

TOWNSHIP OF CASEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of DECEMBER 13TH, 2023
Held at the Casey Council Chambers

Present: **Reeve:** Guy Labonté
 Councillors: Suzanne Boucher
 Jessie Dénommé
 Janet Little
 Bruno Trudel
Staff: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
 Nicolas Côté, Road Superintendent
Others: Barry Waitt
 Anthony Frey
 Steve Strubhar
 2 Members of the Public
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

- 2023-154 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of December 13th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”
- 2023-155 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher** **Seconded: Janet Little**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
ADD: 4. b. Belle Vallée Abattoir
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes:

- a. Regular Meeting of November 8th, 2023.

- 2023-156 **Moved: Jessie Dénommé** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
a. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 8th, 2023 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations:

- a. **Barry Waitt & Brad Bauman – Planning Application Questions**
(Brad Bauman was unable to attend due to a personal matter.) Anthony Frey, (business partner), attended on his behalf. Barry Waitt introduced himself as the planner who has been working with Brad since April, to submit a zoning amendment application and other required studies/documents to allow a poultry processing business/abattoir in Casey Township. Barry submitted a signed application, certified cheque, and an appendix to the application that includes other requirements laid out by J.L. Richards, including an odour study. Barry noted that J.L. Richards has also stated that a hydrogeological and terrain analysis (“hydro-g”) also be submitted with the re-zoning application, but noted to council that this study has not been completed nor submitted this evening. He is submitting the application on behalf of Brad at this regular council meeting, requesting that council deem the application

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complete without this required study. This request is being made because Brad believes this requirement is unnecessary, beyond local government jurisdiction, and is significantly delaying consideration of his rezoning application. Barry expressed to council that Brad is unsure of what is required for this study, and that they contacted the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) in regards to same and were assured that no analysis was required since they are using less than 50,000 litres of water per day. The Clerk-Treasurer stated that Brad had previously requested clarification on the hydro-g requirement and had an electronic meeting with J.L. Richards several months ago in which clarification was provided. During the same meeting, J.L. Richards also noted to the applicant that the MNR permit to take water was not required in this case and acknowledged that this sort of extensive study was not required for this application. Additionally, they provided clarification to the applicant and other members on the call of the sort of analysis needed for this particular application.

Council noted to Barry that they support business growth within Casey Township, but that the municipal planners would need to deem the application complete. Additionally, the Clerk-Treasurer stated that as previously mentioned, J.L. Richards has notified staff that they cannot deem this application complete without the submission of all required studies and documents.

Barry then asked council if the hydro-g study could be a condition of final reading of the by-law.

Council asked staff to submit the application to J.L. Richards and note Barry's request about the conditional requirement and ask them to provide further clarification on the hydro-g study. The Clerk-Treasurer will follow up with Barry and Brad regarding the requests.

2023-157 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Barry Waitt's presentation regarding submitting a zoning amendment application.
"CARRIED"

b. Steve Struhbar – Belle Vallée Abattoir

Steve addressed Council in regards to complaints Council members have received regarding odour coming from "Belle Vallée Meats" abattoir. He presented Council with a document outlining what items could be causing the issues and also provided them with a corrective action plan. He outlined the changes he was going to make to try and reduce the odour. Steve said he would be willing to move material if he was not able to fix the issue, but would like to try some corrective actions first and thanked Council for their patience. Council thanked him for his presentation and also thanked him for his attempts to resolve the odour issues.

2023-158 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Steve Struhbar's presentation regarding odour complaints received about the abattoir, and document outlining the issues and corrective action plans; and

That it be filed along with the regular meeting minutes.
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5. Payments of Accounts – Voucher No. 2023-11

2023-159 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher Seconded: Janet Little**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as amended:

Roads	\$21,342.17
Fire	\$21,158.55
Sewer	\$1,139.17
Dump	\$403.75
Recreation	\$878.73
Drain	\$0.00
Admin	\$41,885.94
Total Voucher 2023-11	\$86,808.31
"CARRIED"	

6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Road's Department Report

The Road's Superintendent reports that grading and patching of holes was done before the freeze. Regular maintenance on machinery and plough equipment was performed. Two rear tires were replaced on the loader. He also reports that ploughing and sanding was done regularly in the township as needed. Water at the park washrooms was disconnected and the float in the park's sewer holding tank was replaced. Brushing was also done in front of the school yard fence. Necessary electrical repairs to the fuel tanks were also completed. The Road superintendent provided a summary of the bridge report received by council at the November meeting. The report recommended that Britton Bridge be replaced, and that the approaches be rehabilitated on Greenwood Bridge Road. Guardrails on all bridges should be repaired as necessary.

b. Fire's Department Report

The Fire Department reports that there were no fire calls this past month.

c. Others

i. Timiskaming Health Unit – Meeting Minutes October 11th, 2023

ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport – Minutes September 2023 & Financials

iii. Treasurer's Report November 2023

iv. Recreation Report [no item]

Preparations for the ice surface for the winter season has begun.

2023-160 **Moved: Jessie Dénommé 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. Timiskaming Health Unit – Meeting Minutes October 11th, 2023

ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport – Minutes September 2023 & Financials

iii. Treasurer's Report November 2023

iv. Recreation Report [no item]

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7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

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a. Guy Bourgouin – MPP James Bay – Preparation of Bill – Passing on Double Yellow

2023-161 **Moved: Bruno Trudel Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
WHEREAS police services in Ontario do not currently have the legal tools to penalize the dangerous maneuver of vehicles passing vehicular traffic on the left on two solid yellow lines;

AND WHEREAS this dangerous maneuver has had devastating effects on the residents of Northern Ontario Municipalities which center around Highways 11 and 17, and who must use these highways as main thoroughfares;

AND WHEREAS Guy Bourgouin, MPP Mushkegowuk-James Bay, is preparing a bill to make it completely illegal for a vehicle to pass on the left side of a lane when it is marked with two solid yellow lines;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Casey, hereby resolves to support the initiative of MPP Bourgouin in the preparation of this very important bill.
“CARRIED”

b. Municipality of Wawa – Bill C-310 – Support Tax Credit Firefighter

2023-162 **Moved: Jessie Dénommé Seconded: Janet Little**
WHEREAS Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and

WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and

WHEREAS without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and

WHEREAS in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these individuals, and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters account for 71% of Canada's total firefighting essential first responders;

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year;
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their own income from their regular jobs, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit becomes even less;
- These essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities

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and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required;

- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Casey call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Municipality of Wawa.

“CARRIED”

- c. **Township of Coleman – Conservation Officer Reclassification**
No Action

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a. **TMSA – Hiring of New Planner**

9. Other Business:

- a. **Memo-23-023 – Ontario Good Roads Conference 2024**

2023-163 **Moved: Suzanne Boucher Seconded: Jessie Dénommé**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Memo-23-023 regarding the Ontario Good Roads Conference (OGRA) – 2024; and

Direct municipal staff to register the following individuals to attend the OGRA 2024 conference:

- 1) Nicholas Côté
- 2) Janet Little
- 3) Bruno Trudel
- 4) Guy Labonté

“CARRIED”

- b. **Memo-23-024 – 2024 Insurance Renewal**

2023-164 **Moved: Janet Little Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Memo 23-024 regarding the Township of Casey’s 2024 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 13th, authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to execute an Insurance Program Proposal with an annual premium of \$41,941.00 provided by McDougall Insurance.

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c. Memo-23-025 – Timiskaming OPP Detachment Board (South)
Appointment

2023-165 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Memo-23-025 regarding the Timiskaming OPP Detachment Board (South) Appointment; and

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby appoint Janet Little as the Township of Casey council representative to the Temiskaming OPP Detachment SOUTH Board. (Board 3).

“CARRIED”

d. Penna Shaft Road

2023-166 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, direct municipal staff to work with By-Law Officer Pete Gilboe to develop a no littering by-law for the Township of Casey.

“CARRIED”

e. Memo-23-026 – Blue Box Transition

2023-167 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Memo-23-026 regarding the Blue Box Transition; and

Agree to defer a decision until Council attends a presentation by Belinda Beairsto scheduled for February 7th, 2023 at the Township of Hudson’s regular Council meeting.

“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws

a. By-Law 2023-15 Being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2024
[three readings]

2023-168 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Suzanne Boucher**
That **By-Law No. 2023-15**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2024 be received and read a first and second time.

“CARRIED”

2023-169 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**
That **By-Law No. 2023-15**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2024 be read a third time and that the same engrossed in the by-law book.

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11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

None


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12. Adjournment:

2023-170 **Moved:** **Jessie Dénommé** **Seconded:** **Janet Little**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adjourn the
Regular Meeting at 9:25 pm and will meet again on January 10th, 2024 or at
the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"



Gay Labonté, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer