

**TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 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  
                                  Krystle Seymour, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

**Regrets:**                     Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent

**1. Open Regular Meeting of Council**

2021-042   **Moved:**    **Auldin Bilow**                     **Seconded:**   **Clifford Fielder**  
                  That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:39 p.m.  
                  “CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

2021-043   **Moved:**    **Clifford Fielder**                     **Seconded:**   **Marc Gosselin**  
                  That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, accept the agenda as amended:  
                  10. e. Recycling  
                  10. f. Industrial Park Sign  
                  “CARRIED”

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

2021-044   **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 February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as presented.  
                  “CARRIED”

**4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**5. Delegations/Presentations**

None

**6. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2021-02**

2021-045   **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	\$802,428.08
Fire	\$9,022.05
Recreation	\$2,593.50
Admin	\$51,796.24
Total Voucher 2021-02	<u>\$865,839.87</u>

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**7. Reports from Staff & Others**

**a. Road's Department Report**

Harley Council is requesting a road tour for Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> to inspect road conditions prior to determining the roads budget for 2021.

**b. Fire's Department Report**

The Fire Chief reports that the Fire Department responded to a call for a downed power line on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the intersection of Maybrook Road and Highway 11.

The tanker is out of service due to a cracked block. Guy has offered the Fire Department their water tanker until the Fire Departments' tanker is repaired.

Meetings have resumed since March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The Fire Department welcomes a new member; Ben Koning.

Online training is happening and hall training will resume this month as well as outdoor training with the milder weather.

Council agreed to have the Fire Departments' tanker inspected and repaired by Dave Visser. Dave informed staff that for \$5,000 in labour the block could be replaced. This quote includes the cost of removing the replacement block from a used truck, removing the damaged block from the tanker, and installing the replacement block in the tanker. However, before replacing Dave would first inspect the block in the tanker to ensure it can't be repaired. If repairable, Dave would only charge for time and materials. This would cost considerably less than the quoted \$5,000.

**c. Others**

**i. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of February 19<sup>th</sup>**

**iii. Fire Department Minutes of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

2021-046      **Moved: Clifford Fielder**                      **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 February 12<sup>th</sup>

ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of February 19<sup>th</sup>

iii. Fire Department Minutes of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

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**8. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:**

**a. The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay – Railroad Rights of Way**

2021-047 **Moved: Marc Gosselin**                      **Seconded: Clifford Fielder**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby support Rainy River District Municipal Association in its call to the Minister of Finance of the Province of Ontario to undertake ongoing consideration of municipal taxation for railroad rights of way properties based on a per tonne-mile concept.

“CARRIED”

**b. Township of Guelph/Eramosa – MFIPPA Legislation**

2021-048 **Moved: Richard McNaughton**                      **Seconded: Auldin Bilow**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby support the Township of Guelph/Eramosa's resolution requesting the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services review the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), and consider the following recommendations:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or designated to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;
4. That the threshold of frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the IPC, be reviewed and modernized; and
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

“CARRIED”

**c. Township of Lake of Bays – Restaurant Capacity Limits**

2021-049 **Moved: Auldin Bilow**                      **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby the Township of Lake of Bays request that the provincial government review and reconsider the capacity limits for restaurants across the province from flat occupancy to the size of square footage of its seating area; and

Further that, the concept of introducing capacity limits for other businesses listed in Schedule 2 of O.Reg 263/20 being impacted by the constant uncertainty of their operations during this pandemic including restaurants, personal care services, resorts, camps, fitness and recreational amenities, churches, etc. be considered while in lockdown status.

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**9. Correspondence for Council's Information:**

- a. **Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – 2021 Municipal Levy**
- b. **Timiskaming Health Unit – 2021 Municipal Levy**
- c. **District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board – 2021 Municipal Levy**
- d. **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Spruce Budworm Program**
- e. **District School Board Ontario North East – Community Planning and Partnership Policy**

**10. Other Business:**

- a. **Township of Hilliard – Economic Development Partnership**  
Council of the Township of Harley directed municipal staff to decline the Township of Hilliard's request to meet to discuss the possibility of submitting a joint application for an economic development officer.
- b. **Farm 911 – Emily Project**  
Council of the Township of Harley directed municipal staff to prepare a policy permitting 911 numbers for vacant properties such as farmland. The policy should require property owners to pay the full cost of the 911 number, require the property owner to mark the location of the entrance for the Roads Department. It should also limit one 911 number per property. Designated entrances for the 911 number must be continuously maintained by the property owner to permit emergency response access in case of an emergency.
- c. **Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – safe Restart Agreement Allocation No. 3**

2021-050    **Moved: Clifford Fielder                      Seconded: Richard McNaughton**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to sign a letter dated March 4th from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing acknowledging that the allocation of \$15,000 provided to the Township of Harley is solely for the expected purpose of assisting with COVID-19 costs and pressures and that any funds not required in 2021 be placed into a reserve fund to support potential COVID-19 costs and pressures in 2022.  
“CARRIED”

- d. **Request for Quote – Fuel**  
Council of the Township of Harley direct municipal staff to issue a joint request for quote conditional on the approval of the Township of Casey, Kerns and Hudson for the continuous supply of gasoline and diesel for a 36-month period.
- e. **Recycling**  
Council discussed the poor condition of the landfill and the need for mandatory recycling, along with the implementation of tipping fees in order to cut back on the amount of waste entering the trench.

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**f. Industrial Park Sign**

Council received a complaint from a resident regarding a local business in the Industrial Park blowing snow on top of the Harley Industrial Park sign.

The Clerk-Treasurer informed council the resident also contacted the office, and the owner of the business responsible has been contacted. Going forward, snow will not be placed near the sign.

**11. By-Laws**

- a. By-Law 2021-06** being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2021  
*[three readings]*

2021-051 **Moved: Marc Gosselin**                      **Seconded: Auldin Bilow**  
That **By-Law No. 2021-06**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2021, be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2021-052 **Moved: Richard McNaughton**   **Seconded: Auldin Bilow**  
That **By-Law No. 2021-06**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2021, be read a third time and the same be engrossed in the by-law book.  
“CARRIED”

**12. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:**

- a. None**

**13. Adjournment:**

2021-053 **Moved: Auldin Bilow**                      **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:22 pm and will meet again on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 or at the call of the Reeve.  
“CARRIED”

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**Pauline Archambault, Reeve**

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**Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer**