

TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of NOVEMBER 12TH, 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
 Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
 Others: Dwayne Shymko, Municipal Pet Rescue Support
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2024-153 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of November 12th, 2024 at 7:32 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2024-154 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
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 October 8th, 2024

2024-155 **Moved: Richard McNaughton** **Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
 a. Regular Meeting of October 8th, 2024 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations:

a. Dwayne Shymko – Municipal Pet Rescue Support

Dwayne Shymko outlined to Council the issue of increasing number of stray animals in our area. Her and her husband are proposing the creation of a task force to address this problem with representation from each local municipality. The task force will be tasked with drafting policies and by-laws that each member municipality could consider passing to help deal with this problem. She is seeking councils’ interest in appointing a member of council to join this proposed task force. Members of council asked questions about the current strain on the local rescue and outlined the difficulty in enforcement of municipal by-laws relating to animals.

2024-156 **Moved: Richard McNaughton** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge delegation and presentation by Dwayne Shymko regarding Municipal Pet Rescue.
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5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-10

2024-157 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Harley, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$154,569.81
Fire	\$1,678.59
Recreation	\$561.59
Admin	\$75,971.82
Total Voucher 2024-10	\$232,781.81

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report:

The Road Superintendent reports that he attended a low volume roads workshop in Barrie. There was discussion on damage rural roads caused by large farming equipment. The Harley-Nickle Drain (new branch A) on Hanbury Road is done for this year. The drain is currently working as expected. There will be a small amount of work to do on it next year. Scott Dufresne will be returning again this year to assist with winter operations. The garage doors and fire hall doors have been serviced, winter operations will be starting soon, and one plow truck is ready to go. The Road Superintendent will be getting winter sand ready shortly. The dump has been capped and a new trench has been dug. Council was presented with extended warranty options for the 2024 John Deere Grader that was purchased last year.

2024-158 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, agree to purchase the following extended warranty package for the 2024 John Deere Grader;

Comprehensive – 36mths/1500hrs ending November 23rd, 2026 - \$13,398.75 plus taxes.
 “CARRIED”

b. Fire Department Report:

The Fire Chief Report stated that they responded to 3 calls during the month of October. Due to several missing members, practice this month was cancelled. The Fire Chief has also ordered new pagers and radios for the new members of the Fire Department.

c. Others:

- i. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport – Reports & Financials – September 2024**
- ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health Minutes – June-September 2024**
- iii. Treasurer’s Report – October 2024**
- iv. TMA Meeting – October 24th, 2024**
- v. Reports from Council and Staff – Ongoing Projects Update [no item]**

The Clerk-Treasurer noted to Council that the edits to the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law are taking a considerable amount of time.

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- 2024-159 **Moved: Sophie MacKewn 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. Roads Department Report
 - b. Fire Department Report
 - c. Others:
 - i. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport – Reports & Financials – September 2024
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- “CARRIED”

7. **Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:**
- a. **City of Temiskaming Shores – Location of Alcohol Sales & Provincial Alcohol Strategy**
No Action

 - b. **Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury – Ontario Deposit Return Program**

- 2024-160 **Moved: Sophie MacKewn Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury’s resolution regarding their support for an expansion of the Ontario deposit return program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers; and
- Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.
- “CARRIED

- c. **Pavilion Women’s Centre – 2024 Proclamation of International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women**

- 2024-161 **Moved: Clifford Fielder Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
The Township of Harley does hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 25th as The International Day for the elimination of Violence Against Women;
- WHEREAS violence continues to be the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals; and
- WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month; and
- WHEREAS November 25th the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and
- WHEREAS Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 62 femicides occurring in Ontario in 2023.

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WHEREAS Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and South East Asian women and girls continue to experience higher rates of violence, including femicide; and

WHEREAS last year in Ontario, on average every 6 days a woman or child lost their life due to femicide; and

WHEREAS in five of the last six years, at least one person from the District of Timiskaming was the victim of femicide; and

WHEREAS this month and throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we acknowledge our community's support of the Wrapped in Courage campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for greater investment and action to end gender-based violence in our community and throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that the courage of a woman alone is not enough, it takes an entire community to end gender-based violence; and

NOWTHEREFORE, I, Pauline Archambault, Reeve of Harley Township proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2024 shall be known as

"The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women" and urge all citizens to recognize this day by acting to support survivors of gender-based violence.

"CARRIED"

d. Ontario Good Roads Association – Ontario Rural Road Safety Programs

2024-162 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Harley requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural

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municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and the Ontario Good Roads Association.
"CARRIED"

e. Town of Aurora – Redistribution of PLT & GST Tax

2024-163 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

NOWHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Harley Township Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Harley Township Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable

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funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

a. DTSSAB – 2024 Refund

b. Memo-24-022 – 2025 Wage Grid Adjustments

2024-164 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-022- 2025 Wage Grid Adjustments*; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to adjust the 2025 wage grids by 2.76%.

“CARRIED”

c. Tulloch Engineering – Sideroad Entrance Concerns MTO Contract 2022-5037

9. Other Business:

a. Memo-24-019 – Council Meeting Schedule – 2025

2024-165 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-019- Council Meeting Schedule 2025*; and
Approve the following Council Meeting schedule for the upcoming year:

January	14	2025
February	11	2025
March	11	2025
April	8	2025
May	13	2025
June	10	2025
July	8	2025
August	12	2025
September	9	2025
October	14	2025
November	11	2025
December	9	2025

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b. Memo-24-020 – Emergency Response Plan – Annual Table Top Exercise

2024-166 **Moved: Richard McNaughton** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-020 – Emergency Response Plan – Annual Table Top Exercise*; and

Agree to schedule the Township of Harley’ annual table top emergency meeting at the Harley Community Hall on November 19th, 2024 for the following attendees:

- Pauline Archambault, Reeve
- Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
- Logan Miron, Fire Chief
- Krystle Seymour, CEMC
- Allison Doyon, Alternate CEMC
- Melanie Woods, Municipal Staff

“CARRIED”

c. Memo-24-021 – Emergency Control Group and Shared Services – Annual Meeting

2024-167 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-021 - Emergency Control Group & Administrative Shared Services - Annual Meeting*; and

Agree to schedule the Township of Harley’s annual Emergency Control Group meeting and bi-annual Shared Services Administrative meeting with representatives from the Township of Kerns, Township of Hudson and Township of Casey for Wednesday, November 20th, to be attended by Pauline Archambault, Reeve.

“CARRIED”

d. Memo-24-017 – Harley Landfill Changes

2024-168 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 24-017- Harley Landfill Changes*; and

Direct municipal staff to proceed with a punch card system to ensure only eligible residents are attending the landfill; and

Direct municipal staff to prepare the necessary by-law to implement landfill tipping fees as recommended.

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e. Royal Canadian Legion – 12th Annual Military Service Recognition Book

No Action

f. New Board of Health Municipal Appointees – Rural South

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2024-169 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby; acknowledge receipt of the letter dated November 7th, 2024 from the Timiskaming Health Unit regarding the municipal appointees for the new Board of Health that will form as a result of the voluntary merger between the Timiskaming Health Unit and the Porcupine Health Unit; and

Agree to proceed with a nomination process for appointing a member to this board as per the Clerk-Treasurers recommendation; and

Direct municipal staff to place an advertisement on the municipal website calling for nominations with a deadline of November 24th, 2024.
“CARRIED”

g. Ontario Good Roads Conference – 2025 [no item]

2024-170 **Moved: Clifford Fielder Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby;
Direct municipal staff to register the following individuals to attend the Ontario Good Roads Association 2025 annual conference:

- 1) Sophie MacKewn
 - 2) Marc Gosselin
 - 3) Clifford Fielder
 - 4) Krystle Seymour
- “CARRIED”


10. By-Laws:
None

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:
None

12. Adjournment:

2024-171 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:34 pm and will meet again on December 10th, 2024 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”


Pauline Archambault, Reeve


Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer