

TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of SEPTEMBER 3RD, 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
 Allison Doyon, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer
 Eric Lavallee, Road Superintendent
 Jason Morrow, Fire Chief
 Curtis Quinton, Deputy Fire Chief
 Others: Bruce McKee, Twin Lakes Resident
 John Bloetjes, Wind Turbine Opposition
 Gordon Verok & Shannon Wever, Horizon New Energy
 Cathy Morrow, Hudson Resident
 1 Member of the media
 29 Members of the Public
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2025-136 **Moved:** **Greg Seed** **Seconded:** **Clayton Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of September 3rd, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
"CARRIED"

2025-137 **Moved:** **Dana McLean** **Seconded:** **Crystal Gauthier**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
ADD: 9. c. Notice of Motion – Crystal Gauthier
ORDER: 11.a (Closed Session) will be dealt with after 9.b
"CARRIED"

2. Adoption of Minutes:

a. Regular Meeting of August 6th, 2025

2025-138 **Moved:** **Clayton Seymour** **Seconded:** **Greg Seed**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
 a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 6th, 2025 as presented.
"CARRIED"

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

Councillor Seed declared conflict of interest on the following item;
9.a
And did not participate in the discussion of this agenda item.

4. Delegations/Presentation:

a. Bruce McKee – Encroachment on Twin Lakes Road A

Mr. McKee addressed Council about the corner of the Twin Lakes Rd A intersection by his property. He would like the corner straightened out and stated the property pins are in the middle of the road. He provided council with a survey from 1960 that shows the road was straight. Would like a stop sign installed.

Q: Councillor Seed asked which direction the majority of the traffic flows at that corner and asked if a yield sign would be sufficient.

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A: The majority of the traffic flows south, and a stop sign is preferred.

Brief discussion on ditching, stop signs, yield signs, culverts and burms.

Staff will look into options and also refer to the Drainage Superintendent for options regarding water flow to prevent flooding further down the road.

2025-139 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of presentation by Bruce McKee regarding encroachment on Twin Lakes Road A.
“CARRIED”

b. John Bloetjes – Wind Turbine Opposition

Mr. Bloetjes outlined his concerns regarding a wind turbine project in the Township to Council. *[full letter available in council package]*

2025-140 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of presentation by John Bloetjes regarding his wind turbine project concerns.
“CARRIED”

c. Gorden Verok & Shannon Wever – Horizon Energy Group – Letter of Commitments

Gordon thanked Council for their consideration of this project. Many landowners have signed land use agreements with Horizon. If this project was awarded by IESO, many upgrades to the Township infrastructure can be expected and funds for the communities will be available. This is not an experimental project and wind energy is not brand new. There are many projects currently in operation today and some have been in operation for decades. All required studies will be carried out by third parties and will coverage a range of topics such as environmental, safety, water, noise, shadow flicker etc. He noted that humans have lived next to turbines for decades and there are many benefits that out-weigh any risks. Approximately seventy-five people attended the open house and Horizon plans to hold two more open houses under the environmental assessment process. Administrative support for township staff is being offered and Horizon is happy to engage with the Township on how they can best assist in this manner. Horizon provided council with a letter of commitments outlining all financial commitments being offered to Hudson Township which now includes a non-participating Landowner Fund of \$25K annually which will be available for landowners within ½ mile of a turbine location. The regulatory process is tried and true. Shannon stated that there has been a lot of mis-information surrounding this proposal and there are no peer reviewed studies that show adverse effects from wind turbines. Landowner’s annual payments will allow more funds to be put back within the community. She encouraged council to reach out to other areas seeking opinions on operational wind turbine projects.

Council was provided an opportunity to ask questions.

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Q: Councillor Gauthier asked if the community benefit fund amount was negotiable.

A: Horizon is happy to discuss the needs of the Township.

Q: Councillor Gauthier asked if the community fund would decrease if there was a decline in property tax assessments.

A: No, the fund will remain the same.

Q: Councillor Seed asked if the province has a say and could possibly override a later decision of council when reviewing studies once completed.

A: It is a two-prong system. The province does have a say, as the does the municipality.

Q: Councillor McLean asked if there have ever been studies that have halted a project in the past.

A: Not that comes to mind. Usually, project submissions will be withdrawn before studies are completed if the projected outcomes are not positive because the process of submitting a permit application is very lengthy.

2025-141 **Moved: Clayton Seymour Seconded: Dana McLean**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of presentation by Horizon New Energy representatives regarding a letter of commitments.

“CARRIED”

d. Cathy Morrow

Mrs. Morrow read a letter to council outlining concerns regarding council conduct. *[full letter available in council package]*

Council was provided an opportunity to ask questions.

Councillor McLean responded to the delegation summarizing her involvement in events mentioned by the delegate.

2025-142 **Moved: Clayton Seymour Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of presentation by Cathy Morrow regarding her concerns with Council conduct.

“CARRIED”

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2025-08

2025-143 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier Seconded: Clayton Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$201,643.48
Fire	\$1,268.81
General Administration	\$61,468.97
Total Voucher 2025-08	\$264,381.26

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Authorize the Fire Chief to execute the agreement on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Hudson.

“CARRIED”

c. Others

- i. Eco-Logix’s Landfill Report – July 2025**
- ii. Memo 25-025 – Wind Turbine Correspondance & Data Update**
- iii. Memo 25-026 – Administrative Capacity and Shared Administrative Services Agreement**
- iv. Treasurer’s Report – August 2025**
- v. Recreation Report [no item]**

The Recreation Committee will be hosting an Open-House on September 7th at 3 p.m. for the new Pickleball courts. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony held. They will also be getting quotes for fan installation in the Hudson Hall.

vi. Reports from Council and Staff

Councillor Gauthier made a statement regarding her actions at the August 6th regular council meeting and also outlining comments she has received from the public.

2025-147 **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
 - i. Fire Protection Grant 2025-26 – Call for Applications
 - ii. Tiered Response Agreement with DTSSAB
- c. Others
 - i. Eco-Logix’s Landfill Report – July 2025
 - ii. Memo 25-025 – Wind Turbine Correspondance & Data Update
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7. Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:

- a. Municipality of West Nipissing – Moratorium on Arial Spraying of Glyphosate in the Nipissing Forest**
No Action

- b. Norfolk County – Opposition to Bill C-2 Section 77.5**
No Action

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a. Correspondance Re: Wind Turbine Project - 1**
- b. Correspondance Re: Wind Turbine Project - 2**
- c. Correspondance Re: Wind Turbine Project - 3**
- d. Correspondance Re: Wind Turbine Project - 4**
- e. Correspondance Re: Wind Turbine Project Opposition**
- f. Armstrong Township Public Library Board Vacancy**
- g. Correspondance Re: Wind Turbine Project - 5**

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9. Other Business:

a. Minor Variance Application 2025-A02-Seeson Ranch

There were no questions from the public or Council. Council approved the minor variance request and signed the Notice of Consent. *[formal motion was not available and will be provided for council's approval at the next meeting]*

b. Armstrong Township Public Library Agreement 2026

2025-148 **Moved: Clayton Seymour Seconded: Greg Seed**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby acknowledge receipt of Armstrong Township Public Library's agreement to provide full library services to the residents of The Township of Hudson for the year 2026; and

Agree to forward payment equal to the Public Library Operating Grant received by Hudson Township to the Armstrong Township Public Library as payment for library services; and

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and Reeve to enter into an agreement with the Armstrong Township Public Library for the service year 2026.

“CARRIED”

c. Notice of Motion – Crystal Gauthier

[dealt with after item 11.a.]

Motion deferred.

10. By-Laws:

None

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

**a. Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 2(e) Potential litigation,
affecting municipality**

2025-149 **Moved: Greg Seed Seconded: Clayton Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to enter closed session at 9:21 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to potential litigation pursuant to Section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, regarding the following matter:

- Potential litigation, affecting the municipality

“CARRIED”

2025-150 **Moved: Dana McLean Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to arise from closed session at 9:46 p.m.; and

Accept *Confidential Memo 25-027* from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding potential litigation affecting the municipality.

“CARRIED”

2025-151 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier Seconded: Greg Seed**

