

**TOWNSHIP OF CASEY**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 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  
                         Allison Doyon, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer  
                         Rick Ellsmere, Road Superintendent  
**Regrets:**                None

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

2025-140     **Moved:**    Jacques Fortin                     **Seconded:**    Jessie Dénoimé  
                 That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.  
                 “CARRIED”

2025-141     **Moved:**    Janet Little                         **Seconded:**    Bruno Trudel  
                 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 September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

2025-142     **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 September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as presented.  
                 “CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:**

None

**4. Delegations/Presentation:**

None

**5. Payments of Accounts – Voucher No. 2025-09**

2025-143     **Moved:**    Bruno Trudel                         **Seconded:**    Janet Little  
                 That we, the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Roads                 | \$96,988.71  |
| Fire                  | \$2,161.11   |
| Sewer                 | \$434.67     |
| Dump                  | \$287.25     |
| Recreation            | \$756.12     |
| Drain                 | \$19.59      |
| Admin                 | \$48,727.76  |
| Total Voucher 2025-09 | \$149,375.21 |

“CARRIED”

**6. Reports from Staff & Others:**

**a. Roads Department Report**

The Roads Superintendent reports that the part-time subcontractor will be off for a minimum of 3 months beginning December. Council agreed to post an ad for the part time temporary worker needed. The

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grader needs some repairs to hydraulics etc. Plans to do this over the winter season. Two new tires have been ordered for the grader and will be installed next week. Truck #7 is going for a safety this week and truck #9 will be going later in the month. Ditching on Omer Street will be done and replacement of a culvert will be done next week. Maybrook, Sales Barn, and Marsh Road culverts are flowing nicely and will be monitored into the spring season. Winter sand is stockpiled. Lastly, lagoon treatment remains ongoing to prepare for discharging. The Clerk-Treasurer reported there are stricter regulations in place for obtaining new wastewater certifications. A quote was requested from Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), for ongoing maintenance on the lagoon.

**b. Fire Department Report**

The Fire Department reports that they responded to 1 call for a combine on fire which Dymond Fire Department attended, as the location was on a boundary road. The call went well with both departments.

**c. Others:**

**i. Recreation Report *[no item]***

The Recreation Department will host a Craft Show October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**ii. NEPH Board Minutes – June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**iii. DTSSAB Report – Quarter 2 2025**

**iv. Treasurer's Report – September 2025**

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

2025-144     **Moved: Janet Little**                      **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**

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. NEPH Board Minutes – June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

iii. DTSSAB Report – Quarter 2 2025

iv. Treasurer's Report – September 2025

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

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

**a. Township of Larder Lake – Moratorium and Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate in the Timiskaming Forest**

2025-145     **Moved: Bruno Trudel**                      **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of resolution from the Township of Larder Lake requesting that the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Timiskaming Forest and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and updated risk assessments are completed and reviewed; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a letter of support to the Township of Larder Lake.

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2025-146      **b. Township of Larder Lake – Extend Deadline for Fire Certification**  
**Moved: Jacques Fortin                      Seconded: Bruno Trudel**  
**WHEREAS** Ontario Regulation 343/22 mandates that firefighters performing specific fire protection services be certified to a prescribed standard by July 1, 2026, with certain technical rescue disciplines requiring certification by July 1, 2028;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township recognizes and supports the value of the certification requirements mandated by the Province of Ontario, acknowledging that standardized training enhances firefighter safety, service quality, and public trust;

**AND WHEREAS** the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) and Ontario Fire College (OFC) are actively working to provide training and certification programs, including offering over 600 courses annually, yet some certification programs and testing resources remain under development or are not yet widely accessible, particularly in the Ontario Seal Programs;

**AND WHEREAS** many fire departments in Ontario are staffed predominantly by volunteer firefighters who balance full-time employment with their emergency service commitments;

**AND WHEREAS** the certification programs are still in development and the current availability does not adequately reflect the operational realities of volunteer fire departments, especially in rural communities, where training opportunities are limited and certification demands place undue pressure on personnel and municipal resources;

**AND WHEREAS** when firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, smaller/rural Municipalities raised concerns that they do not provide the same level of fire protection services as larger municipalities or urban centers. The Province responded thoughtfully by introducing new legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually provide. This flexibility is appreciated and reflects a fair and practical approach, however, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available;

**AND WHEREAS** it is unreasonable to expect volunteer firefighters—who already balance full-time employment and community service—to independently develop curriculums and training programs in-house that meet provincial standards and adequately prepare them for certification exams;

**AND WHEREAS** smaller rural volunteer fire departments often lack the necessary resources, certified personnel, and specialized expertise to independently develop training curriculums or qualify for learning contracts with the Ontario Fire College; and

**AND WHEREAS** these departments have long relied on the Ontario Fire College's course offerings and have been patiently awaiting the release of the Ontario Seal Programs, having noted preliminary pilot initiatives in Northern Ontario and anticipating a broader rollout of these programs in the near future;

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**AND WHEREAS** rural municipalities would welcome the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Office of the Fire Marshal to address current barriers and explore collaborative solutions;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Casey respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Fire Marshal, extend the compliance deadlines outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22 to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation for all affected certification categories;

**AND THAT** the Province consider implementing a phased or regionally adaptive approach to certification deadlines, taking into account the availability of training programs and the unique challenges faced by volunteer fire services in Rural Ontario;

**AND THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC), MPP John Vanthof, and all municipalities in Ontario for support and endorsement.  
“CARRIED”

**c. Municipality of St. Charles – Natural Gas Expansion – Project Cancellation**

No Action

**d. City of Dryden – Mandatory Water Safety Training**

No Action

**e. Municipality of Brighton – Democratic Principles, Practices & Norms**

No Action

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

**a. Township of Harley – Position on Wind Turbine Development**

**9. Other Business:**

**a. Ontario Road Network – Memorandum of Understanding**

2025-147    **Moved:    Jessie Dénommé                      Seconded:    Bruno Trudel**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to sign the memorandum of understanding authorizing permission for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to use the Township of Casey’s municipal road network data for the Ontario Road Network (ORN).

“CARRIED”

**b. Memo 25-010 – Stop Up and Close a Road**

2025-148    **Moved:    Jacques Fortin                      Seconded:    Janet Little**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 25-010 “Stop Up and Close Road”*; and

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Direct municipal staff to prepare the necessary by-law to stop up and close the road legally described in instrument LT22643 for council's consideration at the Regular council meeting of October 8th, 2025;  
"CARRIED"

**10. By-Laws:**

- a. **By-Law 2025-16** Being a by-law to stop up and close a highway/road (un-named) being legally described in Instrument LT22643 filed with the Land Registry Office  
*[three readings]*

2025-149    **Moved: Jessie Dénommé**                      **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**  
That **By-Law 2025-16**, being a by-law to stop up and close a highway/road (Un-named) being legally described in Instrument LT22643 filed with the Land Registry Office, be received and read a first and second time.  
"CARRIED"

2025-150    **Moved: Janet Little**                      **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**  
That **By-Law 2025-16**, being a by-law to stop up and close a highway/road (Un-named) being legally described in Instrument LT22643 filed with the Land Registry Office, be received and read a third time and hereby engrossed in the By-Law book.  
"CARRIED"

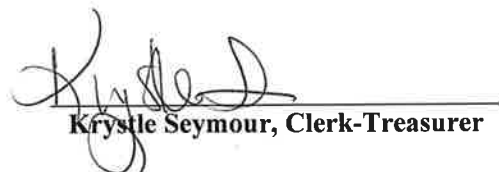
**11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:**

None

**12. Adjournment:**

2025-151    **Moved: Bruno Trudel**                      **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:20 p.m. and will meet again on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 or at the call of the Reeve.  
"CARRIED"

  
Guy Labonté, Reeve

  
Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer