

**TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>, 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:**       Gordon Verok, Shannon Wever & Christine Lambert, Horizon  
                              New Energy  
                              Martina Gahwiler & Christine Harrison, Wind Turbine  
                              Opposition  
                              Steven Acland, C.P.A., Kemp Elliot & Blair LLP  
                              Andrew Mirabella & Adam Monteith, Annalists, Hemson  
                                      *[electronic participation]*  
                              1 Member of the Media  
                              Approx. 30 Members of the Public *(several left at 8:02pm and*  
                                      *throughout the meeting)*

**Regrets:**               None

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

2025-122   **Moved:**   Dana McLean                   **Seconded:**   Clayton Seymour  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2025-123   **Moved:**   Clayton Seymour               **Seconded:**   Dana McLean  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agenda as presented.  
**ADD:**     8. c. Climate Action Timiskaming – Letter of Support for  
                              Renewable Energy Projects in the Timiskaming District  
“CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Minutes:**

**a. Regular Meeting of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

2025-124   **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 July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025 as amended.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:**

None

**4. Delegations/Presentation:**

**a. Gordon Verok, Shannon Wever & Christine Lambert – Horizon Energy – Community Benefit & Agriculture Impact Assessment Part 1**

Gordon presented an update to Council for their LT2 proposal. A Met Tower has been installed and is gathering information. An open house and Community Info Session is scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-8pm at the Kerns Hall. Other team members from Horizon will be present at the Open House. Gordon also provided an update on the funds both Kerns and Hudson will receive as a result of this project. These funds include a community vibrancy fund of \$35,000 each to Hudson and

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Kerns, a community benefit fund to each Township valued at \$2,500 per MW located in each Township (approx. \$300,000 annually to Kerns and approx. \$225,000 annually to Hudson pending final layout of turbine locations), and an increase to property tax revenue estimated to be approx. \$155,000 to Kerns and approx. \$85,000 to Hudson Township. Gordon also outlined that the Agricultural Impact Assessment part 1 is complete. Soil classifications were evaluated as part of this assessment. Diversification on farmland is welcomed by interested landowners. *(entire presentation is available by contacting the municipal office)*

Council was provided an opportunity to ask questions.

**Q:** Councillor McLean asked if the transmission lines are all underground.

**A:** Yes, and that is common.

**Q:** Reeve Craig asked if the Township planner needs to be involved.

**A:** The Clerk-Treasurer said the municipal planner has stated that under current municipal documents, zoning by-law amendments would be required for turbine installations and regular processes for those amendments would need to be followed.

Councillor Seymour stated that if provisions for these types of projects were included in the new Official Plan, amendments may not be required.

2025-125    **Moved:**    **Crystal Gauthier**                      **Seconded:**    **Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of presentation by Horizon New Energy regarding an update on the Community Benefit, Agriculture Impact Assessment Part 1, and Open House event scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> 2025.

“CARRIED”

**b. Martina Gahwiler & Christine Harrison – Wind Turbine Project Opposition Update**

Martina thanked Council for the opportunity to present. The group provided an update that 51% of Hudson residents are against a wind turbine project and believe more are also opposed. The group stated that turbines do not typically reach their peak MW output due to downtime for repairs etc., which may reduce the payout related to MW's. The group stated Council should ensure that the revenue generated from this project will offset the extra costs that will be associated with a project of this nature. They stated the municipality should conduct a shadow flicker study and to do this a location of the turbines must be known. Turbines may be moved to reduce shadow flicker, but this may reduce their output. The group noted that the Charter of Rights protects vulnerable people which this project will affect.

Council was provided an opportunity to ask questions.

**Q:** Councillor McLean noted that the Health Canada study noted in the presentation outlines that noise was not a factor.

**A:** It depends on which study it noted. Council is encouraged to discuss this with the public.



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Hillview Rd and several other spots on different roads. Surface treatment should be done by August 1<sup>st</sup>, or the next week. Received a complaint about Twin Lakes Rd A intersection. Staff are currently looking into the issue and will report back to council.

**b. Fire Department Report**

The Fire Department reports that there were no calls this past month. They received an updated agreement with the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB) to renew their contract for tiered response to assist EMS on Highway 65 calls. The department is willing to renew the agreement and respond as required. Council was supportive of the agreement. Staff will prepare the necessary resolution to authorize the agreement at a future council meeting.

**c. Others**

**i. Steven Acland, C.P.A., Kemp, Elliot & Blair LLP – 2024  
Financial Statements**

Steven provided Council with the 2024 financial statements.

2025-128 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier                      Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Steven Acland, C.P.A. of Kemp, Elliot & Blair LLP's presentation regarding the 2024 audited financial statements; and

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and Reeve to sign the 2024 audited financial statements on behalf of the Township of Hudson; and

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and Reeve to sign Kemp, Elliot, & Blair LLP's engagement letter pertaining to the 2025 audit.

“CARRIED”

**ii. Andrew Mirabella & Adam Monteith – Asset Management Plan**  
Hemson Consulting Ltd. presented the Asset Management Plan for 2025 and corresponding financial strategy, we well as outlined the methods used to determine the presented values.

2025-129 **Moved: Clayton Seymour                      Seconded: Dana McLean**

THAT we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge presentation of the 2025 Asset Management Plan prepared by Hemson Consulting Ltd; and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Hudson adopts the 2025 Asset Management Plan, as prepared by Hemson Consulting Ltd., in accordance with Ontario Regulation 588/17; and

THAT the approved Asset Management Plan be posted on the Municipality's website as per legislative requirements and to ensure public access; and  
THAT staff be directed to submit the Plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately following its passing; and

AND THAT Council direct staff to incorporate the financing strategy into the 2026 capital budget process and future budget discussions.

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**iii. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – June 2025**

Councillor Gauthier asked if staff could follow-up on the requests made last month. Staff have reached out but will do so again.

**iv. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport – Executive Minutes June 2024 & June 2025 Financials**

**v. Memo 25-022 – Wind Turbine Opposition – ADDITIONAL – Rev 2**

The Clerk-Treasurer provided a verbal update that the office currently has data to show 54% of Kerns residents are opposed to a wind turbine project and 51% of Hudson residents are opposed.

**vi. Memo 25-023 – Wind Turbine Project Support**

The Clerk-Treasurer outlined that a few emails had been received at the office outlining support for a wind turbine project, and several letters of support were also provided by Horizon New Energy.

**vii. Treasurer's Report – July 2025**

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

Councillor Gauthier presented a slideshow outlining the success of the "Day in the Park" event. A rink update was also provided and the Frog's breath funding was used to smooth out and seal the asphalt to provide a better surface for a Pickle Ball court. Basketball nets are on order. CTV News asked if the Recreation Committee or Reeve wanted to talk about the new arena upgrades. Councillor Gauthier will discuss the upgrades with the media. For the purposes of insurance coverage, the Clerk-Treasurer asked for clarification on whether the event was put on by the Recreation Committee or the Hudson Lakes Association since advertising for the event had conflicting messaging. Councillor Gauthier confirmed the Recreation Committee was the lead on the event.

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

Councillor McLean presented a slideshow outlining her research on wind turbines. Turbines along Lake Erie (2014) and the Henvey Inlet were observed. Upon conducting this research, concerns noted by those in opposition were kept in mind. Pictures and audio recordings of operating turbines were presented. The research included conversations with residents in southern Ontario who host turbines or live near them. Mitigation for bats was noted. Councillor McLean asked a member of the public to attend this evening's council meeting to outline his experience with this type of project. Reeve Craig permitted the comments. Stewart Smith outlined his initial opposition to wind turbines and expressed that they were not as bad as he initially thought. He does not think they should be close to a village/settlement area. He commented on noise, proximity to his home and noted an eagle's nest was moved closer to a wind turbine on an occasion.

Councillors Gauthier and McLean noted that some residents have expressed that they were pressured to sign the petition and also that it would be difficult to verify whether individuals who signed the online petition were actually the people they claim to be, as there is no straightforward way to confirm their identity. Councillor McLean

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noted that for those reasons, she would not be able to accept the petition.

*The Clerk-Treasurer asked that both slideshow presentations be forward to the municipal office for inclusion in the official council meeting record.*

- 2025-130    **Moved: Crystal Gauthier                      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. Steven Acland, C.P.A., Kemp, Elliot & Blair LLP – 2024 Financial Statements
    - ii. Andrew Mirabella & Adam Monteith – Asset Management Statements
    - iii. Eco-Logix’s Landfill Report – June 2025
    - iv. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport – Executive Minutes June 2024 & June 2025 Financials
    - v. Memo 25-022 – Wind Turbine Opposition – ADDITIONAL – Rev 2
    - vi. Memo 25-023 – Wind Turbine Project Support
    - vii. Treasurer’s Report – July 2025
    - viii. Recreation Report
    - ix. Reports from Council and Staff
- “CARRIED”

**7. Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:**  
**a. FONOM – NORDS Funding Program Permanency**

- 2025-131    **Moved: Crystal Gauthier                      Seconded: Greg Seed**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of draft resolution from FONOM regarding support for making the NORDS program permanent and expanding the program eligibility; and

**WHEREAS** the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities; **AND WHEREAS** the funding provided through the NORDS pilot was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North;

**AND WHEREAS** the program has allowed municipalities, such as the City of North Bay, to strategically stack multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

**AND WHEREAS** the NORDS pilot program has clearly demonstrated its value and effectiveness in helping Northern municipalities address the infrastructure challenges tied to resource development and extraction; **AND WHEREAS** rural and northern municipalities are also facing infrastructure degradation resulting from the increasing size and frequency of

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agricultural machinery and activity, which is currently outside the scope of the pilot;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Hudson strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

**AND FURTHER THAT** municipalities be encouraged to continue utilizing the ability to stack NORDS allocations over multiple years to support the planning and delivery of major infrastructure projects;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support.

“CARRIED”

**b. Township of Larder Lake – Delegations at FONOM Annual Conferences**

2025-132    **Moved: Crystal Gauthier                      Seconded: Greg Seed**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of resolution from the Township of Larder Lake requesting that delegations to Ontario Provincial Ministers become part of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM's) Annual Conferences; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a letter of support to the Township of Larder Lake.

“CARRIED”

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

- a. **Community Safety Well-Being – Newsletter – June 2025 – Issue 3**
- b. **Case Study – Impact of Wind Turbine Project on a Rural Community**

**9. Other Business:**

- a. **Memo 25-024 – Recreation Committee By-Law Review**

2025-133    **Moved: Clayton Seymour                      Seconded: Dana McLean**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 25-024 – Recreation Committee By-Law Review*; and

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby direct staff to prepare a resolution to appoint members to the recreation committee to satisfy

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current insurance requirements and to ensure proper coverage for committee members remains in place; and

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson direct staff to make the necessary edits to By-Law 2013-05 and prepare a draft by-law for Council's review at a future council meeting as soon as practically possible.  
"CARRIED"

2025-134    **Moved: Crystal Gauthier**                      **Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, appoint the following individuals to the "Recreation Committee" for the Township of Hudson:

Crystal Gauthier, Councillor  
Dana McLean, Councillor  
Jason Morrow, Volunteer  
Chelsea Manners, Volunteer  
Shay Yaskovitch, Volunteer  
Mike Gingras, Volunteer  
Laurie McLean, Volunteer  
"CARRIED"

**10. By-Laws:**

None

**11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:**


None

**12. Adjournment:**

2025-135    **Moved: Dana McLean**                      **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:44 p.m. and will meet again on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 or at the call of the Reeve.  
"CARRIED"

  
Larry Craig Reeve

  
Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer