

**TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**  
**Held at the Harley Municipal Office**

**Present:**   **Reeve:**     Pauline Archambault  
                  **Councillors:** Clifford Fielder  
                                  Marc Gosselin  
                                  Sophie MacKewn  
                                  Richard McNaughton  
                  **Staff:**        Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer  
                                  Logan Miron, Fire Chief  
**Regrets:**         Marc Gosselin, Councillor  
                                  Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent

**1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda**

2024-014   **Moved:**   **Clifford Fielder**           **Seconded:**   **Richard McNaughton**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2024-015   **Moved:**   **Richard McNaughton**   **Seconded:**   **Sophie MacKewn**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, accept the agenda as presented.  
“CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

a. Regular Meeting of January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

2024-016   **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 January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as presented.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**4. Delegations:**

None

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-01**

2024-017   **Moved:**   **Sophie MacKewn**           **Seconded:**   **Clifford Fielder**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$72,372.65
Fire	\$14,356.92
Recreation	\$3,056.92
Admin	\$115,035.29
Total Voucher 2024-01	\$204,821.78

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**6. Reports from Staff & Others**

**a. Road's Department Report**

The Road Superintendent reports that it has been a quiet winter so far. 90% of the roads are bare. Seeing a loss of gravel fines due to dust. These unusual conditions are hard on equipment such as blades, shoes, and plow equipment. The Superintendent would like to purchase cameras to help secure municipal assets.

**b. Fire Department Report**

The Fire Chief Reports that the Fire Department responded to 4 calls this past month. 3 Motor Vehicle Collisions on Hwy 11 and 1 false alarm at the Industrial Park. They had a good turnout from Fire Fighters for all calls, and continued training is required in regards to tool location on trucks. The Fire Chief has asked Sophie MacKewn, to attend a meeting to give the Volunteers a refresher on how to best assist the paramedics on tiered response calls. The Fire Chief also received three quotes to install air lines and a water line in the fire hall. This will ensure the life of the compressor, which is currently engaging more often than it should be. Quotes were as follows: (prices include applicable taxes)

Helm & Sons at \$4,830

Packard Plumbing at \$6,405

A. Hearn Groundworx Inc. at \$4,746

The Fire Chief will contact Helm and Sons, and A.Hearn Groundworx to see who can complete the job the soonest, as the compressor is running more often than it should and is at risk for burning out.

**c. Others**

**i. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport**

**ii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

**iii. TMSA – Board Minutes – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

2024-018 **Moved: Clifford Fielder**                      **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's Department Report

b. Fire Department Report

c. Others

i. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport

ii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

iii. TMSA – Board Minutes – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

**a. City of Sarnia – Carbon Tax Cancellation Request**

2024-019 **Moved: Clifford Fielder**                      **Seconded: Richard McNaughton**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the City of Sarnia's request for the Federal Government to cancel the carbon tax which is financially hurting citizens at a time when affordability concerns are at an all-time high, and to ease financial and inflationary pressure on Citizens; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the City of Sarnia.

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**b. Municipality of Tweed – License Plate Renewal Fees**

No Action

**c. Association of Road Supervisors – Skills Development Fund Application Support**

2024-020 **Moved: Sophie MacKewn                      Seconded: Clifford Fielder**

WHEREAS, municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

AND WHEREAS, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

AND WHEREAS, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortage, which will only be exasperated over the next three to five years, which will cause levels of service municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

AND WHEREAS, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that THE TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

AND THAT, THE TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND THAT, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades David Piccini, Township of Harley Member of Provincial Parliament John Vanthof and the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors.

“CARRIED”

**d. The County of Prince Edward – Expansion of Fire Apparatus Life Span**

2024-021 **Moved: Clifford Fielder                      Seconded: Richard McNaughton**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the County of Prince Edward's resolution regarding expanding the life span of fire apparatus's that have reached a certain age but continue to meet the safety regulations; and

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Support their request for the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the County of Prince Edward, the Solicitor General, and the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs.

“CARRIED”

**e. Temiskaming Shores and Area Physician Recruitment**

2024-022 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Clifford Fielder**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of letter from the Temiskaming Shores and Area Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee regarding their request for a renewed commitment to contributing funds over the next five years; and

Agree to contribute \$1,572 per year, over a five-year period to the Temiskaming Shores and Area Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee in order to help attract physicians to the area.

“CARRIED”

**8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:**

- a. **TMSA 2024 Planning Services Introduction**
- b. **TMSA Councillor Information Session**

**9. Other Business:**

- a. **Rate Increase for Recycling Agreement**

2024-023 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge the City of Temiskaming Shore’s Public Works Memo 002-2024-PW outlining a 3.6% increase to the rate charged (\$331.77/tonne to \$343.71/tonne) to the Township of Harley for the acceptance of recyclable material at the Spoke Transfer Station.

“CARRIED”

**b. 2024 – Gravel Crushing**

Due to the anticipated increase in crushing costs, the Road Superintendent will look into this further and bring his recommendation to council next month on amounts to crush.

**c. Municipality of Temagami – OPP Detachment Board 3 – Reorganization**

2024-024 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**  
**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Solicitor General has been working since March 2021 to develop and finalize the detachment board compositions for the Ontario Provincial Police; and

**WHEREAS** the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police serves 19 municipalities and one First Nation; and

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**WHEREAS** a proposal was submitted to the Ministry of the Solicitor General by the City of Temiskaming Shores on behalf of the communities served by the Temiskaming Detachment to establish three (3) Detachment Boards; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Solicitor General approved the Temiskaming Detachment Board Framework on July 19, 2023; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Solicitor General announced that the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 will come into force and effect on April 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry posted the Draft Regulation setting out the OPP Detachment Board compositions and other related matters on the Ontario Regulatory Registry (ORR) for public review and feedback on January 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Temagami has reconsidered their prior support of a three (3) Board governance structure for the Temiskaming Detachment and adopted Resolution No. 24-043 on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 requesting the Ministry of the Solicitor General to amend the draft Regulation in order to maintain the Temagami Police Services Board as a stand-alone Board; and

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of the Solicitor General has indicated that unanimous consent of all the municipalities identified in Board 3 for the Temiskaming Detachment would be required in order to amend the Regulation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Harley hereby confirms their support that a three (3) Board structure for the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is the preferred choice for the Township of Harley; and

**FURTHER THAT** Council respectfully declines to support the Municipality of Temagami's request to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.  
"CARRIED"

**d. Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee – 2024 Membership Fee**

2024-025

**Moved: Sophie MacKewn      Seconded: Clifford Fielder**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee's donation request in the amount of \$225.00 to assist in reducing travel costs for veterinary services for residents of the Township of Harley; and

Direct municipal staff to issue payment in the amount of \$225.00 as a donation to the Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee.

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**e. Blue Box Transition**

2024-026 **Moved: Clifford Fielder**                      **Seconded: Richard McNaughton**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of a copy of Belinda's Bearisto's February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 presentation to Hudson Township Council regarding the Blue Box Transition; and

Direct municipal staff to "opt-out" of signing the Blue Box transition agreement with Circular Materials Ontario (CMO); and

Agree that CMO would become responsible for recycling bins and collection, and processing during the transition period of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 - Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2025.  
"CARRIED"

**10. By-Laws**

**a. By-Law 2024-04**      Being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2024  
*[three readings]*

2024-027 **Moved: Richard McNaughton**      **Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**

That **By-Law No. 2024-04**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2024 be received and read a first and second time.

"CARRIED"

2024-028 **Moved: Sophie MacKewn**                      **Seconded: Clifford Fielder**

That **By-Law No. 2024-04**, being for establishing tax ratios for the year 2024 be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.

"CARRIED"

Council asked the Clerk Treasurer to draft a letter to Hudson, Casey and Kerns Township seeking their input about hiring a fourth permanent full-time office staff at the joint municipal office.

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

**12. Adjournment:**

2024-029 **Moved: Clifford Fielder**                      **Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:47 pm and will meet again on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 or at the call of the Reeve.

"CARRIED"

  
Pauline Archambault, Reeve

  
Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer