

TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of May 12th, 2020
Held at the Harley Community Hall

Present: **Reeve:** Pauline Archambault
 Councillors: Auldin Bilow, Clifford Fielder, Richard McNaughton, Marc Gosselin
 Clerk-Treasurer: Jordan Kemp
 Road Superintendent: Guy Godmaire
 Consultant: Michel Lachapelle

Regrets: **Fire Chief:** Todd Maguire

Meeting started at 7:25 p.m.

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council

2020-083 **Moved:** Auldin Bilow **Seconded:** Marc Gosselin
That we the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby; open the Regular Meeting of Council of May 12th, 2020 at 7:25 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Agenda

2020-084 **Moved:** Clifford Fielder **Seconded:** Auldin Bilow
That we the Council of the Township of Harley, do hereby accept the agenda as amended.
“CARRIED”

3. Adoption of Minutes

2020-085 **Moved:** Marc Gosselin **Seconded:** Clifford Fielder
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 14th, 2020, as amended.
“CARRIED”

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

a. None

5. Delegations/Presentations

a. None

6. Payments of Accounts: Vouchers 2020-04

2020-086 **Moved:** Auldin Bilow **Seconded:** Richard McNaughton
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, approve the Payment of Accounts as presented:

Roads	\$ 31,266.84
Fire	\$ 1,215.07
Recreation	\$ 596.46
Admin	\$ <u>44,207.43</u>
Total Voucher 2020-04	\$ 77,285.80

“CARRIED”

7. Reports from Staff and Others:

a- Roads

The Road Superintendent reported that some sign posts and signs were changed throughout the township. Informed council that the township will have to purchase a new one-way plow. Sweeping of intersections are done. Gilbertson is crushing in the pit. Washing of Bridges will start next week. The roof on the community hall needs to be replaced, however council agreed to wait on a recent application requesting funds for a new community hall. Summer student started this week. Will be ditching on Maybrook Rd.

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b- Fire Department

The Clerk Treasurer presented the Fire Chief's report as follows: On April 21 at 11:07 pm the Fire Department was paged to a structure fire on Highway 65, Casey Township; call cancelled on route; turns out it was just flashing lights at the Quebec border for the closure of the road. The Fire Chief submits a weekly report to the Fire Marshall Office on PPE used or needed for COVID-19. The Fire Department only received a couple of complaints about the fire ban. The Fire Department has hand sanitizer if anyone requires any, has several bottles. Training is still cancelled; however, may start back in a few weeks, but will be limited.

c- Others

i. Municipal Office – COVID-19 Municipal Update

2020-087 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Auldin Bilow**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt and accept the following reports/minutes, and that it be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting:

- a. Road Department Report
- b. Fire Department Report
- c. Others
 - i. Municipal Office – COVID-19 Municipal Update

“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council Consideration:

a- Town of Midland – Waive Property Taxes for the Year 2020

2020-088 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Richard McNaughton**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the Town of Midland's proposal as presented, requesting the direct payment of federal funds to municipalities so property taxes can be waived for the year 2020 to alleviate the suffering from COVID-19; and,

That a letter of support be forwarded to:

- Town of Midland
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Province of Ontario

“CARRIED”

b- Township of Mapleton – Review the Farm Property Class Rate Programme

2020-089 **Moved: Auldin Bilow** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the Township of Mapleton's resolution 2020-04-14 as presented, requesting the Province of Ontario review the farm property class tax rate programme in light of economic competitiveness concerns between rural and urban municipalities; and,

That a letter of support be forwarded to:

- Premier Doug Ford
- Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance
- Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

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- MPP, John Vanthof
 - Township of Mapleton
- “CARRIED”

c- Town of Grimsby – Suspend Time-of-Use Electricity Billing

2020-090 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Richard McNaughton**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the Town of Grimsby’s resolution as presented, requesting the Ontario Energy Board suspend time-of-use electricity billing to support lower electricity bills for residents and businesses until such time that the COVID-19 outbreak has been contained; and,

That a letter of support be forwarded to:

- Premier Doug Ford
- MPP, John Vanthof
- Ontario Energy Board
- Town of Grimsby

“CARRIED”

9. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a- Timiskaming Health Unit – Municipal Minutes, April 7th
- b- Timiskaming Health Unit – Municipal Minutes, April 14th
- c- Timiskaming Health Unit – Municipal Minutes, April 21st
- d- DTSSAB – Waive Interest, April 23rd
- e- Solicitor General – Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, April 24th
- f- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Redeployment of Staff, April 16th
- g- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Planning Boards

10. Other Business:

- a- Municipal Tax Options

2020-091 **Moved: Richard McNaughton** **Seconded: Auldin Bilow**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of four municipal tax options prepared for 2020 which are to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare a taxation by-law for the following regular meeting given tax option 2 for the year 2020.

“CARRIED”

- b- Roy’s Bridge Update

Council agreed to work with the City of Temiskaming Shores for a design build bridge for the replacement of Roy’s Bridge, however council informed the Clerk-Treasurer to inquire as to whether a large culvert can be installed instead to save costs, similar to Seymour’s Culvert. The Clerk-Treasurer will discuss with the township’s consultant and report back to council next meeting.

- c- Children’s Caution Sign

The township received a letter addressed to council regarding a children’s caution sign for Hanbury Road which is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.

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The Road Superintendent informed council that the location requesting the sign has good sight-lines and is a straight stretch of road. The township typically installs signs only in areas that are poor visibility, like a corner or a hill. Council agreed with the Road Superintendent's recommendation and directed the Clerk-Treasurer to issue a letter based on the Road Superintendent's recommendation.

d- Plow Truck

Council discussed the possibility of purchasing a new plow truck for 2020's budget, however the Road Superintendent informed council that Harley Township does not require a plow truck at this time. Old truck has 7,200 hours and is still in good condition. Council agreed with the Road Superintendent's recommendation and will not budget for a new plow truck.

e- Administrative Assistant Interviews

Council agreed to form a hiring committee consisting of the following personnel:

- Pauline Archambault, Reeve
- Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer
- Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer Assistant

The hiring committee will review resumes and select the top 5 candidates for interviews. The successful candidate will be contacted shortly after interviews which are to be held mid May. The Township of Harley received over 60 applicants.

11. By-Laws

- a- By-law No. 2020-09 Being a By-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between the Township of Harley and the Township of Hudson for supplying the crushing of aggregate [*three readings*]

2020-092 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Auldin Bilow**
That **By-law No. 2020-09**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between the Township of Harley and the Township of Hudson for supplying the crushing of aggregate, be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"

2020-093 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Auldin Bilow**
That **By-law No. 2020-09**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between the Township of Harley and the Township of Hudson for supplying the crushing of aggregate, be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
"CARRIED"

- b- By-law No. 2020-10 Being a by-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administrating limits for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes for the year 2020 [*three readings*]

2020-094 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Auldin Bilow**
That **By-law No. 2020-10**, being a by-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes for the Year 2020, be received and read a first and second time.
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2020-095 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Auldin Bilow**
That **By-law No. 2020-10**, being a by-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes for the Year 2020, be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

c- By-law No. 2020-11 Being a by-law to provide the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2020 [*three readings*]

2020-096 **Moved: Richard McNaughton** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That **By-Law No. 2020-11**, being a By-law provide the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2020, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2020-097 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That **By-Law No. 2020-11**, being a By-law to provide the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2020, be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the By-Law Book.
“CARRIED”

12. Resolution to move to closed session:

a- None

13. Adjournment:

2020-098 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley, do hereby, adjourn at 10:12 p.m. and will meet again on June 9th, 2020 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”

Pauline Archambault, Reeve

Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer