

**TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 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  
                 **Others:**         Johnathan Clifford & Dave Barrade, ABO Energy  
                                 2 Members of the Public  
**Regrets:**                Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent

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

2025-119     **Moved:**    Clifford Fielder                     **Seconded:**    Marc Gosselin  
                 That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, open the Regular  
                 Meeting of Council of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.  
                 “CARRIED”

2025-120     **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 August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

2025-121     **Moved:**    Sophie MacKewn                     **Seconded:**    Clifford Fielder  
                 That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adopt the  
                 following minutes:  
                 a. Regular Meeting of August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as presented.  
                 “CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:**

None

**4. Delegations:**

**a. ABO Energy – Timiskaming Wind Project**

ABO updated Council on their proposal to install wind turbines in Harley Township. ABO held an open house on August 7<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Place in Temiskaming Shores and approximately thirty-five people attended. Aboriginal engagement has begun. Submission deadline for this project is October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and successful projects will be announced in April of 2026. Additional studies would begin after that time. If an MSR is not provided in time for this bid submission, ABO would work towards submitting during the second round which will take place in July of 2026. At the open house, technical experts were available to provide lots of information which was available in both French and English. Comment cards were available to gather feedback and comments were summarized as follows:

Some attendees were interested in hosting a turbine.

Some attendees were opposed to the project.

Some comments were made about the Casey and Hilliardton Marsh.

There are some studies related to the marshes that would take place once a project was awarded. It is common to have 3 years of monitoring after a project is constructed to monitor things. Open-house comments also included decommissioning the project. ABO has agreed to fund the decommissioning which is calculated and managed by a third-party engineering firm. Some of the steel would be recycled to offset the cost,

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but a decommissioning fund is still implemented. It is likely that only 1 project would be approved as there is limited space on the Dymond station. Water wells were discussed, and since vibration impact from turbines is very small, they don't expect impacts. The economics of wind energy was discussed and it was noted that all types of energy are permitted in this procurement. Shadow flicker studies would be done once a project was approved and this phenomenon may only happen a few minutes a day weather depending. *(brief summary only full presentation available through the municipal office)*

*Council was provided with an opportunity to ask questions throughout the presentation:*

**Q:** Councillor Fielder noted more time to digest the information was preferred.

**A:** It is difficult to juggle the timing and the process is dictated by others, (IESO) but some preliminary studies have already been done.

**Q:** Reeve Archambault asked if there were specific setbacks from waterways and airports.

**A:** Yes, they need to be 100m away from water, and 2km from any registered airstrip which is the largest set back they must adhere to.

**Q:** Reeve Archambault asked about assessments and money for the township.

**A:** Harley can expect \$60,000/year for property tax increases which is based on City of Temiskaming Shores' tax rate and \$2,500/MW of installed capacity once turbine locations are known.

**Q:** Councillor Fielder asked for clarification on monies received by the Township if the turbines aren't working.

**A:** The community fund is based on installed capacity, not output of energy. The amount is guaranteed.

**Q:** Councillor Fielder asked if ABO was a Canadian Company.

**A:** ABO is a Canadian subsidiary of its parent company which is German.

**Q:** Councillor Fielder commented that these turbines would cause vibration and noise.

**A:** Many studies must be done to determine if provincial criteria are met for things such as vibration and noise.

**Q:** Councillor Fielder asked why Harley cemetery is included in the area of interest.

**A:** The area of interest is large but not every parcel within its boundary is suitable for a turbine. ABO would also be happy to hear about sensitive areas to avoid such as a cemetery.

**Q:** Reeve Archambault asked about crown land.

**A:** The regulations on crown land are somewhat unclear. They aim to avoid prime agriculture wherever possible. Different provinces have different rules on crown land. A typical footprint of one turbine is 1 acre

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so farmers are generally okay with giving up this amount. It would also give them financial stability. Landowners must agree to host a turbine.

**Q:** Councillor McNaughton asked if they accounted for how close to the grid they are.

**A:** Yes. ABO is looking at this area because it is close to the grid and there is room on it.

**Q:** Reeve Archambault commented that the township doesn't have the staff to accommodate this project.

**A:** The timeline that has been set by the IESO is very short which is unfortunate for all involved. A municipal support resolution (MSR) just says that you are okay for them to submit a bid. Part 1 of the AIA must be completed before they can seek a bid.

**Q:** Councillor McNaughton asked how many out of the 20 turbines would be in Harley.

**A:** Approximately 5 to 7.

ABO reiterated that wind energy takes up the least amount of land compared to other energy producers. ABO is asking for Harley to decide on an MSR as soon as possible so they can be ready to submit their bid for October 16<sup>th</sup> 2025. They would be happy to return for a Special Meeting as well.

2025-122    **Moved:   Marc Gosselin                      Seconded:   Richard McNaughton**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of presentation by ABO regarding an update on the proposed Timiskaming Wind Project.  
**"CARRIED"**

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2025-08**

2025-123    **Moved:   Richard McNaughton    Seconded:   Sophie MacKewn**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Roads                 | \$106,752.28 |
| Fire                  | \$1,619.13   |
| Recreation            | \$6,422.31   |
| Admin                 | \$89,584.71  |
| Total Voucher 2025-08 | \$204,378.43 |

**"CARRIED"**

**6. Reports from Staff & Others:**

**a. Roads Department Report**

The Road Superintendent report states that work on the Bear Creek Municipal Drain has begun. Currently seeking prices for winter sand. Clean up was done at the dump, and an invoice from Timiskaming Timber will follow for the rental of an excavator.

Councillor Fielder asked about the company doing sampling in the township and expressed concerns that cable locates should have been sought before they drilled. Reeve Archambault reminded council that this would be discussed later on in the agenda. Councillor Fielder also

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believes the summer students should have been able to paint the tin.  
Several council members commented that working at heights training would be required for this job which is something students do not have.

**b. Fire Department Report**

The Fire Chief Reports that they responded to 3 calls in August. 2 MVCs on Highway 11 and a mutual aid call with Casey Fire Department. All calls went well. The Fire Department purchased a few rakes for grass fires. Year 2 of the Fire Protection Grant is open for applications and the department plans to submit an application which is due September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The Clerk-Treasurer summarized the parameters for the funding applications.

**i. Fire Protection Grant 2025-26 – Call for Application**

2025-124    **Moved: Marc Gosselin                      Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge communication from the Office of the Fire Marshal regarding a call for applications for the Fire Protection Grant 2025-26; and

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and Fire Chief to apply for funding under this program.  
“CARRIED”

**ii. Tiered Response Agreement with DTSSAB**

2025-125    **Moved: Richard McNaughton    Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Tiered Response Agreement with DTSSAB; and

Authorize the Fire Chief to execute the agreement on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Harley.  
“CARRIED”

**c. Others**

- i. Eco-Logix’s Landfill Report – July & August 2025**
- ii. NEPH Merger Community Update – September**
- iii. Memo 25-012 – Administrative Capacity & Shared Service Constraints Regarding Proposed Wind Turbine Projects**
- iv. Treasurer’s Report – August 2025**
- v. Reports from Council and Staff *[no item]***

2025-126    **Moved: Sophie MacKewn                      Seconded: Clifford Fielder**  
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**
  - i. Fire Protection Grant 2025-26 – Call for Applications**
  - ii. Tiered Response Agreement with DTSSAB**
- c. Others**
  - i. Eco-Logix’s Landfill Report – July & August 2025**
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  - iv. Treasurer’s Report – August 2025
  - v. Reports from Council and Staff *[no item]*
- “CARRIED”

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

**a. Municipality of West Nipissing – Moratorium on Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate in the Nipissing Forest**

2025-127    **Moved:** Clifford Fielder                      **Seconded:** Richard McNaughton  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of resolution from the Municipality of West Nipissing requesting that the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Nipissing Forest and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and updated risk assessments are completed and reviewed; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a letter of support to the Municipality of West Nipissing.  
“CARRIED”

**b. Norfolk County – Opposition to Bill C-2 Section 77.5**

2025-128    **Moved:** Sophie MacKewn                      **Seconded:** Marc Gosselin  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of resolution from Norfolk County endorsing the resolution made by the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding Bill C-2, specifically section 77.5; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a letter of support to the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan.  
“CARRIED”

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

None

**9. Other Business:**

**a. Notice of Motion Re: Wind Turbines**

2025-129    **Moved:** Sophie MacKewn                      **Seconded:** Marc Gosselin  
**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Harley recognizes and supports the broader imperative for renewable and sustainable energy sources as a means to address climate change and reduce reliance on non-renewable resources;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council acknowledges the importance of balancing environmental objectives with the responsibility of safeguarding the health, safety and well-being of residents, while preserving the character, economy, and natural environment of the community;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality has a duty to protect the health, safety and economic stability, and overall quality of life of its residents;

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**AND WHEREAS** the Council recognizes that a development of this scale would necessitate substantial municipal oversight, planning, and administrative capacity, which currently exceeds the staffing levels available within the Municipality, thereby posing a risk to the delivery of existing services;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council has determined that the potential risks associated with such a development coupled with the Municipality’s current administrative limitations outweigh any anticipated local benefits at this time;

**AND WHEREAS** following a thorough review of available information, community input, and potential impacts, the Council has concluded that the establishment of industrial wind turbine infrastructure within the boundaries of Harley Township is not in the best interest of the Municipality at this time;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council appreciates the Province of Ontario’s approach in granting municipalities the authority to determine whether renewable energy projects are appropriate for their local communities, thereby respecting local autonomy and community-specific considerations;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Harley does not support the installation of industrial wind turbines within its municipal boundaries at this time; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this position be formally communicated to the Townships receiving shared administrative services through the Township of Harley, the Township of Harris, The City of Temiskaming Shores, as well as to any current or prospective proponents of industrial wind energy projects, and that the Municipality advocates for the right of local governments to retain decision-making authority over renewable energy developments within their jurisdictions.

“CARRIED”

Councillor Fielder requested a recorded vote on this matter:

| Recorded Vote       |            |                |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| Council Member      | For Motion | Against Motion |
| Clifford Fielder    | ✓          |                |
| Marc Gosselin       | ✓          |                |
| Richard McNaughton  | ✓          |                |
| Sophie MacKewn      | ✓          |                |
| Pauline Archambault | ✓          |                |

**b. Memo 25-013 – Office\_Fire Hall Painting**

2025-130    **Moved: Richard McNaughton    Seconded: Clifford Feilder**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby acknowledge receipt of *Memo-25-013 Office\_Fire Hall Painting*; and  
Do hereby direct staff to award the work to Jeff Visser to be completed as soon as practically possible.  
“CARRIED”

**c. Quebec Innovative Materials Corporation – Soil Sampling**

2025-131    **Moved: Clifford Fielder                      Seconded: Richard Fielder**

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**WHEREAS** Quebec Innovative Materials Corporation (QIMC) has informed Harley Township of its intention to conduct a small, non-invasive soil gas sampling campaign within the municipality to evaluate the potential for clean, naturally occurring hydrogen;

**AND WHEREAS** QIMC has committed to using lightweight, manual probes with minimal impact, and has emphasized transparency, respectful engagement, and open communication with local communities;

**AND WHEREAS** Harley Township recognizes the potential benefits of such exploration, including regional energy independence, sustainable industry growth, and local employment opportunities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Harley supports the soil gas sampling initiative proposed by Quebec Innovative Materials Corporation;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Township requests QIMC to maintain open and ongoing communication with municipal office staff throughout the duration of the project, including timely updates on sampling results and any proposed next steps;

**AND THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Quebec Innovative Materials Corporation for their records and acknowledgment.  
“CARRIED”

**10. By-Laws:**

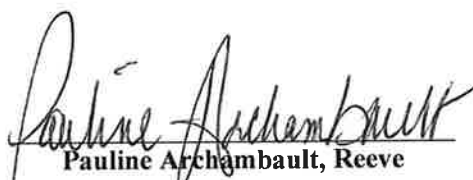
None

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

None

**12. Adjournment:**

2025-132    **Moved:** Clifford Fielder                      **Seconded:** Marc Gosselin  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:14 p.m. and will meet again on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 or at the call of the Reeve.  
“CARRIED”

  
Pauline Archambault, Reeve

  
Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer