of the surplus generator possibly at the spring auction in Temiskaming Shores, or through other means. The Grader needs new blades at the cost of about \$7,000 and the Road Superintendent will attempt to repair them for this year to avoid having to purchase new ones. He has also informed Council that the Road Assistant is relocating later this summer and is therefore resigning from his position effective July 25th, 2025. He has requested a brief leave of absence in May for approximately 3 weeks but will be available for summer projects including gravel hauling. Council directed municipal staff to notify the road assistant that they approve the leave of absence. Discussion took place on whether the road assistant position receives a cell phone allowance in the same manner as the Road superintendent. The Clerk-Treasurer confirmed that there is no formal agreement for this.

2025-064 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier** **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to provide the Road Assistant with a cell phone allowance of \$75.00 per month to be paid quarterly beginning January 1st, 2025.
 “CARRIED”

2025-065 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Road Superintendents verbal report that the road assistant will be resigning effective July 25th, 2025; and

Direct municipal staff to advertise for the vacant position; and

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Appoint the following individuals to a hiring committee with the authority to enter into an employment agreement with the successful candidate on behalf of the Township of Hudson:

- Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer;
- Eric Lavallee, Road Superintendent; and
- Larry Craig, Reeve

“CARRIED”

b. Fire Department Report

The Fire Department reports that they had no calls this past month and they have recruited 1 new member to the Fire Department. The air compressor, and air packs were tested, and 2 air packs have failed and are out of service. The Department will seek other funding opportunities to replace them such as the Pipeline Grant. The Fire Chief will contact municipal staff to confirm an application. The Department was also offered some supplemental funding from the Ontario Fire Marshal (OFM) for the Fire Protection Grant (FY24-25). Council agreed to proceed as per the original funding application made to the OFM.

2025-066 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to sign a letter of intent to receive an additional funding allotment of \$361.73 from the Office of the Fire Marshall to support the Township of Hudson approved project under the Fire Protection Grant (2024-2025).

“CARRIED”

c. Others

- i. Eco-Logix’s Landfill Report – February 2025**
- ii. NEPH – Merger Community Update – March 6th, 2025**
- iii. Recreation Report [no item]**

A spring market is coming up April 12th. Some workshops are coming up possibly in May.

The HLA is applying for funding for a defibrillator station in the lakes area and asked for Council’s support. The Clerk-Treasurer also received one (1) rough quote for Hydro at Pike Lake. The cost will be a minimum of \$10,000. This amount was not incorporated in the 2025 budget to be presented later in the meeting.

2025-067 **Moved: Clayton Seymour Seconded: Dana McLean**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge that the Hudson Lakes Association (HLA) is submitting an application for funding to purchase a defibrillator station for the lakes area which requires the name of a sponsoring community; and

That the HLA are not requesting any financial commitment by the Township of Hudson as this time; and

Do hereby permit the Hudson Lakes Association to use the Township of Hudson as the sponsoring community for the purposes of their application.

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

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TMA – Reeve Craig provided an update. The TMA will be paying for the upcoming Fred Dean Seminar being held in April. They also discussed cleaning up the contaminated (brownfield) empty lots for the purposes of building homes.

- 2025-068 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**
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 – February 2025
 - ii. NEPH – Merger Community Update – March 6th, 2025
 - iii. Recreation Report [*no item*]
 - iv. Reports from Council and Staff [*no item*]
- “CARRIED”

7. **Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:**
- a. **City of Sarnia – Carbon Tax**
No Action

 - b. **Township of Evanturel – Northern Highway Safety Plan – Hwy 11 and 17**

- 2025-069 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Township of Evanturel’s resolution regarding the Northern Highway Safety Plan – Hwy 11 & Hwy 17; and
- Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Township of Evanturel.
- “CARRIED”

8. **Correspondence for Council’s Information:**
None

9. **Other Business:**
- a. **Memo-25-008 – Heating Oil Tank Inspection – Old Fire Hall/Generator**

- 2025-070 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of report from *Comfort Heating and Air Conditioning* regarding the inspection of the oil tank system in the old fire hall building; and
- Do hereby acknowledge estimate AW75086 from *Comfort Heating and Air Conditioning* for the installation of one (1) Lennox propane heater in the old fire hall building; and
- Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to obtain two (2) more quotes for the installation of a propane furnace.
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b. Bikers Reunion – Sponsorship Letter

No Action

c. Memo-25-009 – Municipal Budget 2025

2025-071 **Moved: Greg Seed** **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 2025 as prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to adjust the municipal tax rate by 2.5% for Council's consideration.

“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws:

None

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

None


12. Adjournment:

2025-072 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:00 p.m. and will meet again on May 7th, 2025 or at the call of the Reeve.

“CARRIED”



Larry Craig, Reeve



Krystal Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer