

TOWNSHIP OF CASEY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of FEBRUARY 11TH, 2026
Held at the Casey Council Chambers

Present: **Reeve:** Guy Labonté
Councillors: Jessie Dénoimé, Janet Little, Bruno Trudel, Jacques Fortin
Staff: Allison Doyon, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer
 Rick Ellsmere, Road Superintendent
Regrets: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2026-020 **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 11th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2026-021 **Moved:** **Jessie Dénoimé** **Seconded:** **Janet Little**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
ADD: 9. g. OGRA Conference 2026 Registration
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes:
a. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 14th, 2026

2026-022 **Moved:** **Janet Little** **Seconded:** **Jacques Fortin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
 a. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 14th, 2026 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:
None

4. Delegations/Presentation:
None

5. Payments of Accounts – Voucher No. 2026-01.

2026-023 **Moved:** **Jessie Dénoimé** **Seconded:** **Bruno Trudel**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$27,207.28
Fire	\$10,375.07
Sewer	\$0.00
Dump	\$294.43
Recreation	\$402.51
Drain	\$0.00
Admin	\$36,639.38
Total Voucher 2026-01	\$74,918.67

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6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report:
The Roads Superintendent reports that winter operations continue with lots of drifting snow to contend with this past month. Regular maintenance was performed on machinery and repairs were done on truck

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#7, #9, loader, and the grader. A snowblower was purchased to clear a walking path for a resident on the other side of Britton Bridge. Some sewer parts were sold to residents and more parts will be purchased to replenish stock. Work continues with OCWA in monitoring the lagoon. Working on obtaining a quote for fencing around the lagoon. Quotes were requested for various projects for budgeting purposes.

b. Fire Department Report:

The Fire Department did not respond to any calls this past month. The 2026 annual first responders baseball tournament is scheduled for June 12th and 13th, and the Annual Fishing Derby will be held again this year during the May long weekend. The funding awarded by the OFM Y2 PPE grant has been received and spent.

2026-024 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé** **Seconded: Janet Little**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge that the Casey Fire Department's special event is of municipal significance to the Corporation of the Township of Casey and surrounding communities and is to be held on:

June 12th, 2026 at 5 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.; and

June 13th, 2026 at 9 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

“CARRIED”

c. Others:

i. Earlton Airport – Minutes, Financials & Managers Reports – 2025

ii. NEPN Minutes – November 27th, 2025 & January 12th, 2026

iii. Recreation Report [no item]

Ice fishing and Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for February 28th and the Casino Night went well.

iv. Reports from Staff and Council [no item]

2026-025 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**

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. Earlton Airport – Minutes, Financials & Managers Reports – 2025

ii. NEPN Minutes – November 27th, 2025 & January 12th, 2026

iii. Recreation Report [no item]

iv. Reports from Staff and Council [no item]

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Town of Moosonee – Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario

2026-026 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**

That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, support the Town of Moosonee's resolution regarding strengthening self-defense protections and addressing rising home invasions in Ontario; and

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Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Town of Moosonee.

“CARRIED”

b. City of Brantford – Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registration

No Action

c. Township of Southgate – OMERS Bill 68

2026-027

Moved: Jacques Fortin Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children’s aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

WHEREAS the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS’ governance structure through Bill 68; and

WHEREAS these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

WHEREAS the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Casey does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Casey supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP John Vanthof, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

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8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

None

9. Other Business:

a. Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee – 2026 Membership Fee

2026-028 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee's membership 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 Museum – Donation Request

2026-029 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Janet Little**
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.
"CARRIED"

c. Memo 26-002 – Recreation Committee Appointment

2026-030 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-26-002 Recreation Committee Appointments*; and

Do hereby appoint the following individuals to the Casey Recreation Committee:

Councillors: Jessie Dénoimé & Janet Little

Volunteers: Michel & Gisèle Lachapelle

Volunteer: Carmen Gravline

Volunteers: Catherine Trudel & Zoé Trudel

Volunteer: Diane Vinette

Volunteer: Tanya Blackburn

"CARRIED"

d. Memo 26-003 – Britton Bridge Engineering Quote

2026-031 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-26-003 Britton Bridge Engineering Quote*.

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e. Memo 26-004 – Livestock Evaluator

2026-032 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-26-004 Livestock Evaluator*; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare and present the necessary by-law to appoint David Barton as the Livestock Evaluator for council's consideration at the regular council meeting of March 11th, 2026.
"CARRIED"

f. Memo 26-005 – Annual Sewage Fees

2026-033 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé** **Seconded: Janet Little**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-26-005 Annual Sewage Fee*; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare and present the necessary by-law to set the annual sewer charge at \$625.00 per applicable household for the 2026 fiscal year for council's consideration at the regular council meeting of March 11th, 2026.
"CARRIED"

g. OGRA Conference 2026 Registration [no item]

2026-034 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Jessie Dénoimé**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey, do hereby;

Direct municipal staff to register, the following individual to attend the Ontario Good Roads Association 2026 Annual Conference:

- Bruno Trudel

"CARRIED"

10. By-Laws:

a. By-Law 2026-06 Being a by-law to provide remuneration, allowances and regulate expenses for the Reeve and Council
[three readings]

2026-035 **Moved: Bruno Trudel** **Seconded: Janet Little**
That **By-Law No. 2026-06**, being a by-law to provide remuneration, allowances and regulate expenses for the Reeve and Council be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"

2026-036 **Moved: Jessie Dénoimé** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**
That **By-Law No. 2026-06**, being a by-law to provide remuneration, allowances and regulate expenses for the Reeve and Council be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
"CARRIED"

b. By-Law 2026-07 Being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the

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Pothole Prevention and Repair Program between the
Ministry of Transportation and the Corporation of
the Township of Casey
[three readings]

2026-037 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That **By-Law No. 2026-07**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program between the Ministry of Transportation and the Corporation of the Township of Casey be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2026-038 **Moved: Jessie Dénomme** **Seconded: Jacques Fortin**
That **By-Law No. 2026-07**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program between the Ministry of Transportation 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”

c. **By-Law 2026-08** Being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the
year 2026
[three readings]

2026-039 **Moved: Janet Little** **Seconded: Jessie Dénomme**
That **By-Law No. 2026-08**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2026 be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

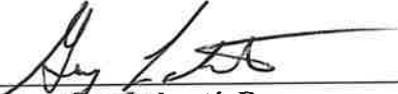
2026-040 **Moved: Jacques Fortin** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That **By-Law No. 2026-08**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2026 be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

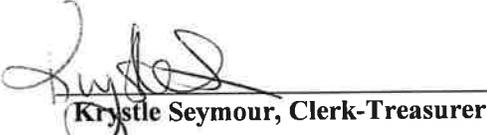
None

12. Adjournment:

2026-041 **Moved: Jessie Dénomme** **Seconded: Bruno Trudel**
That we, the Council of the Township of Casey do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m. and will meet again on March 11th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”



Guy Labonté, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer