

TOWNSHIP OF CASEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Of OCTOBER 11TH, 2023
Held at the Casey Council Chambers

Present: **Councillors:** Suzanne Boucher
 Jessie Denommé
 Janet Little
 Bruno Trudel
 Staff: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
 Nicolas Coté, Road Superintendent
Regrets: **Reeve:** Guy Labonté

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda

2023-134 **Moved:** **Suzanne Boucher** **Seconded:** **Janet Little**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of October 11th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.; and

Appoint Bruno Trudel, Councillor, to chair the Regular Meeting in the absence of Guy Labonté, Reeve.
“CARRIED”

2023-135 **Moved:** **Janet Little** **Seconded:** **Jessie Denommé**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, accept the agenda as presented.
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting of September 13th, 2023.

2023-136 **Moved:** **Jessie Denommé** **Seconded:** **Suzanne Boucher**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
 ▪ Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 13th, 2023 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

- a. None

4. Delegations:

- a. None

5. Payments of Accounts – Voucher No. 2023-09

2023-137 **Moved:** **Janet Little** **Seconded:** **Suzanne Boucher**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$11,422.10
Fire	\$559.13
Sewer	\$313.69
Dump	\$378.98
Recreation	\$496.98
Drain	\$0.00
Admin	\$43,664.05
Total Voucher 2023-09	<hr style="width:50%; margin-left:auto; margin-right:0;"/> \$56,834.93

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6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road's Department Report

The Road's Superintendent reports he has performed regular maintenance on machinery and graded when weather permitted. Don Adshead hauled 5 loads of gravel to River Road. There was also 1 load of gravel brought to Snider Road from the stock pile at the garage. Brushing was done in front of signage and at the end of Jacques Bridge. Park was tidied up of garbage, bins and toys. Truck #7 was rented for 3 hours. Flashing lights were ordered for the speed signs. The Road Superintendent looked into whether there was room in the existing sewage system for additional system installations and there is plenty of room. He will start prepping equipment for the upcoming winter season shortly. Winter sand is set to arrive next week.

Reeve Labonté got quotes to replace the eaves troughs on the Fire Hall / Municipal Hall in both aluminium and steel. Eaves troughs will be repaired rather than replaced. He is also working on getting quotes to repair the eaves trough at the Arena that broke off during a previous winter season. The broken street light on Omer Street has been repaired.

b. Fire's Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that it was a quiet month with no calls. Link Well Drilling has assessed the well and will provide a quote as necessary for the Fire Department to have a water reserve for fighting fires to be funded under the ICIP program as applied for.

c. Others

i. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes June 7th & Aug 10th 2023

ii. Treasurer's Report September 2023

iii. Recreation Report

The vendor show is coming up on October 28th and the hockey pool fundraiser has begun.

2023-138 **Moved: Jessie Denommé 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. Others
 - i. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes June 7th & Aug 10th 2023
 - ii. Treasurer's Report September 2023
 - iii. Recreation Report

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7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. City of Cambridge – Declaring Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) an Epidemic

No Action

b. Town of Midland – Catch and Release Justice is Ontario

No Action

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c. FONOM – Support for Northern School of Medicine

2023-139 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher Seconded: Janet Little**

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Casey hereby, recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians; and

WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate; and

WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities; and

WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University’s medical programs; and

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Casey strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University’s request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.

“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a. Municipal Policing Bureau – Distribution of Police Record Check Revenue to Municipalities**

9. Other Business:

- a. Canada Post Rental Space – Lease Agreement**

2023-140 **Moved: Janet Little Seconded: Jessie Denommé**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the lease agreement for the rental of municipal space to Élise Léveillé Allaire for the purposes of operating Canada Post in Belle Vallée; and

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Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to sign and execute the lease agreement as presented to council.

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10. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

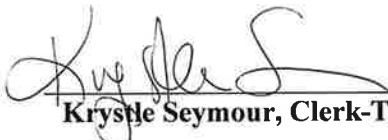
a. None

11. Adjournment:

2023-141 **Moved: Jessie Denommé Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:08 pm and will meet again on November 8th, 2023 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”



Guy Labonté, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer