



**TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY**  
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**b. Fire Department Report:**

The Fire Chief Reports stated that the Fire Department responded to 3 calls over the month of January and February and all went well. All trucks have passed their annual safety inspections.

**c. Others:**

- i. Landfill Report – January 2026**
- ii. Reports from Council and Staff**

2026-048 **Moved: Marc Gosselin                      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. Landfill Report – January 2026
  - ii. Reports from Council and Staff

“CARRIED”

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

- a. County of Prince Edward – Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act. 2025**

2026-049 **Moved: Clifford Fielder                      Seconded: Sophie MacKewn**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the County of Prince Edward’s resolution regarding support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 strongly urging the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the County of Prince Edward.

“CARRIED”

- b. FONOM – Planned Closure of Sudbury LifeLabs Laboratory**

2026-050 **Moved: Marc Gosselin                      Seconded: Richard McNaughton**  
**WHEREAS** LifeLabs has announced its intention to close its Greater Sudbury laboratory, and the transfer of medical specimen processing from Northern Ontario to laboratories in southern Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Greater Sudbury laboratory provides essential diagnostic services to communities across Northern Ontario, including urban, rural, and remote municipalities, and plays a critical role in ensuring timely and reliable medical testing for Northern residents; and

**WHEREAS** patients with chronic illness, newborns, long-term care residents, and individuals on time-sensitive medications depend on predictable laboratory turnaround times to support clinical decision-making; and

**WHEREAS** transporting medical specimens long distances to southern Ontario increases the risk of delays, specimen degradation, and retesting,

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particularly during frequent winter highway closures—potentially jeopardizing patient outcomes; and

**WHEREAS** Northern Ontario is already experiencing shortages of health-care professionals, and the closure of this laboratory further undermines regional workforce stability, training capacity, and recruitment and retention efforts;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Corporation of the Township of Harley call on the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Health to take immediate action to ensure that essential medical laboratory services remain accessible within Northern Ontario, including maintaining local laboratory processing capacity in Greater Sudbury; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Province be urged to ensure reliable, timely, and medically appropriate laboratory turnaround times for Northern Ontario patients, recognizing the unique geographic and climatic challenges of the region; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Province be requested to protect and support the Northern Ontario health-care workforce, including medical laboratory technologists, by preventing further service centralization that disproportionately impacts Northern communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Health, MPP John Vanthof, FONOM, AMO, and ROMA.  
“CARRIED”

- c. **John Vanthof – Expansion and Modernization of Hwys 11 & 17 – National Significant Project**  
No Action

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

- a. **TMA – Urgent Highway Safety Concerns**
- b. **Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth – Redesigned Veterinary Assistance Program**

**9. Other Business:**

- a. **Memo 26-003 – Presentation of the Draft Municipal Budget 2026**  
The Clerk-Treasurer presented Council with the proposed 2026 budget and provided a line by line presentation of all departments projected income and expenses. Three (3) options were presented for council’s consideration.

2026-051    **Moved: Sophie MacKewn                      Seconded: Clifford Fielder**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby acknowledge receipt of three proposed levy options with corresponding budget for the fiscal year 2026 as prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer; and  
That council direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare a by-law given

Levy Option # 3 to be presented for Council’s consideration at the Regular Meeting of April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.  
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**b. Memo 26-004 – Official Results RFQ-2026-01 – Gravel Crushing**

2026-052   **Moved:**   **Marc Gosselin**                   **Seconded:**   **Richard McNaughton**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Township of Hudson’s official results for FQ-2026-01 – Gravel Crushing Tender which is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to recommend Bernt Gilbertson Enterprises Limited, the lowest submission, for the Council of the Township of Hudson’s consideration; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to co-ordinate with the Road Superintendent and selected contractor to request an increase to the quantity of Granular M material to match the approved budgeted amount for this project.  
“CARRIED”

**c. Electronics Recycling Program - Update**

2026-053   **Moved:**   **Richard McNaughton**   **Seconded:**   **Clifford Fielder**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge verbal update from the Road Superintendent and Clerk-Treasurer regarding changes to the electronics recycling program; and

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to purchase the sea container currently at the Harley landfill being used for the storage of electronics, from Gillis Containers, at a cost of \$2,400 plus applicable taxes.  
“CARRIED”

**10. By-Laws:**

**a. By-Law 2026-10**   Being a by-law to appoint a livestock evaluator  
*[three readings]*

2026-054   **Moved:**   **Richard McNaughton**   **Seconded:**   **Marc Gosselin**  
That **By-Law No. 2026-10**, being a by-law to appoint a livestock evaluator be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2026-055   **Moved:**   **Sophie MacKewn**                   **Seconded:**   **Clifford Fielder**  
That **By-Law No. 2026-10**, being a by-law to appoint a livestock evaluator be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.  
“CARRIED”

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

**a. Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 2(c) - Proposed Acquisition of Land**

2026-056   **Moved:**   **Marc Gosselin**                   **Seconded:**   **Richard McNaughton**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, agree to enter closed session at 8:56 p.m. to discuss the following item:

•   Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 2(c) – Proposed Acquisition of Land  
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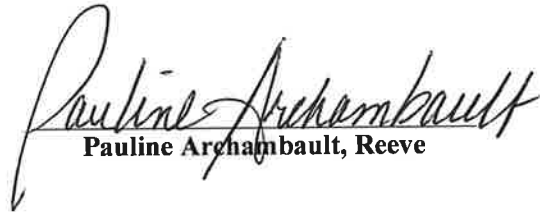
2026-057    **Moved:**    **Marc Gosselin**                      **Seconded:**    **Sophie MacKewn**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, agree to arise from closed session at 9:34 p.m.; and

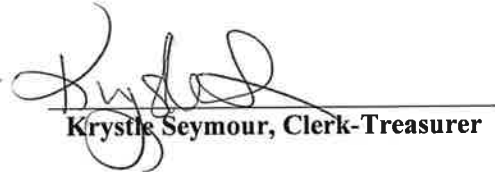
Report that a confidential legal opinion was received concerning the municipalities options for a proposed acquisition of land agreement, and that the matter remains confidential under the following applicable provisions of the Municipal Act.

- Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 2(c) – Proposed Acquisition of Land  
“CARRIED”

**12. Adjournment:**

2026-058    **Moved:**    **Richard McNaughton**    **Seconded:**    **Sophie MacKewn**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:35 p.m. and will meet again at 7:00 p.m. on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 or at the call of the Reeve.  
“CARRIED”

  
Pauline Archambault, Reeve

  
Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer