

TOWNSHIP OF CASEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of February 14th, 2018
Held at the Casey Council Chamber

Present: Reeve: Guy Labonté
Councillors: Janet Little, Suzanne Boucher, Jacques Fortin, Marc Robillard
Clerk-Treasurer: Michel Lachapelle
Roads Superintendent, René Côté
Economic Development Officer: Jordan Kemp

Also Present: Russell Britton, Township of Brethour Reeve
Julie Wilkinson, Township of Brethour Councillor

Meeting started at 7:30 p.m.

1- Open Regular Meeting of Council

2018-018 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher** **Seconded: Janet Little**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of February 14th, 2018.
“CARRIED”

2- Adoption of Agenda

2018-019 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Marc Robillard**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, accept the agenda as presented.
“CARRIED”

3- Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Councillor Suzanne Boucher declared conflict of interest on Item 11 (d).

4 - Adoption of last Council Meeting Minutes:

2018-020 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 10th, 2018, as circulated.
“CARRIED”

5- Discussion of any Business arising from the Minutes of last Meeting:
None

6- Delegation/Presentation:

The Township of Brethour is requesting possible administrative services from the Township of Casey due to the abrupt resignation (verbal) of its clerk. This is the second clerk in a year and a half and it has been difficult to find qualified personnel. The original position was part time; only requiring two days a week, however since its most recent clerk, this was increased to three days a week. As of today, the Township of Brethour is behind in its administration. No work has been done since November, which includes T4's, interim taxes, and bank reconciliations. The Township of Brethour also expressed interest in the possibility of amalgamating with the Township of Casey. Every election has had fewer residents run for council. The concern is no one new will run in the next election. The Township of Brethour believes it to be a good fit for the Township of Casey as it has minimal debt (loader) and several investments. The Township of Brethour plans to hold a meeting with its council February 15th regarding contracting administrative services as well as amalgamation and will contact the Township of Casey.

7- Payments of Accounts: Vouchers 2018-01

2018-021 **Moved: Marc Robillard** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, approve the Payment of Accounts as presented:

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Roads	\$37,416.18
General	\$28,494.44
Fire	\$ 8,844.30
Sewer	\$ 759.97
Recreation	<u>\$ 6,010.04</u>
Total Voucher 2018-01	\$98,099.48

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8- Reports from Staff and Others:

- a- Roads
The Roads Superintendent reported that another tire blew up on Truck 7. Lots of sanding done.
- b- Fire Department
Purchase Scott airpaks, tanks and masks. New Mandate for certification.
- d- Others

2018-022 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the following minutes/reports and that it be filed:

- i) Temiskaming Municipal Association - Minutes of January 25, 2018
- ii) Earlton Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority - Minutes of December 21, 2017
- iii) Landfill Site Report - December 31, 2017

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9- Correspondence for Council Consideration:

- a- Ontario Good Roads Association - OGRA request support for MCEA process reform
- b- Town of Lakeshore - Marijuana tax revenue
- c- Town of Lakeshore - Population growth projection
- d- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Hilliardton Marsh Conservation Reserve Review
- e- Temiskaming Federation of Agriculture - Rural address signage (911 signs)
- f- Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum - Annual donation

2018-023 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Marc Robillard**

Whereas a coalition of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario have successfully applied to have a review of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process conducted under Part IV (Section 61) of the Environmental Bill of Rights Act, 1993 (EBR Act)

And Whereas impact studies and public meeting required by the MCEA process often take two years or more to complete before construction can commence;

And Whereas the MCEA requirements to evaluate alternatives are often not well aligned with prior or municipal land use planning decisions;

And Whereas analysis by the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) has demonstrated that the time to complete and EA rose from 19 months to 26.7 months and costs went from an average of \$113, 300 to \$386,500;

And Whereas the Auditor General of Ontario has tabled recommendations for modernizing the MCEA process;

And Whereas, in spite of written commitments made by the Ministry of the Environment between 2013-2015, no action has been taken;

And Whereas local projects that do not have the necessary approvals could lose out on the

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next intake of Build Canada Funding;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Township of Casey request that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change take immediate steps to expedite the response process for Part II Orders or Bump-Up requests, as part of the Sec. 61 review to improve MCEA process time and reduce study costs;

And Further that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change support changes to better integrate and harmonize the MCEA process with processes defined under the Planning Act;

And Further that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change amend the scope of MCEA reports and studies to reduce duplication with existing public processes and decisions made under municipal Official Plans and provincial legislation.

“CARRIED”

2018-024 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher** **Seconded: Janet Little**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support the Town of Lakeshore in their resolution no. 577-01-2018 to generate some of the tax dollars made from the sale of Marijuana to municipalities to cover critical infrastructure projects.

“CARRIED”

2018-025 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry letter dated January 11, 2018 in regards to Hilliardton Marsh Conservation Reserve (C1704) Review and direct the Clerk to provide the Ministry with the information that they are requesting.

“CARRIED”

2018-026 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support the Temiskaming Federation of Agriculture in their request to add 911 emergency signage on all property entrances.

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2018-027 **Moved: Marc Robillard** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, agree to donate \$200.00 to the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum for the year 2018.

“CARRIED”

10- Correspondence for Council’s Information

- a- Ministry of Finance - Legalization of Cannabis
- b- AMO- New municipal asset management planning regulation
- c- Ministry of Natural Resources - Clean water and wastewater fund extension
- d- Ontario Provincial Police - Updates from the Municipal Policing Bureau
- e- Yves Rivard - JRL Services
- f- Federal Asphalt Inc. - Promotion

11- Other Business:

- a- Statement of Remuneration and Expenses

2018-028 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, accept the statement of remuneration and expenses paid to each member of council for the year 2017, as presented by the treasurer.

“CARRIED”

- b- Municipal Asset Management Program Application

2018-029 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Casey direct staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ Asset Management Program

