

**TOWNSHIP OF CASEY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**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**

2021-019   **Moved: Suzanne Boucher        Seconded: Jacques Fortin**  
                  That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.  
                  “CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

2021-020   **Moved: Jacques Fortin            Seconded: Marc Robillard**  
                  That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, accept the agenda as amended:

                  ADD: 13. a. Employee Negotiation  
                  “CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

                  a. None

**4. Adoption of last Council Meeting Minutes**

2021-021   **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 January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as presented.  
                  “CARRIED”

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

**6. Delegations/Presentations**

**7. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2021-01**

2021-022   **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	\$21,938.91
Admin	\$63,981.04
Fire	\$12,356.13
Sewer	\$4,108.27
Dump	\$19,077.91
Recreation	\$3,520.46
Drain	\$23,678.56
Total Voucher 2021-01	\$148,661.28

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**8. Reports from Staff & Others**

**a. Road's Department Report**

The Road Superintendent reported that he has been plowing regularly. A few repairs were made on Truck #7, welding and replacement of a pin on the one way. Replacement of a few hydraulic hoses, electrical lights and replacement of a sander pin. Repairs were also done to the adjusting pole on the one way on Truck #8. Public areas continue to be cleared of snow. The Road Superintendent will also start clearing the boat launch for the Fire Department. The Road Superintendent informed council they continue to study for their Operator in Training exam which is on March 11<sup>th</sup>. A caution sign was installed on Greenwood Bridge road for an uneven area on the road's surface.

**b. Fire's Department Report**

The Fire Chief reports that there were no calls for March. Practices have been cancelled due to the lockdown. The boiler stopped working and had to be repaired on a weekend. The Casey Fire Department's tanker is on standby for Harley Fire Department. The Fire Department also plans to send several volunteer firefighters to 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Training to get unlicensed operators proper licenses to drive the trucks.

**c. Recreation**

No update due to COVID-19

**d. Others**

- i. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meeting – Minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup>**
- ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meeting – Minutes of January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

2021-023    **Moved: Jacques Fortin**                      **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**  
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's Department Report
- b. Fire's Department Report
- c. Recreation
- d. Others
  - i. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meeting – Minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of January 22<sup>nd</sup>

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**9. Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:**

**a. Municipality of Charlton & Dack – Insurance**

2021-024

**Moved: Marc Robillard                      Seconded: Jacques Fortin**

WHEREAS the cost of municipal insurance in the Province of Ontario has continued to increase – with especially large increases going into 2021; and

WHEREAS Joint and Several Liability continues to ask property taxpayers to carry the lion’s share of a damage award when a municipality is found at minimum fault; and

WHEREAS these increases are unsustainable and unfair and eat at critical municipal services; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues including:

1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.
2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1-year limitation period may be beneficial.
3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.
4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.
5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non-profit insurance reciprocals.
6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.
7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Casey call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID 19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming- Cochrane, and all Ontario municipalities.

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**b. Township of South-West Oxford – Automatic Speed Enforcement**

No Action Taken

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**c. Town of Bracebridge – Infrastructure Funding**

2021-025 **Moved: Jacques Fortin**                      **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**  
That we, Council of the Township of Casey request the Federal and Provincial Governments provide immediate broad and substantial municipal funding opportunities for well-planned, shovel-ready projects already prioritized under municipal asset management plans to provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and the federal economies in order to rebound from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance; the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; the Local Member of Parliament; and the Local Member of Provincial Parliament.

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**d. Township of Augusta – Ontario Fire College**

2021-026 **Moved: Janet Little**                      **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby request that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as it is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists in protecting their residents; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ontario Fire Marshal.

“CARRIED”

**e. Township of Wollaston – Amendments to Municipal Election Act**

No Action Taken

**f. Township of Asphodel-Norwood – Community Safety & Well Being Plan**

2021-027 **Moved: Marc Robillard**                      **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**  
WHEREAS the Police Services Act, 1990, was amended on January 1st, 2019 to mandate every municipality in Ontario to prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced the Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 to assist municipal governments and local boards and during the COVID 19 emergency; and

WHEREAS the protective measures municipalities have put in place to protect their communities, Councillors, and staff members include eliminating face-to-face meetings, closing municipal offices, and directing staff to work from home; and

WHEREAS Bill 189, Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020 was passed to amend various acts to support municipal, policing, and community partners during the pandemic;

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that while these measures are imperative and necessary, they impose undue hardship on municipalities to meet provincial deadlines such as the completion and adoption of a Community Safety & Well-Being (CSWB) Plan prior to July 1st, 2021. The Council of the Township of Casey calls upon the Solicitor General to review the imposed deadline for municipalities to complete and adopt a Community Safety & Well Being (CSWB) Plan in consultation with local governments to address the unique challenges facing individual regions.  
“CARRIED”

**g. County of Perth – Significant Negative Impacts of Current Value Assessments in Perth County**

No Action Taken

**h. Statistic Canada – Support for 2021 Census**

2021-028 **Moved: Marc Robillard**                      **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**  
Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Casey supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at [www.census.gc.ca](http://www.census.gc.ca) as accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.  
“CARRIED”

**10. Correspondence for Council’s Information:**

- a. City of Temiskaming Shores – Rate Increase for Recycling Agreement**
- b. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – January 27<sup>th</sup> Media Release**
- c. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – February 4<sup>th</sup> Media Release**
- d. Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum – January 28<sup>th</sup> Letter**

**11. Other Business:**

**a. Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee – 2021 VAP Membership Fee**

2021-029 **Moved: Marc Robillard**                      **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, direct staff to pay the Temiskaming Veterinary Services’ annual membership fee of \$225.00 to reduce travel costs incurred by its residents when requiring veterinary services for large animals such as sheep, beef, dairy, goats, and horses.  
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**b. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Municipal Modernization Program**

2021-030 **Moved: Janet Little**                                      **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing’s letter dated January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 announcing the launch of the second intake under the Municipal Modernization Program; and

Direct staff to submit a joint completed Expression of Interest form with the Township of Hudson, Township of Harley, and Township of Kerns to implement digital modernization opportunities outlined in The Managed

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Municipalities report dated November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 which was prepared under the first intake of the Municipal Modernization Program.

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**c. Provincial Offences Act Advisory Committee – Appointment of Member**

2021-031 **Moved: Marc Robillard**                      **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of two profiles from the following Provincial Offences Act Advisory Committee candidates:

- Theo Cull, Councilor of the Township of Armstrong; and
- Jason Kramp, Councilor of the Village of Thornloe; and

Nominate Theo Cull to represent the Township of Casey on the Provincial Offences Advisory Committee.

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**d. Township of Harley – Municipal Landfill**

2021-032 **Moved: Janet Little**                      **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Township of Harley’s report regarding the Township of Casey’s municipal share of the Harley Landfill as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020; and

That it be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.

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**e. Appointment of Animal Control & Poundkeeper Enforcement Officer**

2021-033 **Moved: Marc Robillard**                      **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby appoint the following individuals to enforce By-Law 97-551, being a by-law to regulate the control and running at large of other animals, for the impoundment and destruction in certain instances; the provision of penalties for infractions of this by-law; and certain other aspects of animal control within the Corporation of the Township of Casey:

- Garret Hunting; and
- Sherry Hunting.

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**12. By-Laws**

**13. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:**

**a. Employee Negotiations**

2021-034 **Moved: Janet Little**                      **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, agree to move to a Closed Session at 8:50 pm to discuss the following items:

- Employee Negotiations

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2021-035 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher**                      **Seconded: Marc Robillard**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Hudson do hereby, agree to arise from a Closed Session at 9:25 pm.

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2021-036    **Moved: Jacques Fortin**                      **Seconded: Janet Little**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, accept the Clerk  
Treasurer's recommendation as outlined in confidential report  
CONF-001-2021 in Closed Session concerning salaries for 2021.  
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**14. Adjournment:**

2021-037    **Moved: Jacques Fortin**                      **Seconded: Marc Robillard**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adjourn the  
Regular Meeting at 9:30 pm and will meet again on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 or at the  
call of the Reeve.  
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**Guy Labonté, Reeve**

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**Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer**