TOWNSHIP OF HARLEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of OCTOBER 13TH, 2026
Held at the Harley Municipal Office

Present:	**Reeve:**	Sophie MacKewn
	Councillors:	Clifford Fielder, Marc Gosselin
	Staff:	Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
		Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
	Others:	3 Members of the Public
Regrets:		Richard McNaughton, Councillor

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

2026-157 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of October 13th, 2026 at 7:11 p.m.
"CARRIED"

2026-158 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
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 September 8th, 2026.**
   b. **Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of September 8th, 2026.**

2026-159 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
   a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8th, 2026 as presented.
   b. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of September 8th, 2026 as presented.

"CARRIED"

3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:**
None

4. **Delegations:**
   a. **Wayne Miller – Dedication of Baseball Field**
   Wayne Miller addressed Council. In the early 70's Mr. Miller was helping to develop recreation activities for four (4) municipalities; Dymond, Kerns, Hudson, and Harley. A committee was formed by Glen and Delma Loach, Mrs. Connely, and Bruce and Wendy Loach to oversee recreation activities and new projects. The community was supportive of the improvements that included a ball field. In 1978 Harley started a rural slow pitch league and Harley Baseball Field was the centre of the tournament. Mr. Miller is requesting that the ball filed be dedicated in the name of the Loach family. He would be willing to attend a public meeting regarding re-establishing a recreation committee or about dedicating the field.

2026-160 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of presentation by Wayne Miller regarding a request for dedicating the Harley Baseball Field.
"CARRIED"

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2026-09

2026-161 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	$130,674.68
Fire	$5,510.80
Recreation	$1,475.18
Admin	$123,243.23
Total Voucher 2026-09	**$260,903.89**

"CARRIED"

6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report:
The Road Superintendent reports that the gravel on Greenwood Bridge Road is complete, funded by the Pothole program. Gravel is also done on Maybrook Road from township pit which was crushed this year. Winter sand quotes for approximately 1,200-1,300 tonnes were received as follows:
Conners – 22.60 m^3
Miron Topsoil – 11.44 m^3
Six (6) loads of crusher chips were brought to the landfill on the south side of the capped garbage. Lastly, the new truck should arrive at the end of next week, (October 22nd or 23rd).

b. Fire Department Report:
No reports for this month.

c. Others:

i. Landfill Reports – August 2026

ii. Treasurer's Report – September 2026
The Clerk-Treasurer outlined that there was some growth in taxes received due to building permits from previous years.

iii. Reports from Council and Staff
An update was provided on the building permits issued this year.

2026-162 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **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 – August 2026
   ii. Treasurer's Report – September 2026
   iii. Reports from Council and Staff
"CARRIED"

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Municipality of South Huron – 2027 OPP Policing Costs

2026-163 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the Municipality of South Huron's resolution acknowledging the Province of Ontario's action to limit the 2027 OPP municipal policing cost insurance to no more than 11%; and

Expressing concern that an increase of up to 11% in a single year remains significant for small and rural municipalities and is not, by itself, a sustainable long-term solution; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Municipality of South Huron.
"CARRIED"

b. Municipality of Trent Hills – Elimination of the WSIB Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF)

2026-164 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the Municipality of Trent Hills' resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board review the impacts of eliminating the Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF) consult with employers, municipalities, labour representatives and other stakeholders, and consider modernizing or revising the program rather than eliminating employer cost relief altogether, including by modernizing, revising or replacing the current program with an improved cost-relief mechanism that continues to fairly recognize the impact of pre-existing
Conditions; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Municipality of Trent Hills.
"CARRIED"

c. Town of Kapuskasing – 2026 NEPH Municipal Levy Increases

2026-165 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, support the Town of Kapuskasing's letter regarding their concerns with the continued increase in municipal costs associated with the Northeastern Public Health (NEPH) levy and the resulting financial pressures on municipalities; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Town of Kapuskasing and the Northeastern Public Health Board of Health.
"CARRIED"

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:
- **a. FONOM – Bail Reform**
- **b. FONOM – Northern Highways**

9. Other Business:
- **a. Memo 26-018 – Surplus Equipment – 2001 Sterling Tanker**

2026-166 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
WHEREAS the Fire Department has identified certain equipment as no longer necessary for municipal operations; and

WHEREAS the equipment has been evaluated and determined to be surplus to the needs of the municipality; and

WHEREAS the disposal of surplus equipment is governed by the municipality's disposal of surplus equipment policy through By-Law 2007-25;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The following equipment is hereby declared surplus:

    - 2001 Sterling Tanker Truck (red) VIN # 2FZNAJCB81AH63076

2. The Clerk-Treasurer and Road Superintendent are authorized to carry out the disposal process and sell the equipment for a price satisfactory to the Clerk-Treasurer and in the best interest of the Township, and ensure proper documentation is retained.

3. Any proceeds from the disposal shall be deposited into the General fund, as appropriate.

Councillor Fielder requested a recorded vote on this matter:

Recorded Vote		
Council Member	**For Motion**	**Against Motion**
Clifford Fielder		✓
Marc Gosselin	✓	
Richard McNaughton		
Vacant	----------	----------
Sophie MacKewn	✓	

"CARRIED"

b. Memo 26-019 – Emergency Response Plan – Table Top Exercise

2026-167 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-26-019 – Emergency Response Plan – Annual Table Top Exercise*; and
Agree to schedule the Township of Harley's annual table top emergency meeting at the Harley Community Hall on October 21st, 2026 for the following attendees:

- Sophie MacKewn, Reeve
- Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
- Logan Miron, Fire Chief
- Krystle Seymour, CEMC
- Allison Doyon, Alternate CEMC
- Melanie Woods, Municipal Staff

"CARRIED"

c. Memo 26-020 – Emergency Control Group & Administrative Shared Agreement

2026-168 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Clifford Fielder**

That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-26-019 "Emergency Control Group & Administrative Shared Services Agreement"*; and

Agree to schedule the Township of Harley's annual Emergency Control Group meeting and bi-annual Shared Services Administrative meeting with representatives from the Township of Kerns, Township of Hudson and Township of Casey for October 30th, to be attended by Reeve Sophie MacKewn.
"CARRIED"

10. By-Laws:

a. By-Law 2026-16 Being a by-law to authorize the signing of a transfer payment agreement for the Northern Ontario Resources Development Support (NORDS) fund *[three readings]*

2026-169 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That **By-Law No. 2026-16**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a transfer payment agreement for the Northern Ontario Resources Development Support (NORDS) fund be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"

2026-170 **Moved: Marc Gosselin** **Seconded: Clifford Fielder**
That **By-Law No. 2026-16**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a transfer payment agreement for the Northern Ontario Resources Development Support (NORDS) fund 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

12. Adjournment:

2026-171 **Moved: Clifford Fielder** **Seconded: Marc Gosselin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Harley do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:25 p.m. and will meet again on November 10th 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"

Sophie MacKewn, Reeve **Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer**