

**TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
OF FEBRUARY 4TH, 2026
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
 Jason Morrow, Fire Chief
 Eric Lavallee, Road Superintendent
Others: 1 Member of the Public
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2026-021 **Moved:** Dana McLean **Seconded:** Crystal Gauthier
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of February 4th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
 "CARRIED"

2026-022 **Moved:** Clayton Seymour **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. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 7th, 2026

2026-023 **Moved:** Clayton Seymour **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 7th, 2026 as presented.
 "CARRIED"

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations/Presentation:

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2026-01

2026-024 **Moved:** Dana McLean **Seconded:** Clayton Seymour
 That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$62,191.51
Fire	\$7,720.20
General Administration	\$47,841.72
Total Voucher 2026-01	\$117,753.43

"CARRIED"

6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report:

The Road's Superintendent reports that plowing, sanding, and scarifying continues in the township. Banks were winged back with the grader and bumps were repaired. Snow was cleaned up at the landfill and maintenance was performed on equipment. Smoke alarms in the Hall were replaced.

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b. Fire Department Report:

The Fire Chief reports that there were no calls. The Fire Department members practiced with the new air packs and more air packs have been ordered using provincial funding.

c. Others:

i. Landfill Reports – December 2025

ii. Earlington Airport – Minutes Financials & Managers Reports – 2025

iii. NEPH Minutes – November 27th, 2025 & January 12th, 2026

iv. Recreation Report

v. Reports from Council and Staffe [no item]

Reeve Craig provided an update on TMA – The city hired a regional Economic Developer and discussions surrounding safety on Hwy 11/17 continue.

2026-025 **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. Landfill Report – December 2025

ii. Earlington Airport – Minutes, Financials & Managers Reports – 2025

iii. NEPH Minutes – November 27th, 2025 & January 12th, 2026

iv. Recreation Report

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

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:

a. Town of Moosonee – Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario

2026-026 **Moved: Clayton Seymour Seconded: Dana McLean**

That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, support the Town of Moosonee’s resolution regarding strengthening self-defence protections and addressing rising home invasions in Ontario; and

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

“CARRIED”

b. City of Brantford – Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry

No Action

c. Township of Southgate – OMERS Bill 68

2026-027 **Moved: Greg Seed Seconded: Dana McLean**

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children’s aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

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WHEREAS the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

WHEREAS these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

WHEREAS the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Hudson does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Hudson supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, The Honourable John Vanthof, Minister of Finance, MPP John Vanthof, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

a. Horizon New Energy – Update Letter

2026-028 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier Seconded: Greg Seed**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the letter from Horizon New Energy; and

Do hereby accept their contribution of the \$3,500 to cover increased administration costs for their proposal in 2025.

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9. Other Business:

a. Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee – 2026 Membership Fee

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2026-029 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee's membership 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"

b. Little Claybelt Museum – Donation Request 2026

2026-030 **Moved: Clayton Seymour** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
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"

c. 2026 Gravel Crushing

2026-031 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, direct the Clerk-Treasurer to work with the Township of Kerns and the Township of Harley to release a joint request for quote for the purpose of crushing the following granular material for 2026 and 2027 fiscal years:

Granular M: 5,000m³
Granular B: 1,500m³
"CARRIED"

d. Replacement of Pump in Hudson Hall Old Well – Pump Quotes

2026-032 **Moved: Clayton Seymour** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of three (3) quotes to replace the pump in the old well as provided by the recreation committee; and

Direct municipal staff to award the work to Gauvreau Pumps & Motors; and

That Council hereby authorizes a total expenditure of \$8,449.04 plus applicable taxes as outlined in their submitted quote.
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e. Memo 26-002 – Livestock Evaluator

2026-033 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 26-002 Livestock Evaluator*; and

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2026-037 **Moved:** **Crystal Gauthier** **Seconded:** **Dana McLean**
That **By-Law No. 2026-06**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2026 be received and read a first and second time.
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Council requested data on increasing the Commercial and Industrial ratios by 10%.

c. **By-Law 2026-07** Being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program between the Ministry of Transportation and the Corporation of the Township of Hudson
[three readings]

2026-038 **Moved:** **Greg Seed** **Seconded:** **Dana McLean**
That **By-Law No. 2026-07**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program between the Ministry of Transportation and the Corporation of the Township of Hudson be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"

2026-039 **Moved:** **Crystal Gauthier** **Seconded:** **Clayton Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2026-07**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program between the Ministry of Transportation and 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:

2026-040 **Moved:** **Dana McLean** **Seconded:** **Greg Seed**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:50 p.m. and will meet again at 7:00 p.m. on March 4th, 2026 or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"



Larry Craig, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer