

TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Of AUGUST 12th, 2025
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
 Logan Miron, Fire Chief
 Others: 6 Members of Public *(4 left at 8:30pm)*
 Sylvie Rioux, Wind Turbine Project Opposition
 Steve Acland, C.P.A., Kemp, Elliot & Blair LLP
 Andrew Mirabella & Adam Monteith, Hemson
 [electronic participation]
 1 Media Representative *(left at 8:52pm)*
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2025-105 **Moved:** Clifford Fielder **Seconded:** Marc Gosselin
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of August 12th, 2025 at 7:27 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2025-106 **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 July 8th, 2025

2025-107 **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 July 8th, 2025 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations:

a. Sylvie Rioux-Wind Turbine Project Opposition Update

(8:13pm) Sylvie Rioux updated Council on the open house and other items the group is looking into regarding a wind turbine project. There were approximately 100 people in attendance at the open house. There has been a response from some Harley residents who are signing the petition. CTV news did a story on the whole project in the surrounding Townships. Horizon is looking to install approximately 30 turbines in Kerns and Hudson and ABO is looking to install about 20 in the City of Temiskaming Shores, and Townships of Harris and Harley. The Dymond station can only hold one project and not both as this time. It is possible that the project would move forward with only one Townships approval but the energy production may not be as high as anticipated in this case. The group continues to look into the agreement with landowners to see how land registry titles are affected. Risk assessments and studies would

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take place after contracts are awarded in April by the IESO. Some studies are seasonal and may take more time to complete than others and the order the studies will happen in is unclear. Part 1 of the AIA was presented to Hudson and Kerns but there are questions as to the accuracy of the soil classifications due to land improvements such as tile drainage since the last time the soil classifications were reviewed. The group is also looking into whether government funding would be affected if additional revenues and assessments resulted from this project.

Council was provided an opportunity to ask questions.

Q: Reeve Archambault asked if farmers have done any due diligence before signing the contracts.

A: Unclear what they have done, but the opposition group agrees they should speak to a lawyer.

Q: Reeve Archambault asked if the Township will be forced if one Township says no but another says yes.

A: According the information available, no one should be forced, but government structure and leading party could be a factor. Leasing land over 20 years cannot happen within Ontario without council approval. The group is still making connections and meeting with others who have knowledge about this project.

Councillor Fielder commented that the July 30th event was well put on. Many red flags were noted. Companies are not being transparent.

2025-108 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of presentation by the Wind Turbine Opposition group regarding updated opposition information.
“CARRIED”

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2025-07

2025-109 **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	\$30,309.04
Fire	\$3,116.07
Recreation	\$2,647.08
Admin	\$53,969.39
Total Voucher 2025-07	<u>\$90,041.58</u>

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report

The Road Superintendent reports that the roads throughout the township are rough which has been caused by the dry weather and inability to grade. Once we receive more rain, grading operations will resume. Some municipal drains were repaired with two more still to do once crops are harvested off the fields. Boundary road ditching was done on Greenwood

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Bridge Rd. SST on Development Rd is now completed and was done by Miller using the NORDS funding.

Quotes for gravel have been received and are as follows:

Miron Top Soil \$12.98/mt.

Pedersen \$9.50/mt

Lathem \$7.40/mt

There is approximately 7,126mt of gravel to haul from the pit to North Quarry Rd, Maybrook Rd and Hydro Line Rd.

Two sections on North Quarry and Hillside Rd are soft caused by heavy traffic from commercial farming. A quote of \$4,000 was received for painting the office tin. Garage doors are acting up again and will need to be repaired. Truck 6 will need repairs to get through this winter as a new truck would not arrive until Spring of 2026 if council moves ahead with the purchase of a new truck. MTO road tapers were requested on Hanbury and North Quarry Roads. MTO was not able to come to an agreement with Miller. Once the current highway tender is done, they will either send out for tenders for the work or do it with another northern job done next year. The road superintendent recommends sending a follow-up letter to MTO and emphasize that the concerns noted originally are still a matter of safety. Council agreed for staff to send a follow-up letter.

b. Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief Reports that the fire department received five fire alarms in July. A false alarm was attended, a structure fire was attended, and several MVC's were responded to. Dymond Department was sent to assist on the highway calls. All calls went well. Councillor Fielder asked if a fireman was involved in an accident and if insurance is involved. The Clerk-Treasurer will notify council if an insurance company reaches out. Councillor Fielder also asked if false alarms could be charged out. The Fire Chief will look into this with staff.

c. Others

i. Steven Acland, C.P.A., Kemp, Elliot & Blair LLP – 2024

Financial Statements [no item]

(8:30pm) Steven Acland presented Council with the audited Financial Statements for 2024.

2025-110 **Moved: Clifford Fielder Seconded: Richard McNaughton**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Steven Acland, C.P.A. of Kemp, Elliot & Blair LLP's presentation regarding the 2024 audited financial statements; and

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and Reeve to sign the 2024 audited financial statements on behalf of the Township of Harley; and

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and Reeve to sign Kemp, Elliot, & Blair LLP's engagement letter pertaining to the 2025 audit.

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ii. Memo 25-010 – Asset Management Plan [electronic presentation]

Hemson Consulting Ltd. presented the Asset Management Plan for 2025 and corresponding financial strategy, we well as outlined the methods used to determine the presented values.

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2025-111 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
THAT we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge presentation of the 2025 Asset Management Plan prepared by Hemson Consulting Ltd; and

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Harley adopts the 2025 Asset Management Plan, as prepared by Hemson Consulting Ltd., in accordance with Ontario Regulation 588/17; and

THAT the approved Asset Management Plan be posted on the Municipality's website as per legislative requirements and to ensure public access; and

THAT staff be directed to submit the Plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately following its passing; and

AND THAT Council direct staff to incorporate the financing strategy into the 2026 capital budget process and future budget discussions.

"CARRIED"

- iii. **Eco-Logic's Landfill Report – June 2025**
- iv. **Earlton-Timiskaming Airport – Executive Minutes June 2024 & June 2025 Financials**
- v. **Treasurer's Report – July 2025**
- vi. **Reports from Council & Staff [no item]**

2025-112 **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. Steven Acland, C.P.A., Kemp, Elliot & Blair LLP – 2024 Financial Statements [no item]
 - ii. Memo 2025-010 – 2025 Asset Management Plan [electronic presentation]
 - iii. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – June 2025
 - iv. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport – Executive Minutes June 2024 & June 2025 Financials
 - v. Treasurer's Report – July 2025
 - vi. Reports from Council and Staff [no item]

"CARRIED"

- 7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:**
- a. **FONOM – NORDS Funding Program Permanency**

2025-113 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby acknowledge receipt of draft resolution from FONOM regarding support for making the NORDS program permanent and expanding the program eligibility; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

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AND WHEREAS the funding provided through the NORDS pilot was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North;

AND WHEREAS the program has allowed municipalities, such as the City of North Bay, to strategically stack multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the NORDS pilot program has clearly demonstrated its value and effectiveness in helping Northern municipalities address the infrastructure challenges tied to resource development and extraction;

AND WHEREAS rural and northern municipalities are also facing infrastructure degradation resulting from the increasing size and frequency of agricultural machinery and activity, which is currently outside the scope of the pilot;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Harley strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

AND FURTHER THAT municipalities be encouraged to continue utilizing the ability to stack NORDS allocations over multiple years to support the planning and delivery of major infrastructure projects;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support.

“CARRIED”

b. Township of Larder Lake – Delegations at FONOM Annual Conference

2025-114 **Moved:** Marc Gosselin **Seconded:** Sophie MacKewn
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby acknowledge receipt of resolution from the Township of Larder Lake requesting that delegations to Ontario Provincial Ministers become part of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM's) Annual Conferences; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a letter of support to the Township of Larder Lake.

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8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

- a. **Community Safety & Well-Being – Newsletter – June 2025 - Issue 3**
- b. **Case Study – Impact of a Wind Turbine Project on Rural Community**

9. Other Business:

- a. **Memo 25-011 – Official Results – RFP-2025-01 – New Plow Truck**

2025-115 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby acknowledge receipt of *Memo-25-011 Official Results – RFP-2025-01 – New Plow Truck*, which was requested for proposal to purchase one (1) new tandem truck with dump body, snow plow and wing attachment; and

Do hereby award RFP-2025-01 to Kenworth (automatic transmission) for the purchase of a new plow truck; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare the necessary by-law to finalize the purchase.
“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws:

- a. **By-Law 2025-11** Being a by-law to authorize the signing of a library service agreement between Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board and the Corporation of the Township of Harley [*three readings*]

2025-116 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
That **By-Law No. 2025-11**, Being a by-law to authorize the signing of a library service agreement between Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board and the Corporation of the Township of Harley, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2025-117 **Moved: Sophie MacKewn Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
That **By-Law No. 2025-11**, Being a by-law to authorize the signing of a library service agreement between Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board and the Corporation of the Township of Harley, be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

Councillor Fielder began a discussion surrounding wind turbines. The Clerk-Treasurer outlined that there was no agenda item for this. Council did not proceed with the discussion and carried on with the rest of the meeting.

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

None

12. Adjournment:

2025-118 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:30 p.m. and will meet again on September 9th, 2025 or at the call of the Reeve.
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