

TOWNSHIP OF CASEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of FEBRUARY 14TH, 2024
Held at the Casey Council Chambers

Present: **Reeve:** Guy Labonté
Councillors: Suzanne Boucher
 Jessie Dénommmé
 Janet Little
 Bruno Trudel
Staff: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
 Nicolas Côté, Road Superintendent
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda

2024-013 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of February 14th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
 “CARRIED”

2024-014 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
 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 January 10th, 2024.

2024-015 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
 a. Regular Meeting of January 10th, 2024 as presented.
 “CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations:

None

5. Payments of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-01

2024-016 **Moved: Jessie Dénommmé** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$42,969.60
Fire	\$13,501.79
Sewer	\$1,489.00
Dump	\$11,283.82
Recreation	\$7,353.78
Drain	\$226.00
Admin	\$37,408.47
Total Voucher 2024-01	\$114,232.46

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6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road's Department Report

The Road's Superintendent reports that regular maintenance was performed on machinery and there were a few minor repairs to do on Truck #7 on the hydraulic fitting. Plowing and sanding was done as needed and the steamer was also made ready for the upcoming season. There was some illegal dumping of garbage on Greenwood Bridge Road/Old Dump Road. Propane was also refilled on the Olympia Zamboni. The Superintendent discussed with council some road projects he would like to do in 2024. He would like to complete the surface treatment in the Village by applying an SST layer on the Village roads that were double surface treated last year. Greenwood Bridge Road is in need of ditching and a gravel surface lift. Approximately 2.5 miles of ditching and approximately 3 miles need gravel. He would also like to pulverise Pearson Drive and Omer Road, which would be just under 1 kilometer combined. The Superintendent will get rough quotes for the upcoming budget discussions.

b. Fire's Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that the new chainsaw has arrived. The Chief has started the Community Risk Assessment. Office staff were asked if the Fire Hall could be used for a personal birthday party. Council directed staff to only permit the Fire Hall to be used for Municipal events and meetings.

c. Others

i. Recreation Report [no item]

The Recreation Committee has canceled the Fishing Derby scheduled for February 24th due to poor/unpredictable winter weather conditions.

ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport

iii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes November 1st, 2023

iv. TMSA – Board Minutes – October 5th, 2023

2024-017 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Janet Little**

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. Recreation Report [no item]
 - ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport
 - iii. Timiskaming Health Unit – Minutes November 1st, 2023
 - iv. TMSA – Board Minutes – October 5th, 2023

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7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. City of Sarnia – Carbon Tax Cancellation Request

2024-018 **Moved: Jessie Dénomme** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support the City of Sarnia's request for the Federal Government to cancel the carbon tax which is

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financially hurting citizens at a time when affordability concerns are at an all-time high, and to ease financial and inflationary pressure on Citizens; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the City of Sarnia.
“CARRIED”

b. Municipality of Tweed – License Plate Renewal

No Action

c. Association of Road Supervisors – Skills Development Fund Application Support

2024-019 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Janet Little**
WHEREAS, municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

AND WHEREAS, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

AND WHEREAS, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortage, which will only be exasperated over the next three to five years, which will cause levels of service municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

AND WHEREAS, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that THE TOWNSHIP OF CASEY supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

AND THAT, THE TOWNSHIP OF CASEY calls on the Province of Ontario’s Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND THAT, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades David Piccini, Township of Casey’s Member of Provincial Parliament John Vanthof and the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors.

“CARRIED”

d. The County of Prince Edward – Support to Expand Life Span of Fire Apparatus

2024-020 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher** **Seconded: Jessie Dénommé**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support the County of Prince Edward’s resolution regarding expanding the life span of fire

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apparatus's that have reached a certain age but continue to meet the safety regulations; and

Support their request for the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the County of Prince Edward, the Solicitor General, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, and the Temiskaming Municipal Association.

“CARRIED”

e. Temiskaming Shores and Area Physician Recruitment

2024-021 **Moved: Janet Little Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of letter from the Temiskaming Shores and Area Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee regarding their request for a renewed commitment to contributing funds over the next five years; and

Agree to contribute \$1,023 per year, over a five-year period to the Temiskaming Shores and Area Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee in order to help attract physicians to the area.

“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

- a. TMSA 2024 Planning Services Introduction**
- b. TMSA Councillor Information Session**

9. Other Business:

a. Rate Increase for Recycling Agreement

2024-022 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé Seconded: Bruno Trudel**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge the City of Temiskaming Shore's Public Works Memo 002-2024-PW outlining a 3.6% increase to the rate charged (\$331.77/tonne to \$343.71/tonne) to the Township of Casey for the acceptance of recyclable material at the Spoke Transfer Station.

“CARRIED”

b. Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee – 2024 Membership Fee

2024-023 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee's donation request in the amount of \$225.00 to assist in reducing travel costs for veterinary services for residents of the Township of Casey; and

Direct municipal staff to issue payment in the amount of \$225.00 as a donation to the Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee.

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c. Blue Box Transition

2024-024 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Janet Little**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of a copy of Belinda's Beairsto's February 7th, 2024 presentation to Hudson Township Council regarding the Blue Box Transition; and

Direct municipal staff to "opt-out" of signing the Blue Box transition agreement with Circular Materials Ontario (CMO); and

Agree that CMO would become responsible for recycling bins and collection, and processing during the transition period of April 1st 2025 - Dec 31st 2025.

"CARRIED"

d. Municipality of Temagami – OPP Detachment Board 3 – Reorganization

2024-025 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General has been working since March 2021 to develop and finalize the detachment board compositions for the Ontario Provincial Police; and

WHEREAS the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police serves 19 municipalities and one First Nation; and

WHEREAS a proposal was submitted to the Ministry of the Solicitor General by the City of Temiskaming Shores on behalf of the communities served by the Temiskaming Detachment to establish three (3) Detachment Boards; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General approved the Temiskaming Detachment Board Framework on July 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General announced that the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 will come into force and effect on April 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Ministry posted the Draft Regulation setting out the OPP Detachment Board compositions and other related matters on the Ontario Regulatory Registry (ORR) for public review and feedback on January 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Temagami has reconsidered their prior support of a three (3) Board governance structure for the Temiskaming Detachment and adopted Resolution No. 24-043 on February 1st, 2024 requesting the Ministry of the Solicitor General to amend the draft Regulation in order to maintain the Temagami Police Services Board as a stand-alone Board; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General has indicated that unanimous consent of all the municipalities identified in Board 3 for the Temiskaming Detachment would be required in order to amend the Regulation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Casey hereby confirms their support that a three (3) Board

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structure for the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is the preferred choice for the Township of Casey; and

FURTHER THAT Council respectfully declines to support the Municipality of Temagami's request to the Ministry of the Solicitor General.
"CARRIED"

10. By-Laws

- a. **By-Law 2024-04** Being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2024
[three readings]

2024-026 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That **By-Law No. 2024-04**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2024 be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"

2024-027 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
That **By-Law No. 2024-04**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2024 be read a third time and that the same engrossed in the by-law book.
"CARRIED"

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

a. **Wage Review - 2024**

2024-028 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher** **Seconded: Janet Little**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, agree to enter closed session at 9:00 pm to discuss the following item:
▪ Wage Review – 2024
"CARRIED"

2024-029 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, agree to arise from closed session at 9:15 pm; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to adjust the confidential wage scale for 2024 as per signed Report ID: CONF-001-2024.
"CARRIED"

12. Adjournment:

2024-030 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:25 pm and will meet again on March 13th, 2024 or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"



Guy Labonté, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer