

TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of DECEMBER 10TH, 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
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2024-172 **Moved:** **Clifford Fielder** **Seconded:** **Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of December 10th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2024-173 **Moved:** **Marc Gosselin** **Seconded:** **Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
ADD: 9. e. Memo-24-025 – Professional Training for Assistant Clerk-Treasurer
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes:
a. Regular Meeting of November 12th, 2024.

2024-174 **Moved:** **Richard Gosselin** **Seconded:** **Sophie MacKewn**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
a. Regular Meeting of November 12th, 2024 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:
None

4. Delegations:
None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-11

2024-175 **Moved:** **Clifford Fielder** **Seconded:** **Sophie MacKewn**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$85,850.69
Fire	\$1,640.08
Recreation	\$1,613.19
Admin	\$139,907.43
Total Voucher 2024-11	\$229,011.39

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6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report

The Road Superintendent reports that winter operations are well underway and winter sand has been delivered for the winter season from

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Miron's Top Soil at the cost of \$8.41/ton. Two culverts failed, one on Hydro Line Road and one on Sales Barn Road and both were replaced. Repairs were needed on both truck #6 and #8 to the transmission, the springs, brake pads, and windshield. Both trucks will be going for safeties shortly. The Brandt mechanic will be doing the first oil change on the grader. The Road Superintendent is requesting that office staff put a reminder on the website reminding residents to not push snow across municipal roads. Some letters will go out to required properties as well. There was some work done at the landfill to widen the laneway and move the attendant's hut so that users check in with the attendant prior to unloading waste. Don Billow will not be able to clear the ramp of snow at the Harley Community Hall. The Road Superintendent has been looking for quotes for snow removal. Council was provided with the name of a student willing to take care of it this year and office staff were asked to proceed with making necessary arrangements with them. Payment offered is to be the same as the previous contractors' arrangements.

b. Fire Department Report

No reports received.

c. Others

i. Treasurer's Report – November 2024

ii. Reports from Council and Staff [no item]

2024-176 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**

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. Treasurer's Report – November 2024
 - ii. Reports from Council and Staff [no item]

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Township of Terrace Bay – Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues

2024-177 **Moved: Sophie MacKewn Seconded: Marc Gosselin**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support Township of Terrace Bay's resolution requesting the province to take immediate action to address the funding shortfalls and structural challenges in the delivery of EMS services in northern communities including increasing provincial funding to support EMS services and reduce the financial burden on municipalities, implementing incentives such as “learn and stay” grants to encourage paramedics to live and work in northern Ontario and enhancing support systems for EMS workers, including improved wages, benefits, and mental health resources; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Township of Terrace Bay.

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b. Township of Puslinch – Protection of Agricultural Land

2024-178 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the Township of Puslinch’s resolution regarding protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development in relation to Provincial projects and excess soil management practices; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Township of Puslinch.

“CARRIED”

c. Clearview Township – OPP Annual Billing Statement

2024-179 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
WHEREAS current police services within the Township of Harley are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP);

AND WHEREAS the Township and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades; and

AND WHEREAS historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 2%;

AND WHEREAS the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Township on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate 22.5% increase from 2024 to 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Council of the Township of Harley, hereby requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 2% increase that is more manageable for the Township and in line with historical trends;

AND FURTHER, that any increase above 2% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

AND FURTHER That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, MPP John Vanthof and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.
“CARRIED”

d. Township of Papineau-Cameron – Amendments to the Ontario Building Code

No action.

e. Township of Ewanturel – Replacement of Highway Signage in Northeastern Ontario

No action.

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

None

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9. Other Business:

a. Memo-24-023 – Insurance Renewal 2025

2024-180 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 24-023 – Insurance Renewal* regarding the Township of Harley’s 2025 insurance renewal proposal provided by McDougall Insurance; and

Direct Municipal Staff to prepare and present a by-law for council’s consideration at the Regular Meeting of December 10th, 2024 authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to execute an Insurance Program Proposal with an annual premium of \$43,773 provided by McDougall Insurance.

“CARRIED

b. Waste Management By-Law – DRAFT

2024-181 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
WHEREAS on November 12th, 2024 Council for the Township of Harley directed municipal staff to proceed with a punch card system to ensure only eligible residents are attending the landfill; and

WHEREAS we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of draft copy of *By-Law 2024-17 Waste Management By-Law* that outlines how waste shall be managed at the Harley Township Municipal Landfill;

NOW THEREFORE that we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare the necessary by-law as amended, for Council’s consideration at the December 10th, 2024 regular council meeting.

“CARRIED”

c. Nickle-Harley Drain – [no item]

2024-182 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby; direct Road Superintendent Guy Godmaire to sign and submit to the Clerk, a petition for drainage works under Section 4(1)(c) of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D.17.

“CARRIED”

d. Memo-24-024 – New Board of Health Municipal Appointees – Rural South

2024-183 **Moved: Clifford Fielder Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-024 – New Board of Health Municipal Appointees – Rural South*; and

WHEREAS the Township of Harley is required to appoint a representative to the Northeastern Public Health Unit Board of Health to represent the Rural South region, including the municipalities of Armstrong, Brethour, Casey,

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Cobalt, Coleman, Harley, Harris, Hilliard, Hudson, Kerns, Latchford, Temagami, and Thornloe;

AND WHEREAS a nomination process has been conducted to select a candidate to represent the municipality on the Board of Health;

AND WHEREAS two candidates have submitted their names for this position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Harley hereby nominates Carol Lowery to serve as the municipal representative on the Northeastern Public Health Unit Board of Health until the end of the current term;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the Corporation of the Township of Harley hereby agrees to go with a majority vote even if it contradicts the nomination above;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the event of a tie vote among nominees, the Heads of Council of the municipalities within the Rural South region will vote to break the tie, with the decision being determined by majority vote.

“CARRIED”

e. Memo-24-025 – Professional Training for Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

2024-184 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-025 – Professional Training for Assistant Clerk-Treasurer*; and

Agree to provide financial support for training for the Assist Clerk-Treasurer position as outlined; and

Agree to the verbal recommendation from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding updating the employment agreement for the position to include provisions for repayment of training.

“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws:

a. By-Law 2024-15 Being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2025-2026
[three readings]

2024-185 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
That **By-Law No. 2024-15**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2025-2026 be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2024-186 **Moved: Sophie MacKewn Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
That **By-Law No. 2024-15**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2025-2026 be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
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b. By-Law 2024-16 Being a by-law to impose tipping fees and charges at the municipal landfill site for the Corporation of the Township of Harley
[three readings]

2024-187 **Moved: Richard McNaughton** **Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
That **By-Law No. 2024-16**, being a by-law to impose tipping fees and charges at the municipal landfill site for the Corporation of the Township of Harley be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"

2024-188 **Moved: Sophie MacKewn** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That **By-Law No. 2024-16**, being a by-law to impose tipping fees and charges at the municipal landfill site for the Corporation of the Township of Harley be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
"CARRIED"

c. By-Law 2024-17 Being a by-law for establishing and maintaining a system for the disposal of garbage, recycling materials, yard waste and other refuse at the Harley Township Municipal Landfill Site (Waste Management By-Law)
[three readings]

2024-189 **Moved: Richard McNaughton** **Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
That **By-Law No. 2024-17**, being a by-law for establishing and maintaining a system for the disposal of garbage, recyclable materials, yard waste and other refuse at the Harley Township Municipal Landfill Site (Waste Management By-Law) be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"

2024-190 **Moved: Sophie MacKewn** **Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
That **By-Law No. 2024-17**, being a by-law for establishing and maintaining a system for the disposal of garbage, recyclable materials, yard waste and other refuse at the Harley Township Municipal Landfill Site (Waste Management By-Law) be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
"CARRIED"

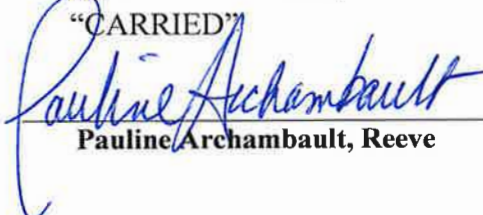
11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

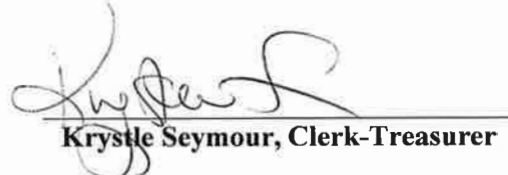
None

12. Adjournment:

2024-191 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:46 pm and will meet again on January 14th, 2025 or at the call of the Reeve.

"CARRIED"


Pauline Archambault, Reeve


Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer