

TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of MARCH 11TH, 2025
Held at the Harley Municipal Office

Present: **Reeve:** Pauline Archambault
 Councillors: Marc Gosselin
 Sophie MacKewn
 Richard McNaughton
 Staff: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
 Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
 Others: Jim Jackson
Regrets: Clifford Fielder, Councillor (participated electronically)

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2025-037 **Moved:** Marc Gosselin **Seconded:** Richard McNaughton
 That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of March 11th, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
 “CARRIED”

2025-038 **Moved:** Richard McNaughton **Seconded:** Sophie MacKewn
 That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
 ADD: 4. a. James Jackson – Landfill Tipping Fees
 “CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes:

a. Regular Meeting of February 11th, 2025

2025-039 **Moved:** Sophie MacKewn **Seconded:** Marc Gosselin
 That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
 a. Regular Meeting of February 11th, 2025 as presented.
 “CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations:

a. James Jackson – Landfill Tipping Fees

Jim addressed Council on the new landfill tipping fees that are set to take effect on April 1st 2025. He has a bin picked up by a local contractor that will now have tipping fees on it. He stated that Casey Township should pay more for the cost of the landfill dump since they did not pay initial costs of the Harley landfill site. The Clerk-Treasurer outlined that all unsorted waste would be subject to a tipping fee, but household garbage and recycling would not. Councillor Fielder stated that the Township had to incentivize landfill users to sort different garbage streams to help reduce the quantity of material going into the trench. Jim would like to see the fee reduced for those who have bins with a contractor. The Clerk-Treasurer outlined that Harley reduces the rate for those bins by 50% to account for a compaction rate. Council advised there are other options for reducing the number of times those bins are picked up. Councillor MacKewn suggested Council monitor the tipping fees and propose adjustments if council deemed it necessary.

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2025-02

2025-040 **Moved:** Marc Gosselin **Seconded:** Sophie MacKewn

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That we, the Council of the Township of Harley, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$42,415.05
Fire	\$15,907.08
Recreation	\$1,387.02
Admin	\$71,291.84
Total Voucher 2025-02	\$131,000.99
"CARRIED"	

6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report

The Road Superintendent reports that winter operations continued and some ditching has been done in anticipation for the spring melt. Half Load season will soon begin. Garden Road will need to be snow-blown and this will take place tomorrow. The Road Superintendent presented options for the 2025 roads projects. The NORDS funding will be used on Development Road for a final layer of surface treatment. OCIF funding will be used for gravel which will be hauled from our pit (crushed in 2024) and laid on North Quarry Road (west), Hydro Line and Maybrook Roads (west of Hwy 11). Ditching is also required along Hanbury Road (east) and Hillside Road. Hanbury Road west of Hwy 11 also needs attention. The short section of pavement on Hanbury Road east of Hwy 11 should also be redone. The Roads Department can prepare the surface prior to paving to reduce cost. Cote's Pole Line will remove the leaning light poles in the baseball field for a cost of \$1,500. The Good Roads Conference is quickly approaching. One operator will be retiring in July, and office staff will post an advertisement for the position. The Road Superintendent and Clerk-Treasurer will bring candidates for Council's consideration.

2025-041 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, direct the Clerk-Treasurer to place a job advertisement for a roads operator in Harley Township, and

Direct the Road Superintendent and the Clerk-Treasurer to bring candidates for Council's consideration.
"CARRIED"

b. Fire Department Report

No report.

c. Others

- i. Northeastern Public Health Board Minutes – January 30th, 2025**
- ii. TMSA Board Updates – February 2025**
- iii. Reports from Council and Staff [no item]**

2025-042 **Moved: Richard McNaughton 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 [no item]**

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- c. Others
 - i. Northeastern Public Health Board Minutes – January 30th, 2025
 - ii. TMSA Board Updates – February 2025
 - iii. Reports from Council and Staff *[no item]*

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:

- a. **Municipality of Casselman – Social Economical Prosperity Review**
No Action

- b. **Town of Uxbridge – Implementation of Buy Canadian Policy**
No Action

- c. **Town of Halton Hills – Sovereignty of Canada**
No Action

- d. **Peterborough County – Proposed U.S. Tariffs on Canadian Goods**
No Action

- e. **City of Woodstock – Rural Road Safety Implementation**
2025-043 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the City of Woodstock’s resolution requesting that the government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, which will allow Ontario’s rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario’s rural roads; and

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

“CARRIED”

- f. **City of Sarnia – Carbon Tax**
2025-044 **Moved: Sophie MacKewn Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the City of Sarnia’s resolution requesting that the Canadian Federal government put a stop to the carbon tax increase of twenty percent scheduled to be implemented on April 1st 2025 given the advent of the United States tariffs and the economic impact on Canadians, and given that the vast majority of Canadians do not support the carbon tax; and

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

“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a. **Municipal Road Safety Forum**
- b. **DTSSAB – 2025 Budget**
- c. **Northern Hospice Care**

9. Other Business:

- a. **Asset Management Plan – Hemson Consulting Proposal**
2025-045 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**

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That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of proposal from Hemson Consulting Ltd. to update the 2016 Asset Management Plans for the Township Harley in the amount of \$7,125; and Direct municipal staff to engage the services of Hemson Consulting Ltd. to complete the Asset Management Plans in compliance with Ontario Regulation 588/17; and

That Council hereby authorizes a total expenditure of \$7,125 plus applicable taxes as outlined in the submitted proposal.
“CARRIED”

2025-046 **b. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness – Weed Inspector**
Moved: Sophie MacKewn Seconded: Richard McNaughton

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of information provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness regarding requirements under the Weed Control Act, R.S.O, 1990 and appointment of weed inspectors; and

Direct municipal staff to prepare and present a by-law for council’s consideration at the regular council meeting of March 11th, 2025 appointing Road Superintendent Guy Godmaire as the weed inspector for the Township of Harley.
“CARRIED”

2025-047 **c. Nickle-Harley Drain (Branch A) – Engineer Appointment [no item]**
Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Petition for Drainage Works by Road Authority-Form 2 submitted by Harley Township Road Superintendent Guy Godmaire for the petition of municipal council for a new drainage works located just east of 903303 Hanbury Rd, New Liskeard ON P0J 1P0, Township of Harley; and that

Council agrees to proceed with the drainage works as described in the petition; and that

Council hereby appoints K. Smart Associates Ltd. to make an examination of the area requiring drainage as described in the petition and to prepare a report which shall include;

- a. Plans, profiles and specifications of the drainage works, including a description of the area requiring drainage;
- b. An estimate of the total cost thereof;
- c. An assessment of the amount of proportion of the cost of the works to be assessed against every parcel of land and road for benefit, outlet liability and injuring liability;
- d. Allowances, if any, to be paid to the owners of the land affected by the drainage works; and
- e. Such other matters as are prescribed or provided for under this Act.

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10. By-Laws:

- a. **By-Law 2025-06** Being a by-law to appoint a deputy reeve for the Corporation of the Township of Harley
[three readings]

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2025-048 **Moved:** Richard McNaughton **Seconded:** Sophie MacKewn
That **By-Law No. 2025-06**, being a by-law to appoint a deputy reeve for the Corporation of the Township of Harley be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"

2025-049 **Moved:** Sophie MacKewn **Seconded:** Marc Gosselin
That **By-Law No. 2025-06**, being a by-law to appoint a deputy reeve 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"

b. By-Law 2025-07 Being a by-law to appoint a weed inspector for the Corporation of the Township of Harley
[three readings]

2025-050 **Moved:** Sophie MacKewn **Seconded:** Marc Gosselin
That **By-Law No. 2025-07**, being a by-law to appoint a weed inspector for the Corporation of the Township of Harley be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"


2025-051 **Moved:** Richard McNaughton **Seconded:** Sophie MacKewn
That **By-Law No. 2025-07**, being a by-law to appoint a weed inspector 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"

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:
None

12. Adjournment:

2025-052 **Moved:** Sophie MacKewn **Seconded:** Marc Gosselin
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:19 p.m. and will meet again on April 8th, 2025 or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"


Pauline Archambault, Reeve


Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer