

TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2026
Held at the Harley Municipal Office

Present: **Reeve:** Sophie MacKewn
 Councillors: Clifford Fielder, Marc Gosselin, Richard
 McNaughton
 Staff: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
 Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
 Others: Kevin Wall, Harvey Teed, Rami Alshhied (Community
 Network Partners Inc.), Lindsay Hodgkinson (Galaxy Fibre)
 (electronic participation)
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2026-139 **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 8th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
 “CARRIED”

2026-140 **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. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 11th, 2026
- b. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of August 11th, 2026

2026-141 **Moved:** Richard McNaughton **Seconded:** Clifford Fielder
 That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adopt the
 following minutes:
 a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 11th, 2026 as presented.
 b. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of August 11th, 2026 as
 presented.
 “CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations:

- a. **Community Network Partners Inc. – AHSIP Fibre Infrastructure
Project – Kevin Wall**

The group presented the project and provincial program as per the slide deck provided and attached to the council package. Four members, Kevin Wall, Harvey Teed, Rami Alshied (Comm Tech Solutions), Lindsay Hodgkinson (Galaxy Fibre).

Council and staff were given an opportunity to ask questions. A summary is below:

Q: Road Superintendent (RS), Guy Godmaire, asked would all communities outlined in the presentation (Hudson, Kerns, Harley & The City of Temiskaming Shores) need to approve the project for it to happen?

A: No, not all need to agree. They would just want to know why someone did not want it so they could take it back to Infrastructure Ontario.

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Q: RS asked what they would need to do if there are already telephone and hydro lines buried there.

A: They would do locates prior to digging to see where existing lines are and mark them appropriately.

Q: RS asked how the process works for cable locates after the fibre op cable is buried. Is there someone we can contact for locates and is that part of the contract?

A: Yes, markers will be put down in the right of way, and on those markers there will be a description of what is buried there. They will have a locate program and if a line gets hit, they will repair it. Repairs are made as quickly as possible.

Q: RS asked about how cable plowing will go around culverts. Previously, other lines (telephone) went into culverts, not around. We want to make sure all lines go around the culverts.

A: The team is very willing to meet with staff to ensure direction is clear on that.

Q: RS asked where the cable ties into for internet connection.

A: Dymond area.

Q: RS, will it be affordable for residents?

A: Right now, there are no definitive package prices, but the comparable in other communities are \$75-\$100 per month with service right to the house. It is expected to be well below cost of other wireless options. No cost to have a line run to the house if it is done during project initiation.

Q: Councillor Fielder asked if there would be a fee if residents decide to connect once the project is completed.

A: Potentially and likely. When the project launches, they try to market to customers so sign ups can happen while they are on site. If someone signed up later, there will likely be a connection fee to get it to the side of the house. But, during the project blitz, it would probably be free.

Q: Reeve MacKewn asked how they will market their service.

A: They would work with municipal staff to do mail outs and marketing. Also, signage in arenas and around the community. Any signs on pole right now are not theirs.

Q: Councillor Fielder asked how they would do the mail outs.

A: They use postal code mail outs with Canada Post.

Q: Councillor Fielder asked if someone is on site to ensure things are being done correctly during the construction (length, depth, etc.).

A: Rami said that when they send us the detailed plans, we will see the name of the project manager and contact number. Harvey confirmed they do not want cable going in the ditches.

Q: The Clerk asked if they have reached out to the city yet and if they provided their approval.

A: They have sent plans to the city but do not have approval yet. The plans will be more detailed at a later date. There are only a few kilometres in Harley.

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2026-142 **Moved:** **Clifford Fielder** **Seconded:** **Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of presentation by Kevin Wall at Community Network Partners Inc. regarding AHSIP fibre infrastructure project.
“CARRIED”

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2026-08

2026-143 **Moved:** **Marc Gosselin** **Seconded:** **Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$30,402.24
Fire	\$3,845.54
Recreation	\$1,707.30
Admin	\$113,532.51
Total Voucher 2026-08	\$149,487.59

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report:

The Road Superintendent reports that the summer student is now done for this season. There are no updates on the new plow truck to report. Did some clean up at the landfill and gravel hauling should begin next week.

b. Fire Department Report:

No report provided.

c. Others:

i. Landfill Reports – July 2026

ii. Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Correspondence – July 2026

iii. Treasurer’s Report – August 2026

iv. Reports from Council and Staff – AMO Conference

Councillor Fielder gave an update on the conference. Overall, it went very well. The Premier made an appearance. Homelessness and long-term care were discussed. Nuclear waste that needs to be brought north could possibly be travelling by rail or highway. There were some municipalities that had meetings with MPPs.

2026-144 **Moved:** **Richard McNaughton** **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
- c. Others
 - i. Landfill Reports – July 2026
 - ii. Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Correspondence – July 2026
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7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:
a. TDSS Health Care Program

2026-145 **Moved: Clifford Fielder Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
THAT we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, recognize the Temiskaming District Secondary School (TDSS) Health Care Program as an important educational program that provides students with valuable career exploration opportunities, practical skills, and pathways into the health care profession; and

THAT Council acknowledges the significant reputation and success of the program established over the past two decades through the leadership of Thomas McLean and the support of community partners; and

THAT Council emphasizes the importance of ensuring the program continues to be delivered by a highly qualified instructor capable of maintaining the high standard and reputation that students, families, and the broader community have come to expect; and

THAT Council respectfully requests that the District School Board Ontario North East, in its staffing process for the TDSS Health Care Program, give primary consideration to the long-term interests of students and the continued success and sustainability of the program; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of Education and the Board of Trustees of the District School Board Ontario North East.
"CARRIED"

b. ONR Infrastructure Maintenance – Hwy 11 Latchford Bridge

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:
a. FONOM – Municipal Workforce Challenges Across Northeastern Ontario

9. Other Business:
a. Memo 26-017 – Community Preparedness Grant – Round 4

2026-146 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That the Council acknowledges receipt of *Memo 26-017, entitled "Community Emergency Preparedness Grant - Round 4"*; and

Direct staff to apply for the grant to purchase and install a generator capable of ensuring the municipal office can operate during power outages which can also be used as the Emergency Operations Centre, and two (2) Emergency Road Closer Trailer units to be used by the Roads Department.
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10. By-Laws:
None

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:
a. Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 2(k) – Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Project Contract

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2026-147 **Moved: Richard McNaughton Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, agree to enter into closed session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss the following item:

a. Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 2(k) – Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Project Contract
“CARRIED”

2026-148 **Moved: Clifford Fielder Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, agree to arise from closed session at 8:40 p.m.; and

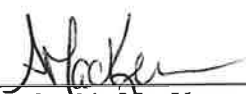
Report that council reviewed a memo from J.L. Richards dated September 2nd, 2026 regarding the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law budget overage and options for project completion and provided staff with direction on how to proceed; and

That the matter remains confidential under the following applicable provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001:

Section 239 2(k) – a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.
“CARRIED”

12. Adjournment:

2026-149 **Moved: Marc Gosselin Seconded: Richard McNaughton**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:41 p.m. and will meet again on October 13th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”



Sophie MacKewn, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer