

TOWNSHIP OF CASEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of FEBRUARY 12TH, 2025
Held at the Casey Council Chambers

Present: **Reeve:** Guy Labonté
 Councillors: Jessie Dénoimé
 Janet Little
 Bruno Trudel
 Jacques Fortin
 Staff: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
 Nicolas Côté, Road Superintendent
 Others: Jeff Manners, CSWB Coordinator
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2025-020 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of February 12th, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2025-021 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Janet Little**
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 15th, 2025

2025-022 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Janet Little**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
 a. Regular Meeting of January 15th, 2025 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations:

a. Jeff Manners, CSWB Coordinator, Community Safety Well-Being Plan

Jeff Manners presented the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP) that was legislated in 2019 for all Ontario municipalities. The plans were developed in 2021 by a consultant, but led by DTSSAB and overseen by a local steering committee. The document is a collaborative and living document that serves the Timiskaming District (incl. Temagami), and outlines several priorities for our local community to focus on. The top 3 priorities that are currently being focused on are Housing, Community Safety, and Health & Well-Being. He outlined the work that has been done up to date for this plan and explained the goals and mechanisms for achieving and measuring success in each of these areas. Council was given the opportunity to ask questions and more information was provided on how the CSWBP is assisting with homelessness in the Timiskaming District as well as tangible practical ways the CSWBP is implemented. Ongoing communication regarding updates will be provided to council via email blasts, or delegations of council.

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The Township was successful in their application for the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant, and Councillor Fortin will oversee the generator installations for the emergency evacuation centre. The Road Superintendent will oversee the purchase of the road closure trailers.

Councillor Trudel provided an update on topics discussed at the TMA meeting. Highway safety, including how individuals are passing their commercial vehicle licenses was discussed, and also the difficulties Brethour Township is having with corporate farming. An increase in the membership fee was discussed, but TMA will not be moving forward with this.

- 2025-025 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Jessie Dénommé**
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. Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport – Reports
 - iii. Timiskaming Health Unit Minutes – Dec 4th, 2024
 - iv. Northeastern Public Health Board Minutes – Jan 1st, 2025
 - v. Reports from Staff and Council *[no item]*
- “CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:
a. City of Peterborough – Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024

- 2025-026 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support the City of Peterborough’s resolution regarding their request for the Province of Ontario to amend Bill 242 to clearly define a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality’s jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces; and

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

b. Town of Cobalt – Meaningful Improvements to Catch and Release

- 2025-027 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Jessie Dénommé**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support the Town of Cobalt’s resolution requesting that the Federal and Provincial governments make meaningful improvements to the current state of “catch and release” justice in the Ontario legal system; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Town of Cobalt.
“CARRIED”

c. FONOM – Ineligible Recycling Amendments to O.Reg 391/21

- 2025-028 **Moved: Jessie Dénommé** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**

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WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for including businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

AND WHEREAS these costs will further burden the municipalities' finances and potentially take resources away from vital infrastructure projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Casey hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP John Vanthof, AMO, ROMA and FONOM.
"CARRIED"

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

a. Northern Hospice Care/Soins Hospice du Nord

9. Other Business:

a. Temiskaming Veterinary Services – 2025 VAP Membership Fee

2025-029 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**
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.

"CARRIED"

b. Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum – Donation Request 2025

2025-030 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Jessie Dénomme**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum's donation request to continue to preserve the district's heritage; and

Direct municipal staff to issue payment of \$200 as a donation to The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum.

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c. 2025 Bridge Inspection – Quote

Council asked municipal staff to obtain a revised quote that includes the bridge on Beach Road (boundary road) and present this quote at the next council meeting.

10. By-Laws:

- a. By-Law 2025-05** Being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Reeve for the Corporation of the Township of Casey
[three readings]

2025-031 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé** **Seconded: Janet Little**
That **By-Law No. 2025-05**, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Reeve for the Corporation of the Township of Casey be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2025-032 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**
That **By-Law No. 2025-05**, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Reeve for 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 2025-06** Being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2025
[three readings]

2025-033 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Janet Little**
That **By-Law No. 2025-06**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2025 be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2025-034 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**
That **By-Law No. 2025-06**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2025 be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

- c. By-Law 2025-07** Being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario transfer payment for the community emergency preparedness grant between His Majesty the King in right of Ontario, as presented by the President of the Treasury Board and the Corporation of the Township of Casey
[three readings]

2025-035 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé** **Seconded: Janet Little**
That **By-Law No. 2025-07**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario transfer payment agreement for the community emergency preparedness grant between His Majesty the King in right of Ontario, as presented by the President of the Treasury Board and the Corporation of the Township of Casey be received and read a first and second time.
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2025-036 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That **By-Law No. 2025-07**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario transfer payment agreement for the community emergency preparedness grant between His Majesty the King in right of Ontario, as presented by the President of the Treasury Board and the Corporation of the Township of Casey 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:

2025-037 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Jessie Dénomé**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:05 p.m. and will meet again on March 12th, 2025 or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"



Guy Labonté, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer