

TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of MARCH 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
Others: 2 Members of the Public
Regrets: Eric Lavallee, Road Superintendent

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2026-041 **Moved:** **Greg Seed** **Seconded:** **Crystal Gauthier**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of March 4th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2026-042 **Moved:** **Dana McLean** **Seconded:** **Greg Seed**
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 February 4th, 2026

2026-043 **Moved:** **Crystal Gauthier** **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 February 4th, 2026 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations/Presentation:

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2026-2

2026-044 **Moved:** **Clayton Seymour** **Seconded:** **Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$20,822.11
Fire	\$24,131.59
General Administration	\$42,349.17
Total Voucher 2026-02	\$87,302.87

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report:

The Road’s Superintendent reports that winter operations continued. Plowing, sanding and scarifying township roads. Banks were winged back making room for more snow. Clean up was done at the landfill and garbage was moved around in the trench. Steamed a few culverts in preparation for the spring thaw. Cutting edges were changed on the Kenworth, grader, and maintenance was performed on equipment. Lastly, snow was cleared at the Hudson Hall.

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WHEREAS patients with chronic illness, newborns, long-term care residents, and individuals on time-sensitive medications depend on predictable laboratory turnaround times to support clinical decision-making; and

WHEREAS transporting medical specimens long distances to southern Ontario increases the risk of delays, specimen degradation, and retesting, particularly during frequent winter highway closures—potentially jeopardizing patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario is already experiencing shortages of health-care professionals, and the closure of this laboratory further undermines regional workforce stability, training capacity, and recruitment and retention efforts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Hudson call on the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Health to take immediate action to ensure that essential medical laboratory services remain accessible within Northern Ontario, including maintaining local laboratory processing capacity in Greater Sudbury; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be urged to ensure reliable, timely, and medically appropriate laboratory turnaround times for Northern Ontario patients, recognizing the unique geographic and climatic challenges of the region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be requested to protect and support the Northern Ontario health-care workforce, including medical laboratory technologists, by preventing further service centralization that disproportionately impacts Northern communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Health, MPP John Vanthof, FONOM, AMO, and ROMA.
“CARRIED”

**8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:
a. TMA – Urgent Highway Safety Concerns**

**9. Other Business:
a. Memo 26-003 – Tax Ratios – 2026**

2026-048 **Moved:** Clayton Seymour **Seconded:** Greg Seed
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 26-003 – Tax Ratios 2026*; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to maintain existing ratios until updated assessments are issued to avoid further imbalances to the taxation system, and prepare a by-law for Council’s consideration at the March 4th, 2026 council meeting.

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Councillor McLean requested a recorded vote on this matter:

Recorded Vote		
Council Member	For Motion	Against Motion
Crystal Gauthier		✓

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Dana McLean		✓
Greg Seed	✓	
Clayton Seymour	✓	
Larry Craig	✓	

**b. Memo 26-004 – Township of Hudson – RFQ-2026-01 – Gravel
Crushing Official Results**

2026-049 **Moved: Crystal Gauthier Seconded: Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 26-004 – Official Results Township of Hudson RFQ-2026-01 – Joint Gravel Crushing Tender*; and

Acknowledge recommendations from the Townships of Kerns and Harley to award the tender to “Bernt Gilbertson Enterprises Limited”; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare a by-law authorizing an agreement between “Bernt Gilbertson Enterprises Limited” and the Township of Hudson for Council’s consideration at the April 1st, 2026 council meeting.
“CARRIED”

The Clerk-Treasurer advised Council that as per discussions with the Road Superintendent, they would request an increase to Granular M quantities based on total amount budgeted for this project.

10. By-Laws:

a. By-Law 2026-08 Being a by-law to appoint a livestock evaluator
[three readings]

2026-050 **Moved: Greg Seed Seconded: Dana McLean**
That **By-Law No. 2026-08**, being a by-law to appoint a livestock evaluator be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2026-051 **Moved: Dana McLean Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**
That **By-Law No. 2026-08**, being a by-law to appoint a livestock evaluator be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

b. By-Law 2026-09 Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with
MEPS Advisory Services Inc. (Municipal
Enforcement and Property Standards Management)
for by-law and property standards enforcement
services for the Corporation of the Township of
Hudson
[three readings]

2026-052 **Moved: Greg Seed Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**
That **By-Law No. 2026-09**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with
MEPS Advisory Services Inc. (Municipal Enforcement and Property
Standards Management) for by-law and property standards enforcement
services for the Corporation of the Township of Hudson be received and read
a first and second time.
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2026-053 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**
That **By-Law No. 2026-09**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with MEPS Advisory Services Inc. (Municipal Enforcement and Property Standards Management) for by-law and property standards enforcement services 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”

c. **By-Law 2026-10** Being a by-law to appoint Municipal By-Law Officers
[three readings]

2026-054 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
That **By-Law No. 2026-10**, being a by-law to appoint Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officers be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2026-055 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Crystal Gauthier**
That **By-Law No. 2026-10**, being a by-law to appoint Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officers be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

d. **By-Law 2026-06** Being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2026
[three readings]

2026-056 **Moved: Greg Seed** **Seconded: Clayton Seymour**
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.
“CARRIED”

2026-057 **Moved: Clayton Seymour** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
That **By-Law No. 2026-06**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2026 be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

a. **Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 2(d) – Wage Review 2026/2027**

2026-058 **Moved: Clayton Seymour** **Seconded: Dana McLean**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to enter closed session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss the following item:
11. a. Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 2(d) – Wage Review 2026/2027
“CARRIED”


2026-059 **Moved: Dana McLean** **Seconded: Greg Seed**
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to arise from closed session at 7:55 p.m.; and

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Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to adjust the confidential wage scale for 2026 & 2027 as per signed Report ID: CONF-001-2026.
"CARRIED"

12. Adjournment:

2026-060 **Moved:** Clayton Seymour **Seconded:** Crystal Gauthier
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:57 p.m. and will meet again at 7:00 p.m. on April 1st, 2026 or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"



Larry Craig, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer