

Held at the Harley Municipal Office

Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2026-121 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of August 11th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. and appoint Sophie MacKewn to chair the meeting.
“CARRIED”

2026-122 **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 14th, 2026

2026-123 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adopt the
following minutes:
a. Regular Meeting of July 14th, 2026 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations:

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2026-07

2026-124 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley, do hereby, approve the
payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$123,008.60
Fire	\$5,008.48
Recreation	\$1,952.46
Admin	\$58,086.65
Total Voucher 2026-07	<u>\$188,056.19</u>
“CARRIED”	

6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report:

The Road Superintendent reports that stop signs have been installed by the ONR at railway crossings. Work was performed on Truck #6 to get it ready for the Fire Department. Trucking quotes were received for hauling gravel; Demora \$9.95/mt, Pederson \$9.50/mt, TTI \$9.30/mt. The quote from TTI was accepted as the lowest one received. The Road

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Superintendent received a request for a speed reduction on Garden Road; the same request was received in 2024. The Road Superintendent does not recommend a speed reduction on this road at this time. Staff will respond via email to the requester.

b. Fire Department Report:

The Fire Chief Reports that the OFM has released their 3rd round of funding. Application was submitted.

c. Others:

i. Landfill Report – June 2026

ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Correspondence – March-June 2026

iii. Treasurer’s Report – July 2026

iv. Reports from Council and Staff – NORDS Funding Update

The Clerk-Treasurer updated Council on the NORDS funding. Application was submitted and Harley will receive the same amount as the previous 5 years of \$289,672.85 (paid over 5 years).

2026-125 **Moved: Clifford Fielder 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. Landfill Report – June 2026

 ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Correspondence – March-June 2026

 iii. Treasurer’s Report – July 2026

 iv. Reports from Council and Staff – NORDS Funding Update

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:

a. Town of Bruce Mines – Physician Shortage and the Practice Ready Ontario Program

2026-126 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Clifford Fielder**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the Town of Bruce Mines’ resolution requesting that the Provincial government establish a dedicated Northern Ontario Physician Recruitment and Retention Fund and work directly with Northern municipalities to develop a coordinated strategy that reflects the unique demographic, geographic, and fiscal realities of the North; and

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

“CARRIED”

b. Town of Whitby – Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal

2026-127 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Clifford Fielder**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the Town of Whitby’s resolution regarding their request that the provincial government

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review the role and mandate of the Ontario Land Tribunal to ensure greater respect for municipal planning decisions; and

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

“CARRIED”

c. Township of Clearview – Public Sector Salary Discloser Inflation Adjustments

2026-128 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the Township of Clearview’s resolution requesting that the Public Salary Disclosure Act be amended to reflect the impact of inflation on the \$100,000 salary threshold for reporting; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Township of Clearview.

“CARRIED”

d. Township of Puslinch – Proposed Planning Act Changes

2026-129 **Moved: Clifford Fielder Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the Township of Puslinch’s resolution regarding their support for the Province’s proposed amendment to the Planning Act under Schedule 7 of Bill 119 permitting the use of administration monetary penalties for zoning by-law contraventions relating to prohibited land uses; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Township of Puslinch, the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and MPP John Vanthof.

“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

a. MNR – Aerial Herbicide Project for Temagami Forest Area

9. Other Business:

a. Memo 26-012 – Vacant Council Seat (Reeve) - Appointment

2026-130 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
WHEREAS the seat of Reeve has been declared vacant by Council at the regular meeting of July 14th, 2026;

AND WHEREAS past practice of this Council has been for a sitting Council member to assume the position of Head of Council and then fill the vacant Councillor seat;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, agree to fill the vacancy according to Section 263(1)(a) of the *Municipal Act*, which is to “*fill the vacancy by appointing a person who has consented to accept the office if appointed*” for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term; and

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FURTHERMORE that we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby appoint Sophie MacKewn as Reeve for Harley Township for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term.

“CARRIED”

- 2026-131 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
WHEREAS Sophie MacKewn was appointed as Reeve for Harley Township for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term on August 11th, 2026; and

WHEREAS this creates one (1) vacant Councillor seat; and

WHEREAS this vacancy occurs within ninety (90) days before voting day of the next regular election which is to be held on October 26th 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, declare one (1) Councillor seat vacant as per section 259 (1)(e) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001; and

FUTHERMORE THAT we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby agree that the seat remain vacant until the results of the 2026 Municipal Election are confirmed.

“CARRIED”

b. Memo 26-013 – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - 2026

- 2026-132 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 26-013 – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - 2026*; and

Authorize the organization of a joint appreciation night on Friday November 6th, 2026 as a gesture of thanks to municipal volunteers, staff and their spouses for the Townships of Hudson, Harley, Casey and Kerns; and

That the cost of such event will be shared with all participating municipalities.
“CARRIED”

c. Memo 26-014 – Memorial Plaque

- 2026-133 **Moved: Clifford Fielder Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 26-014 – Memorial Plaque*; and

Accept the quote from Northern Signs for \$975.00 plus applicable taxes; and

Direct staff to proceed with the purchase and installation.
“CARRIED”

d. Memo 26-015 – Asset Management Progress Update 2026

- 2026-134 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 26-015 – Asset Management Progress Update 2026*; and

Accept the enclosed report as prepared by Hemson Consulting.

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e. Memo 26-016 – Pits/Quarries Operators Agreement – “Peters Pit”

The Clerk-Treasurer outlined that the Operators Agreement registered on title for the “Peters Pit” is now expired. The property is for sale and the new owner would like to know if council would like to extend or create a new agreement. Council requested staff seek legal advice and provide a recommendation on how best to proceed.

f. Community Network Partners – Fibre-Optic Infrastructure Proposal

The Clerk-Treasurer and Road Superintendent outlined to council that a company is requesting permission to bury fibre op cable as per the attached plans for high-speed internet. Council requested that staff request a presentation by the company so Council can obtain further information.

10. By-Laws:

None

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

a. Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 2(e) – Industrial Park Lots

b. Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 2(b) – Fire Chief Position

2026-135 **Moved: Clifford Fielder Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, agree to enter closed session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- a. Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 2(e) – Industrial Park Lots
- b. Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 2(b) – Fire Chief Position

“CARRIED”

2026-136 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, agree to arise from closed session at 8:35 p.m.; and

Report that council reviewed a letter dated July 16th, 2026 and provided staff with direction on how to proceed; and

That the matter remains confidential under the following applicable provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 2(e) – Potential Litigation affecting the municipality; and

Report that council discussed personal matters about an identifiable individual regarding the Fire Chief position; and

That the discussions remains confidential under the following applicable provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 2(b) – Personal matters about an identifiable individual.

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2026-137 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Clifford Fielder**

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That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt and accept the resignation of Fire Chief Logan effective December 31st, 2026 as presented in the Fire Chief report received on June 9th, 2026; and

Whereas Council acknowledges that Logan Miron will remain on the Harley Fire Department as Deputy Fire Chief; and

Whereas Council acknowledged receipt of letter of expression from Vanessa Wark on July 14th, 2026 regarding her interest in the Fire Chief position;

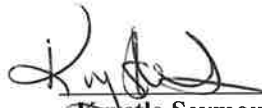
Now therefore be it resolved that we the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare the necessary appointment by-laws to be presented for Council's consideration at the Regular Meeting of December 8th, 2026.
"CARRIED"

12. Adjournment:

2026-138 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:37 p.m. and will meet again at 7:00 p.m. on September 8th, 2026 or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"



Sophie MacKewn, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer