

**TOWNSHIP OF CASEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of December 9th, 2020
Held at the Casey Council Chambers**

Present: **Reeve:** Guy Labonté
 Councillors: Suzanne Boucher
 Jacques Fortin
 Marc Robillard
 Janet Little
 Staff: Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer
 Nicolas Coté, Road Superintendent

Regrets: None

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council

2020-190 **Moved:** **Janet Little** **Seconded:** **Jacques Fortin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of December 9th, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Agenda

2020-191 **Moved:** **Marc Robillard** **Seconded:** **Suzanne Boucher**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, accept the agenda as amended:
12.b. By-Law 2020-958 Being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

a. None

4. Adoption of last Council Meeting Minutes

2020-192 **Moved:** **Jacques Fortin** **Seconded:** **Marc Robillard**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 11th, 20220 as presented.
“CARRIED”

5. Discussion of any Business Arising from the Minutes of last Meeting

a. None

6. Delegations/Presentations

a. None

7. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2020-11

2020-193 **Moved:** **Suzanne Boucher** **Seconded:** **Jacques Fortin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$14,346.25
Admin	\$33,495.71
Fire	\$687.68
Sewer	\$1,108.01
Dump	\$56.27
Recreation	\$10,291.42
Drain	\$2,497.30
Total Voucher 2020-11	\$62,482.64

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8. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road Department's Report

The Road Superintendent reported that the winter sand is not mixed for the year. A new speed limit sign and "kids at play" sign have both been installed at the entrance of the village. The Road Superintendent has enrolled as an Operator in Training through Ontario Water Wastewater Certification Office in order to sample and discharge at the lagoon. The exam is scheduled for March and course material has already arrived. The new Freightliner is at Gincor. It might be finished by the end of the year. Caldwell has hauled roughly 300 tonnes to the yard which is remaining gravel from the Development Road contract. Caldwell still has roughly 300 tonnes to fulfill the contract, plus penalties. The lagoon is currently being discharged and is about 50% complete.

b. Fire Department's Report

The fire department reports that they got one call last week for a barn fire, but the call was in Harley and Casey was there for assistance only. Both trucks have gone for a safety for a total cost of about \$2500.00. There will be a special meeting on the 19th for fire department. Fire man points were paid out last Monday.

c. Recreation

The recreation committee has nothing to report as all activities continue to be suspended due to COVID-19 restrictions.

d. Others

i. Treasurer's Report as of November 30th

2020-194 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Marc Robillard**

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

- a. Road Department's Report
- b. Fire Department's Report
- c. Recreation
- d. Others
 - i. Treasurers Report as of November 30th

"CARRIED"

9. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane Bill 226, broadband is an Essential Service Act

2020-195 **Moved: Marc Robillard** **Seconded: Janet Little**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support John Vanthof, MPP of Timiskaming-Cochrane's letter dated November 6th, regarding Bill 226-The Broadband is an Essential Service Act. to develop and implement a high-speed internet strategy that ensures 95% of Ontarians have access by 2026, and the other 5% by 2030, under the condition that the Minister of Infrastructure would have to report on and update the strategy to ensure its completion.

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b. District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board – 2021 Rent Freeze

2020-196 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Janet Little**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board’s resolution requesting that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing provide funding to offset revenue losses as a result from amendments made to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 (RTA) which set the 2021 rent increase guideline to zero percent from January 1st, 2020 to December 31st, 2021.
“CARRIED”

c. Grey Highlands – Resolution RE: Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover From COVID-19 Act

d. Region of Peel – Motion RE: Property Tax Exemptions for Veterans Clubs

2020-197 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher** **Seconded: Janet Little**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support Bill 229, to amend the Assessment Act that would provide a full property tax exemption to veterans’ clubs retroactive to January 1st, 2019; and

Request that the Minister of Finance amend the Assessment Act as soon as possible upon passage of the 2020 Ontario Budget and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Region of Peel.
“CARRIED”

e. Municipal Finance Officer’s Association of Ontario – Extension of O.Reg 588/17 Deadline

2020-198 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has had significant financial and operational impacts on Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have had to divert resources towards addressing the immediate needs of the pandemic and maintaining service delivery standards despite evolving restrictions and limited funds;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has delayed timelines with respect to several pieces of legislation;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal asset management through O.Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015;

AND WHEREAS O.Reg. 588/17 mandates that every municipality shall prepare an asset management plan in respect of its core municipal infrastructure assets by July 1st, 2021, and in respect of all its other municipal infrastructure assets by July 1, 2023;

AND WHEREAS the key components of an asset management plan as required by the regulation are:

1. Infrastructure asset inventory
2. Levels of service
3. Lifecycle management and financial strategy

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AND WHEREAS there is concern amongst Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) members and their municipalities that current capacity challenges (redeployment of staff, and lack of available resources) will result in limitations for purposeful asset management planning;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities do not anticipate the current capacity challenges to be resolved in the short-term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF CASEY supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting a one-year extension of deadlines in O.Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015; so that all municipalities can focus on the immediate needs of the pandemic and engage in municipal asset management planning when capacity challenges are resolved.
"CARRIED"

10. Correspondence for Council's Information:

- a. **FONOM – 2021 Annual Conference**
- b. **Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meeting – November 13th, 2020**
- c. **Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meeting – November 27th, 2020**

11. Other Business:

- a. **The Managed Municipality – Joint Modernization Report**

2020-199 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher Seconded: Marc Robillard**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of a joint modernization report funded under the Modernization Program and prepared by The Managed Municipality for the Township of Kerns, Casey, Hudson and Harley, which highlights technological improvements to increase efficiency and reduce costs; and

That the joint report be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting as presented.
"CARRIED"

- b. **NEOnet – COVID-19 Technology Adoption Fund Application**

2020-200 **Moved: Jacques Fortin Seconded: Marc Robillard**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, direct staff to submit an application for funding to NEOnet, for the total amount of \$9,547.37 as outlined in the municipal staff report dated December 4th for electronic equipment that would reduce operating costs and allow staff and council to work remotely as well as conduct electronic council meetings if required in the future.
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c. Annual Emergency Response Plan Meeting

- 2020-201 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, agree for Guy Labonté, Reeve, to attend the Annual Emergency Plan Meeting scheduled for December 15th to review the Township of Casey’s joint emergency response plan with the control group as required under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990,c. E.9.
“CARRIED”

d. Closure of Casey Office

- 2020-202 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
That we the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, agree to close the Municipal Office at 7 Lachapelle Street due to Health and Safety concerns regarding current circumstances with COVID-19 until further notice.
“CARRIED”

e. Appointment of Engineer for Aggett’s Drain

- 2020-203 **Moved: Marc Robillard** **Seconded: Janet Little**
That we the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of K. Smart Associates Limited’s quote for engineering work in the amount of \$16,275.00 to assume Aggetts drain as a municipal drain; and authorize the work as quoted.
“CARRIED”

12. By-Laws

- a. By-Law 2020-957** Being a by-law to authorize the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) for financing of certain ongoing capital work(s) of the Corporation of the Township of Casey (the “Municipality”); to authorize temporary borrowing from OILC to meet expenditures in connection with such capital work(s); and to authorize long-term Borrowing for such capital work(s) through the issue of debentures to OILC
[three readings]

- 2020-204 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
That **By-Law No. 2020-957**, being a by-law to authorize the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) for financing of certain ongoing capital work(s) of the Corporation of the Township of Casey (the Municipality); to authorize temporary borrowing from OILC to meet expenditures in connection with such capital work(s); and to authorize long-term Borrowing for such capital work(s) through the issue of debentures to OILC be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

- 2020-205 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Marc Robillard**
That **By-Law No. 2020-957**, being a by-law to authorize the submission of an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) for financing of certain ongoing capital work(s) of the Corporation of the

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Township of Casey (the Municipality); to authorize temporary borrowing from OILC to meet expenditures in connection with such capital work(s); and to authorize long-term Borrowing for such capital work(s) through the issue of debentures to OILC be read a third time and the same engrossed in the by-law book.

“CARRIED”

- b. By-Law 2020-958** Being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures
[three readings]

2020-206 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
That **By-Law No. 2020-958**, being a by-law to temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2020-207 **Moved: Marc Robillard** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**
That **By-Law No. 2020-958**, being a by-law to temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures be read a third time and the same engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

13. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

- a. None**

14. Adjournment:

2020-208 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:00 pm and will meet again on January 13th, 2021 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”

Guy Labonté, Reeve

Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer