

**TOWNSHIP OF CASEY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**  
**Held at the Casey Council Chambers**

**Present:**     **Reeve:**       Guy Labonté  
                  **Councillors:** Jessie Dénoimé  
                                  Janet Little  
                                  Bruno Trudel  
                  **Staff:**        Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer  
                                  Nicolas Côté, Road Superintendent  
                  **Others:**     Sylvain Gauthier, Bibeau-Pilon Drain  
                                  Dwayne Shymko, Municipal Pet Rescue Support  
**Regrets:**       None

**1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:**

2024-145   **Moved:**   **Bruno Trudel**                    **Seconded:**   **Jessie Dénoimé**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2024-146   **Moved:**   **Janet Little**                    **Seconded:**   **Jessie Dénoimé**  
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 October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

2024-147   **Moved:**   **Jessie Dénoimé**                    **Seconded:**   **Bruno Trudel**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adopt the following minutes:  
    a. Regular Meeting of October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as presented.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:**  
None

**4. Delegations:**

**a. Sylvain Gauthier – Bibeau-Pilon Drain – Re-Assessment Request**

Sylvain Gauthier attended council seeking a reassessment on the municipal drain known as “Bibeau-Pilon Drain”. He does not believe he should be assessed on this drain as he sees no benefits to his land. Staff explained briefly how the process would work to seek a reassessment and also that this drain crosses a municipal border (Brethour) and therefore residents of Brethour Township would also be involved. The Clerk-Treasurer will notify the Clerk in Brethour of this request, and also inquire with the Drain Superintendent seeking an explanation on the benefit to his land and will follow-up with Sylvain.

2024-148   **Moved:**   **Bruno Trudel**                    **Seconded:**   **Janet Little**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge delegation and letter by Sylvain Gauthier regarding his request for a new assessment schedule for the municipal drain known as Bibeau-Pilon.  
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- iv. **Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health Minutes – June & September 2024**
- v. **TMA Meeting – October 24 2024**
- vi. **Reports from Staff and Council - New OP and ZBL Update *[no item]***

The Clerk-Treasurer gave an update on the new Official Plan and Zoning By-Law process and explained to council that edits are taking a considerable amount of time.

2024-151 **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. Treasurer's Report – October 2024
  - iii. Earlton-Timiskaming Airport – Reports & Financials September 2024
  - iv. Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health Minutes – June & September 2024
  - v. TMA Meeting – October 24 2024
  - vi. Reports from Staff and Council – New OP and ZBL Update *[no item]*

“CARRIED”

**7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:**

- a. **City of Temiskaming Shores – Location of Alcohol Sales & Provincial Alcohol Strategy**

2024-152 **Moved: Janet Little                      Seconded: Jessie Dénommé**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support the City of Temiskaming Shores resolution regarding the provincial decision surrounding alcohol sales in convenience stores and locations that sell fuel to drivers, and the development of a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the City of Temiskaming Shores.

“CARRIED”

- b. **Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury – Ontario Deposit Return Program**

2024-153 **Moved: Bruno Trudel                      Seconded: Janet Little**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's resolution regarding their support for an expansion of the Ontario deposit return program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

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**c. Pavillion Women's Centre – 2024 Proclamation of International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women**

2024-154 **Moved: Janet Little**                      **Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**

The Township of Casey does hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 25th as The International Day for the elimination of Violence Against Women;

WHEREAS violence continues to be the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals; and

WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS November 25th the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and

WHEREAS Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 62 femicides occurring in Ontario in 2023.

WHEREAS Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and South East Asian women and girls continue to experience higher rates of violence, including femicide; and

WHEREAS last year in Ontario, on average every 6 days a woman or child lost their life due to femicide; and

WHEREAS in five of the last six years, at least one person from the District of Timiskaming was the victim of femicide; and

WHEREAS this month and throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we acknowledge our community's support of the Wrapped in Courage campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for greater investment and action to end gender-based violence in our community and throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that the courage of a woman alone is not enough, it takes an entire community to end gender-based violence; and

NOWTHEREFORE, I, Guy Labonte, Reeve of Casey Township proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2024 shall be known as

**“The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women”** and urge all citizens to recognize this day by acting to support survivors of gender-based violence.

“CARRIED”

**d. Ontario Good Roads Association – Ontario Rural Road Safety Program**

2024-155 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé**                      **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

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AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;  
AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Casey requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;  
and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and the Ontario Good Roads Association.

"CARRIED"

**8. Correspondence for Council's Information:**

**a. DTSSAB – 2024 Refund**

**9. Other Business:**

**a. Memo-24-013 – Vacant Council Seat Appointment – Official Slate of Candidates**

2024-156 **Moved: Bruno Trudel**                      **Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-013 – Vacant Council Seat Appointment – Official Slate of Candidates*; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare the necessary by-law to appoint Jacques Fortin to fill the vacant seat of Councillor for the Corporation of the Township of Casey at the regular meeting of December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

"CARRIED"

**b. Memo-24-010 – Council Meeting Schedule – 2025**

2024-157 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé**                      **Seconded: Janet Little**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-010- Council Meeting Schedule 2025*; and  
Approve the following Council Meeting schedule for the upcoming year:

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January 15 2025  
February 12 2025  
March 12 2025  
April 9 2025  
May 14 2025  
June 11 2025  
July 9 2025  
August 13 2025  
September 10 2025  
October 8 2025  
November 12 2025  
December 10 2025  
“CARRIED”

**c. Memo-24-011 – Emergency Response Plan – Annual Table Top Exercise**

2024-158 **Moved: Janet Little**                      **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-011 – Emergency Response Plan – Annual Table Top Exercise*; and

Agree to schedule the Township of Casey’s annual table top emergency meeting at the Harley Community Hall on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for the following attendees:

- Guy Labonté, Reeve
- Nicolas Côté, Road Superintendent
- Jacques Fortin, Fire Chief
- Krystle Seymour, CEMC
- Allison Doyon, Alternate CEMC
- Melanie Woods, Municipal Staff

“CARRIED”

**d. Memo-24-012 – Emergency Control Group and Shared Services – Annual Meeting**

2024-159 **Moved: Janet Little**                      **Seconded: Jessie Dénomme**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-012 - Emergency Control Group & Administrative Shared Services - Annual Meeting*; and

Agree to schedule the Township of Casey’s annual Emergency Control Group meeting and bi-annual Shared Services Administrative meeting with representatives from the Township of Harley, Township of Hudson and Township of Kerns for Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, to be attended by Guy Labonté, Reeve.

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**e. Royal Canadian Legion – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Military Service Recognition Book**

2024-160    **Moved: Bruno Trudel                      Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, agree to post an advertisement (business card size) in the Royal Canadian Legion Military Service Recognition Book (12<sup>th</sup> Edition).  
“CARRIED”

**f. Council Vacancy Policy – DRAFT**

2024-161    **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé                      Seconded: Janet Little**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the drafted copy of a Council Vacancy Policy; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare the necessary By-Law to adopt said policy for the Corporation of the Township of Casey to be presented for Council’s consideration at the regular meeting of December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
“CARRIED

**g. Ontario Good Roads Conference – 2025 [no item]**

2024-162    **Moved: Janet Little                              Seconded: Bruno Trudel**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby;  
Direct municipal staff to register the following individuals to attend the Ontario Good Roads Association 2025 annual conference:

- 1) Guy Labonté
  - 2) Bruno Trudel
  - 3) Nicolas Côté
- “CARRIED”

**h. New Board of Health Municipal Appointees – Rural South**

2024-163    **Moved: Bruno Trudel                              Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby; acknowledge receipt of the letter dated November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from the Timiskaming Health Unit regarding the municipal appointees for the new Board of Health that will form as a result of the voluntary merger between the Timiskaming Health Unit and the Porcupine Health Unit; and

Agree to proceed with a nomination process for appointing a member to this board as per the Clerk-Treasurers recommendation; and

Direct municipal staff to place an advertisement on the municipal website calling for nominations with a deadline of November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
“CARRIED”


**10. By-Laws:**  
None

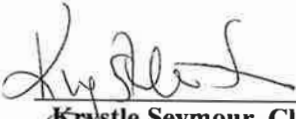
**11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:**  
None

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**12. Adjournment:**

2024-164    **Moved: Janet Little**                      **Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adjourn the  
Regular Meeting at 9:30 pm and will meet again on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 or at  
the call of the Reeve.  
"CARRIED"

  
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Guy Labonté, Reeve

  
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Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer