

TOWNSHIP OF CASEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of DECEMBER 11TH, 2024
Held at the Casey Council Chambers

Present: **Reeve:** Guy Labonté
 Councillors: Jessie Dénoimé
 Janet Little
 Bruno Trudel
 Jacques Fortin
 Staff: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
Regrets: Nicolas Côté, Road Superintendent

The Clerk-Treasurer began the meeting by welcoming the newly elected councillor. Jacques Fortin took the Oath and filed the Declaration of Office with the Clerk-Treasurer as per Section 232 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2024-165 **Moved:** **Bruno Trudel** **Seconded:** **Jacques Fortin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of December 11th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2024-166 **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 November 13th, 2024

2024-167 **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 November 13th, 2024 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations:

None

5. Payments of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-11

2024-168 **Moved:** **Jacques Fortin** **Seconded:** **Janet Little**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$13,729.06
Fire	\$21,319.75
Sewer	\$14,609.10
Dump	\$418.33
Recreation	\$455.51
Drain	\$0.00
Admin	\$59,910.57
Total Voucher 2024-11	\$110,442.32

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6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report

The Roads Superintendent reports maintenance on machinery was performed. All trucks are ready for the winter season which is not underway. Grading and patching of holes with gravel was done around the Township. More beaver dams were also taken apart. The Road Superintendent also reported that he attended the annual Emergency Preparedness meeting.

b. Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that they responded to two MVCs. They are still waiting to hear the results of the latest grant applications.

c. Others:

i. Recreation Report *[no item]*

The Recreation Committee reports that the skating rink is almost ready for the season. The furnace at the arena was not working, but was repaired by the Road superintendent.

ii. Treasurer's Report – November 2024

iii. Reports from Staff and Council *[no item]*

The Clerk-Treasurer gave Council a verbal update on the follow up with the drain superintendent regarding the Bibeau-Pilon Drain. The drain superintendent has provided all available information to the resident requesting a reassessment and advises that the cost of a reassessment would be expensed to the watershed and would be in addition to costs to repair the drain. Based on research, a reassessment is not likely to result in a significant change to redistribution.

2024-169 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
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. Roads Department Report
- b. Fire Department Report
- c. Others
 - i. Recreation Report *[no item]*
 - ii. Treasurer's Report – November 2024
 - iii. Reports from Staff and Council *[no item]*

“CARRIED”

2024-170 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Jessie Dénommé**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge verbal report from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding follow-up with the Drainage Superintendent and the request from Sylvain Gauthier regarding his request for a new assessment schedule for the municipal drain know as Bibeau-Pilon Drain; and

Agreed to proceed with a new assessment schedule.

“DEFEATED”

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Township of Terrace Bay – Ambulance Shortages and Healthcare System Issues

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- 2024-171 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support Township of Terrace Bay’s resolution requesting the province to take immediate action to address the funding shortfalls and structural challenges in the delivery of EMS services in northern communities including increasing provincial funding to support EMS services and reduce the financial burden on municipalities, implementing incentives such as “learn and stay” grants to encourage paramedics to live and work in northern Ontario and enhancing support systems for EMS workers, including improved wages, benefits, and mental health resources; and
- Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Township of Terrace Bay.
“CARRIED”
- b. Town of Aurora – Redistribution of PLT and GST Tax**
- 2024-172 **Moved: Janet Little Seconded: Jacques Fortin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support the Town of Aurora’s resolution requesting the Provincial and Federal Governments to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions and a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities to provide sustainable funding to municipalities allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities; and
- Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Town of Aurora.
“CARRIED”
- c. Township of Puslinch – Protection of Agricultural Land**
- 2024-173 **Moved: Bruno Trudel Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support the Township of Puslinch’s resolution regarding protection of Agricultural Lands and Sustainable Development in relation to Provincial projects and excess soil management practices; and
- Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Township of Puslinch.
“CARRIED”
- d. Clearview Township – OPP Annual Billing Statement**
- 2024-174 **Moved: Jacques Fortin Seconded: Janet Little**
WHEREAS current police services within the Township of Casey are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP);
- AND WHEREAS the Township and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades; and
- AND WHEREAS historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 2%;

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AND WHEREAS the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Township on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate 15.5% increase from 2024 to 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Council of the Township of Casey, hereby requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 2% increase that is more manageable for the Township and in line with historical trends;

AND FURTHER, that any increase above 2% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

AND FURTHER That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, MPP John Vanthof and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.
“CARRIED”

e. Township of Papineau-Cameron – Amendments to the Ontario Building Code

No Action

f. Township of Evanturel – Replacement of Highway Signage in Northeastern Ontario

No Action

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

None

9. Other Business:

a. Memo-24-014 – 2025 Insurance Renewal

2024-175 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Jessie Dénommé**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 24-014 – 2025 Insurance Renewal* regarding the Township of Casey’s 2025 insurance renewal proposal provided by McDougall Insurance; and

Direct Municipal Staff to prepare and present a by-law for council’s consideration at the Regular Meeting of December 11th, 2024 authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to execute an Insurance Program Proposal with an annual premium of \$44,028 provided by McDougall Insurance.

“CARRIED”

b. Memo-24-015 – New Board of Health Municipal Appointee – Rural South

2024-176 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-015 – New Board of Health Municipal Appointees – Rural South*; and

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WHEREAS the Township of Casey is required to appoint a representative to the Northeastern Public Health Unit Board of Health to represent the Rural South region, including the municipalities of Armstrong, Brethour, Casey, Cobalt, Coleman, Harley, Harris, Hilliard, Hudson, Kerns, Latchford, Temagami, and Thornloe;

AND WHEREAS a nomination process has been conducted to select a candidate to represent the municipality on the Board of Health;

AND WHEREAS two candidates have submitted their names for this position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Casey hereby nominates Carol Lowery to serve as the municipal representative on the Northeastern Public Health Unit Board of Health until the end of the current term;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the Corporation of the Township of Casey hereby agrees to go with a majority vote even if it contradicts the nomination above;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the event of a tie vote among nominees, the Heads of Council of the municipalities within the Rural South region will vote to break the tie, with the decision being determined by majority vote.

“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws:

- a. By-Law 2024-13** Being a by-law to appoint a member to fill the vacant councillor position of the Corporation of the Township of Casey
[three readings]

2024-177 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**
That **By-Law No. 2024-13**, being a by-law to appoint a member to fill the vacant councillor position of the Corporation of the Township of Casey be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2024-178 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**
That **By-Law No. 2024-13**, being a by-law to appoint a member to fill the vacant councillor position of the Corporation of the Township of Casey be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

- b. By-Law 2024-14** Being a by-law to adopt a Council vacancy policy
[three readings]

2024-179 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That **By-Law No. 2024-14**, being a by-law to adopt a Council vacancy policy be received and read a first and second time.
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2024-180 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Janet Little**
That **By-Law No. 2024-14**, being a by-law to adopt a Council vacancy policy be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

c. By-Law 2024-15 Being a by-law to authorize the signing of a
municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2025-
2026 [*three readings*]

2024-181 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That **By-Law No. 2024-15**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a
municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2025-2026 be received and read a
first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2024-182 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**
That **By-Law No. 2024-15**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a
municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2025-2026 be read a third time and
that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”


11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:
None

12. Adjournment:

2024-183 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé** **Seconded: Janet Little**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adjourn the
Regular Meeting at 8:30 pm and will meet again on January 15th, 2025 or at
the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”



Guy Labonté, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer