



MINUTES - COUNCIL MEETING September 17, 2025

The Council of the Township of Hilliard met at the hour of 4:30 p.m., for a meeting.

Attendance:

Mayor	Laurie Bolesworth (LB)
Councillors	Betty Carleton (BC)
	Dan Lane (DL)
	Karen Peckover (KP)
	Phil Veley (PV)
Clerk-Treasurer	Wendy Belanger
Roads Superintendent	Ross Martin
Roads Worker	Sharon Roach

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Bolesworth called the meeting to order at 4:27 p.m.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

None

3. Agenda:

2025-90

BC

PV

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, approve the Agenda.

“carried”

4. Minutes:

2025-91

KP

BC

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, adopt the meeting minutes of July 16, 2025.

“carried”

5. Guests:

None

6. Roads Department Business and Report:

6.1 Attached “Road Report”

2025-92

KP

PV

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, approve the Road Report.

“carried”

6.2 Labour Rates Roads Workers

2025-93

BC

KP

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, approve the hourly rate to be charged for work done by the Roads Superintendent at \$70.00 per hour and for a Roads Worker at \$50.00 per hour.

“carried”

7. Clerks Department Business and Report:

7.1 Attached “Clerk Report”

2025-94

KP

PV

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, approve the Clerk Report.

“carried”

7.2 Support for Making the NORDS Pilot Program Permanent and Expanding Program Eligibility

2025-95

KP

BC

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

AND WHEREAS the funding provided through the NORDS pilot was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North;

AND WHEREAS the program has allowed municipalities, such as the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, to strategically stack multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the NORDS pilot program has clearly demonstrated its value and effectiveness in helping Northern municipalities address the infrastructure challenges tied to resource development and extraction;

AND WHEREAS rural and northern municipalities are also facing infrastructure degradation resulting from the increasing size and frequency of agricultural machinery and activity, which is currently outside the scope of the pilot;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

AND FURTHER THAT municipalities be encouraged to continue utilizing the ability to stack NORDS allocations over multiple years to support the planning and delivery of major infrastructure projects;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support.

“carried”

7.3 Review Council Code of Conduct

2025-96

PV

KP

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, agree that we have completed a review of the Council Code of Conduct.

“carried”

8. Financials and Accounts:

8.1 Financial Reports and Payment of Accounts

2025-97

KP

BC

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, receive the Financial Report and approve payment of accounts in the amount of \$199,587.32 for July 2025.

“carried”

8.2 Financial Reports and Payment of Accounts

2025-98

PV

KP

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, receive the Financial Report and approve payment of accounts in the amount of \$69,390.86 for August 2025.

“carried”

9. Correspondence:

2025-99

PV

BC

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, receive and file all correspondence, reports, and minutes.

“carried”

9.1 Letters / Resolutions / General and Information:

2025-100

BC

KP

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, agree to enter into an agreement with the Armstrong Township Public Library and agree to forward payment equal to the Provincial Grant received for library service, for the year 2026, to the Armstrong Township Public Library.

“carried”

9.2 Grants:

- Ontario Trillium Foundation Playground Equipment and Benches - \$43,000
- Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) Accessible Washrooms
- Library Grant

9.3 Recreation Committee

- Rink, Fishing Derby, Community Garden updates
- A code lock will be placed on the sports equipment shed at the park and residents will be able to contact the Municipal Office for the code

9.4 Earlton-Temiskaming Regional Airport

-Minutes / Financials / Manager’s Report

9.5 Temiskaming Health Unit

-Minutes and general information

9.6 Temiskaming Municipal Association / Building Dept

-Minutes and general information

9.7 Temiskaming Mayors Action Group

-None

9.8 Waste Disposal Site Committee

-Update and general information

2025-101

DL

KP

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, agree with the recommendations of the Waste Disposal Committee to offer Kelly Welch the position of Dump Attendant.

“carried”

9.9 Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre

-None

9.10 Community Policing

-Minutes and general information

9.11 DTSSAB

-None

10. New Business:

-NOHFC Community Grant application Spring 2026

11. By-Law:

2025-102

PV

KP

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, give By-Law 2025-19, being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of the Council of the Corporation September 2025.

“carried”

12. Adjournment:

2025-103

BC

KP

THAT we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, do now adjourn to the next meeting on October 15, 2025 at 4:30pm or at the call of the Mayor.

“carried”

Mayor

Clerk