

TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of OCTOBER 10TH, 2023
Held at the Harley Municipal Office

Present: **Reeve:** Pauline Archambault
 Councillors: Clifford Fielder (electronic participation)
 Sophie MacKewn
 Richard McNaughton
 Staff: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
 Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
 Others: Garth Noeker, Drainage Superintendent (electronic participation)
Regrets: **Councillor:** Marc Gosselin

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda

2023-159 **Moved:** **Sophie MacKewn** **Seconded:** **Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of October 10th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2023-160 **Moved:** **Richard McNaughton** **Seconded:** **Sophie MacKewn**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, accept the agenda as amended:
ADD: 9. a. Appreciation Night
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting of September 12th, 2023.

2023-161 **Moved:** **Sophie MacKewn** **Seconded:** **Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
a. Regular Meeting of September 12th, 2023 as presented:
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations:

a. Garth Noeker – Drain Superintendent – Harley/Nickle Drain

Garth Noeker, Drainage Superintendent from K. Smart, attended via electronic participation to discuss a drainage issue on the Harley/Nickle Drain. This drain was installed around 1984 due to erosion and has worked well over the years. At the time of installation, the farm (then called the Nickle Farm) left the field as grass. The current owner is now using it to farm cash crops and is experiencing erosion because of drainage issues during spring runoff. After performing a site visit and discussing various options with the Road Superintendent, Mr. Noeker is recommending that a 24” tile be installed and run along the Hanbury Road ditch to empty out behind the municipal garage. He recommends that the Township purchase the materials, perform the work themselves, and then assume this as a municipal drain. This would mean all benefitting land owners would pay a specific portion (including Harley Township) of the cost and future repairs if necessary. This option is recommended as it would be considerably less expensive than other alternative options. Mr. Noeker proposes that should the Township wish to proceed with his recommendations, prior to work commencing, he would send letters to the appropriate land owners and set up a meeting

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with them to explain the work that needs to be done and what the alternative options look like.

- 2023-162 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of presentation by Garth Noeker – Drain Superintendent, regarding the Harley/Nickle Drain; and

Agree to proceed with Garth’s recommendations to install a tile that runs along Hanbury Road which empties out behind the municipal garage.
“CARRIED”

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2023-09

- 2023-163 **Moved: Sophie MacKewn Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$20,926.95
Fire	\$569.91
Recreation	\$13,366.49
Admin	\$120,090.97
Total Voucher 2023-09	<u>\$154,954.32</u>

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road’s Department Report

The Road Superintendent reports that bridge inspections have been completed and there is some work needed on the approaches at Max’s bridge. The Road Crew will make the necessary repairs. Gravel hauling is almost completed for this year and the Harley stock pile at the Firstbrook Pit will be empty once hauling is complete. Roof paint for the fire hall and office has been ordered, and this work should be completed before winter provided the supplies arrive on time.

b. Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief Reports that they had no calls for the month of August. The Fire Department has been doing well and have focused on more training. The Fire Chief reports that they have responded to 2 calls in September. One Motor Vehicle Crash on Highway 11 involving a Hydro truck and two cars. They contained the fuel and oil spill and were cleared by the OPP. They also responded to an outside fire which turned out to be located in another municipality.

c. Others

i. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes June 7th & Aug 10th 2023

ii. Treasurer’s Report

- 2023-164 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
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

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c. Others

- i. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes June 7th & Aug 10th 2023
- ii. Treasurer’s Report – September 2023

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7. Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:

a. City of Cambridge – Declaring Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and Epidemic

No Action

b. Town of Midland – Catch and Release Justice is Ontario

2023-165 **Moved: Sophie MacKewn Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the Corporation of the Town of Midland’s request to the Federal and Provincial Governments for meaningful improvements to the current state of “catch and release” justice in Ontario; and

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

“CARRIED”

c. FONOM – Support for Northern School of Medicine

2023-166 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Harley hereby, recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians; and

WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate; and

WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities; and

WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University’s medical programs; and

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Harley strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University’s request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities; and

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Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.

“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

a. Municipal Policing Bureau – Distribution of Police Record Check Revenue to Municipalities

9. Other Business:

a. Appreciation Night

Councillor Fielder requested what the breakdown of what the approximate cost would be, and if alcohol is served. Final invoices have not been received yet, but the cost is approximately \$40/person, and the event will be set up very similar to previous years events. Dinner followed by awards and presentations. Wine will be served with dinner; however other drinks would be purchased at the attendee’s expense.

10. By-Laws

- a. By-Law 2023-20** Being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Harley to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal of \$151,429.29 towards the cost of 2024 JD Grader
[three readings]

2023-167 **Moved: Richard McNaughton** **Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
That **By-Law No. 2023-20**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Harley to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$151,429.29 towards the cost of a 2024 JD Grader, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2023-168 **Moved: Sophie MacKewn** **Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That **By-Law No. 2023-20**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Harley to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$151,429.29 towards the cost of a 2024 JD Grader, be received and read a third time and hereby engrossed in the By-Law book.
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11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

- a. None**

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12. Adjournment:

2023-169 **Moved:** **Sophie MacKewn** **Seconded:** **Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adjourn the
Regular Meeting at 8:46 pm and will meet again on November 14th 2023 or at
the call of the Reeve.

* "CARRIED"



Pauline Archambault, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer