

TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of February 9, 2021
Held at the Harley Community Hall

Present: **Reeve:** Pauline Archambault
 Councillors: Auldin Bilow
 Clifford Fielder
 Marc Gosselin
 Richard McNaughton
 Staff: Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer
 Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent, left at 9:00 pm

Regrets:

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council

2021-020 **Moved:** **Auldin Bilow** **Seconded:** **Clifford Fielder**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of February 9th, 2021 at 7:35 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Agenda

2021-021 **Moved:** **Clifford Fielder** **Seconded:** **Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, accept the agenda as amended:
ADD: 10. f. OGRA – 2021
“CARRIED”

3. Adoption of Minutes

2021-022 **Moved:** **Marc Gosselin** **Seconded:** **Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 12th, 2021 as presented.
“CARRIED”

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

5. Delegations/Presentations

None

6. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2021-01

2021-023 **Moved:** **Richard Mc Naughton** **Seconded:** **Auldin Bilow**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$70,770.59
Fire	\$23,188.04
Recreation	\$2,334.76
Admin	\$125,372.08
Total Voucher 2021-01	\$221,665.47

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7. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road Department Report

The Road Superintendent reports that they are performing regular winter operations. A new pump was purchased for the well located at the hall.

b. Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that the Fire Department responded to a call for a garbage bin fire at 8231 Industrial Park Road on January 26th, 2021. The fire was extinguished with fire extinguishers.

The tanker is out of service once again. It was brought back to the shop for another antifreeze leak. While at the shop a crack in the engine block was found. Attempts to weld it were unsuccessful. Harley Fire Department will be relying on Casey and Kerns' tankers if any calls go out during this period. The Fire Department recommends that they start looking for a new truck to replace the current truck to serve the community, as a tanker is desperately required. The Fire Department requests a budget that can be put towards the purchase of a new truck. Keeping in mind that the cost to replace the engine in the truck they have now is close to \$30,000, and that doesn't correct all of the other issues on the truck.

Meetings and practices are still postponed and training courses are being done online. Meetings will resume once lockdown is over.

Council directed municipal staff to have the Fire Chief put the Fire Department's old tanker back in service, which is currently being used by the Road Department. During this time, quotes should be obtained for an accurate estimate on the cost to repair the current tanker.

c. Others

i. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of January 8th

ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of January 22nd

2021-024

Moved: Auldin Bilow

Seconded: Marc Gosselin

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's Department Report

b. Fire's Department Report

c. Others

i. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of January 8th

ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of January 22nd

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8. Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:
a. Municipality of Charlton & Dack - Insurance

2021-025 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**

WHEREAS the cost of municipal insurance in the Province of Ontario has continued to increase – with especially large increases going into 2021; and

WHEREAS Joint and Several Liability continues to ask property taxpayers to carry the lion’s share of a damage award when a municipality is found at minimum fault; and

WHEREAS these increases are unsustainable and unfair and eat at critical municipal services; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues including:

1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.
2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1-year limitation period may be beneficial.
3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.
4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.
5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non-profit insurance reciprocals.
6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.
7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Harley call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID 19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming- Cochrane, and all Ontario municipalities.

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b. Township of South-West Oxford – Automatic Speed Enforcement

2021-026 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Auldin Bilow**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the Township of South West Oxford’s resolution requesting police utilize Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) within municipalities so more time can be concentrated on other problems such as break and enters, illegal drugs and domestic problems; and

A letter of support be forwarded to the Township of South-West Oxford.
“CARRIED”

c. Town of Bracebridge – Infrastructure Funding

2021-027 **Moved: Auldin Bilow Seconded: Clifford Fielder**

That we, Council of the Township of Harley request the Federal and Provincial Governments provide immediate broad and substantial municipal funding opportunities for well-planned, shovel-ready projects already prioritized under municipal asset management plans to provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and the federal economies in order to rebound from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance; the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; the Local Member of Parliament; and the Local Member of Provincial Parliament.
“CARRIED”

d. Township of Augusta – Ontario Fire College

2021-028 **Moved: Clifford Fielder Seconded: Marc Gosselin**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby request that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as it is one of the best and most cost effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists in protecting their residents; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ontario Fire Marshal.
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e. Township of Wollaston – Amendments to Municipal Election Act

No Action Taken

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f. Township of Asphodel-Norwood – Community Safety & Well Being Plan

2021-029 **Moved: Auldin Bilow** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
WHEREAS the Police Services Act, 1990, was amended on January 1st, 2019 to mandate every municipality in Ontario to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced the Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 to assist municipal governments and local boards and during the COVID 19 emergency; and

WHEREAS the protective measures municipalities have put in place to protect their communities, Councillors, and staff members include eliminating face-to-face meetings, closing municipal offices, and directing staff to work from home; and

WHEREAS Bill 189, Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020 was passed to amend various acts to support municipal, policing, and community partners during the pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that while these measures are imperative and necessary, they impose undue hardship on municipalities to meet provincial deadlines such as the completion and adoption of a Community Safety & Well-Being (CSWB) Plan prior to July 1st, 2021. The Council of the Township of Harley calls upon the Solicitor General to review the imposed deadline for municipalities to complete and adopt a Community Safety & Well Being (CSWB) Plan in consultation with local governments to address the unique challenges facing individual regions.

“CARRIED”

g. County of Perth – Significant Negative Impacts of Current Value Assessments in Perth County

2021-030 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Auldin Bilow**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley, do hereby support Perth County’s resolution requesting the province’s property tax system move forward with implementing reassessment based on current value assessment (CVA); and

Direct staff to issue a letter of support to Perth County.

“CARRIED”

h. Statistic Canada – Support for 2021 Census

2021-031 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Harley supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca as accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

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9. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a. **City of Temiskaming Shores – Rate Increase for Recycling Agreement**
- b. **Ministry of Transportation of Ontario – Intersection of Development Road & Highway 11**
- c. **Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – January 27th Media Release**
- d. **Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – February 4th Media Release**
- e. **Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum – January 28th Letter**

10. Other Business:

- a. **Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee – 2021 VAP Membership Fee**

2021-032 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, direct staff to pay the Temiskaming Veterinary Services’ annual membership fee of \$225.00 to reduce travel costs incurred by its residents when requiring veterinary services for large animals such as sheep, beef, dairy, goats, and horses
“CARRIED”

- b. **Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Municipal Modernization Program**

2021-033 **Moved: Auldin Bilow Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing’s letter dated January 26th, 2021 announcing the launch of the second intake under the Municipal Modernization Program; and

Direct staff to submit a joint completed Expression of Interest form with the Township of Hudson, Township of Casey, and Township of Kerns to implement digital modernization opportunities outlined in The Managed Municipalities report dated November 13th, 2020 which was prepared under the first intake of the Municipal Modernization Program.
“CARRIED”

- c. **Provincial Offences Act Advisory Committee – Appointment of Member**

2021-034 **Moved: Clifford Fielder Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of two profiles from the following Provincial Offences Act Advisory Committee candidates:

- Theo Cull, Councilor of the Township of Armstrong; and
- Jason Kramp, Councilor of the Village of Thornloe; and

Nominate Jason Kramp to represent the Township of Harley on the Provincial Offences Advisory Committee.
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d. Township of Hudson – Firstbook Pit Municipal Portions

2021-035 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Auldin Bilow**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Township of Hudson’s Firstbrook Pit Municipal Portions report as of December 31st, 2020; and

That it be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.
“CARRIED”

e. Township of Harley – Municipal Landfill

2021-036 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Casey Landfill Municipal Portion report as of December 31st, 2020; and

Direct staff to issue an invoice in the amount of \$19,077.90 to the Township of Casey for their share of the Township of Harley’s landfill for the fiscal year 2020.
“CARRIED”

f. OGRA – 2021

Council discussed with staff whether there was any benefits to attending the Ontario Good Roads Association 2021 virtually as well as the possibility of purchasing a ticket if there was interest amongst the other townships.

11. By-Laws

a. By-Law 2021-04 being a by-law to to authorize the signing of a financing agreement between Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation and the Corporation of the Township of Harley for temporary financing to replace Roy’s Bridge
[three readings]

2021-037 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Auldin Bilow**
That **By-Law No. 2021-04**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a financing agreement between Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation and the Corporation of the Township of Harley for temporary financing to replace Roy’s Bridge, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2021-038 **Moved: Richard McNaughton** **Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
That **By-Law No. 2021-04**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a financing agreement between Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation and the Corporation of the Township of Harley for temporary financing to replace Roy’s Bridge, be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the by law book.
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b. By-Law 2021-05 Being a by-law to being a by-law to enter into an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Harley and the Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores for the provision of road services and repairs of boundary roads – Uno Park Road
[three readings]

2021-039 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Auldin Bilow**
That **By-Law No. 2021-05**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Harley and the Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores for the provision of road services and repairs of boundary roads – Uno Park Road, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2021-040 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
That By-Law No. 2021-05, being a by-law to enter into an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Harley and the Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores for the provision of road services and repairs of boundary roads – Uno Park Road, be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the by law book.
“CARRIED”

12. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:
None

13. Adjournment:

2021-041 **Moved: Auldin Bilow Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:06 pm and will meet again on March 9th, 2021 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”

Pauline Archambault, Reeve

Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer