

TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of FEBRUARY 10TH, 2026
Held at the Harley Municipal Office

Present: **Reeve:** Pauline Archambault
Councillors: Clifford Fielder (electronic participation), Marc Gosselin (electronic participation), Sophie MacKewn, Richard McNaughton
Staff: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
 Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2026-025 **Moved:** Clifford Fielder **Seconded:** Marc Gosselin
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of February 10th, 2026 at 7:03 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2026-026 **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 Minutes of January 13th, 2026

2026-027 **Moved:** Richard McNaughton **Seconded:** Sophie MacKewn
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
 a. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 13th, 2026 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations:

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2026-01

2026-028 **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	\$53,277.11
Fire	\$1,406.22
Recreation	\$1,295.11
Admin	\$75,042.86
Total Voucher 2026-01	\$131,021.30

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report:

The Road Superintendent reports that this winter season has been very busy with plowing, sanding, and winging back banks. A new entrance culvert was installed at a new commercial building on Maybrook Rd. The Superintendent also reported that tools will need to be purchased for new equipment, as well as a new zero turn lawnmower for the recreation facilities and cemetery. Some brushing will need to be done at the landfill

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along the boundary lines. Lastly, the Superintendent attended the Good Roads Board meeting earlier this month and it went well.

b. Fire Department Report:

Nothing to report.

c. Others:

i. Earlton Airport – Minutes, Financials & Managers Report - 2025

ii. NEPH Minutes – November 27th, 2025 & January 12th, 2026

iii. Report from Council and Staff [no item]

Councillor Fielder provided an update on TMA. TTF was in attendance and are expanding their operation. There were discussions on logging operations during half-load season, a minimum property tax amount, and an accommodation tax.

2026-029 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**

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 Airport – Minutes, Financials & Managers Report – 2025

ii. NEPH Minutes – November 27th, 2025 & January 12th, 2026

iii. Reports from Council and Staff

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:

a. Town of Moosonee – Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario

2026-030 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the Town of Moosonee’s resolution regarding strengthening self-defence protections and addressing rising home invasions in Ontario; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Town of Moosonee.

“CARRIED”

b. City of Brantford – Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry

2026-031 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Richard McNaughton**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the City of Brantford’s resolution regarding a call for reform and publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry; and

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

“CARRIED”

c. Township of Southgate – OMERS Bill 68

2026-032 **Moved: Sophie MacKewn** **Seconded: Richard McNaughton**

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WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children's aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

WHEREAS the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

WHEREAS these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

WHEREAS the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Harley does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Harley supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP John Vanthof, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

"CARRIED"

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

a. Ontario Good Roads Association – Reports

9. Other Business:

a. Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee – 2026 Membership Fee

2026-033 **Moved:** Clifford Fielder **Seconded:** Sophie MacKewn
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee's membership request

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in the amount of \$225.00 to assist in reducing travel costs for veterinary services for residents of the Township of Harley; and
Direct municipal staff to issue payment in the amount of \$225.00 as a donation to the Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee.
“CARRIED”

b. Little Claybelt Museum – Donation 2026

2026-034 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum’s donation request to continue to preserve the district’s heritage; and

Direct municipal staff to issue payment of \$200 as a donation to The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum.
“CARRIED”

c. 2026 Gravel Crushing

2026-035 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, direct the Clerk-Treasurer to work with the Township of Kerns and the Township of Hudson to release a joint request for quote for the purpose of crushing the following granular material for 2026 and 2027 fiscal years:

Granular M: 2,500m³

Granular B: 1,500m³

“CARRIED”

d. Memo 26-002 – Livestock Evaluator

2026-036 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 26-002 Livestock Evaluator*; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare and present the necessary by-law to appoint David Barton as the Livestock Evaluator for council’s consideration at the regular council meeting of March 10th, 2026.
“CARRIED”

e. Campgrounds [no item]

Council requested that the Clerk-Treasurer look into a possible zoning by-law violation.

10. By-Laws:

a. By-Law 2026-07 Being a by-law to provide remuneration, allowances and regulate expenses for the Reeve and Council of the Corporation of the Township of Harley
[three readings]

2026-037 **Moved: Richard McNaughton** **Seconded: Clifford Fielder**

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That **By-Law No. 2026-07**, being a by-law to provide remuneration, allowances and regulate expenses for the Reeve and Council of the Corporation of the Township of Harley be received and read a first and second time.

“CARRIED”

2026-038 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**

That **By-Law No. 2026-07**, being a by-law to provide remuneration, allowances and regulate expenses for the Reeve and Council of 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 2026-08 Being a by-law to authorize the signing of a transfer payment agreement for the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program between the Ministry of Transportation and the Corporation of the Township of Harley
[three readings]

2026-039 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**

That **By-Law No. 2026-08**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program between the Ministry of Transportation and the Corporation of the Township of Harley be received and read a first and second time.

“CARRIED”

2026-040 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**

That **By-Law No. 2026-08**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program between the Ministry of Transportation 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”

c. By-Law 2026-09 Being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2026
[three readings]

2026-041 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**

That **By-Law No. 2026-09**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2026 be received and read a first and second time.

“CARRIED”

2026-042 **Moved: Sophie MacKewn Seconded: Clifford Fielder**

That **By-Law No. 2026-09**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2026 be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.

“CARRIED”

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

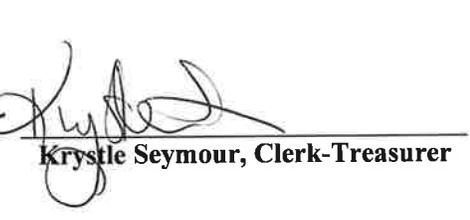
None

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12. Adjournment:

2026-043 **Moved:** **Marc Gosselin** **Seconded:** **Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adjourn the
Regular Meeting at 7:53 p.m. and will meet again on March 10th, 2026 at 7:00
p.m. or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"


Pauline Archambault, Reeve


Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer