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Councillor Ypma requested a recorded vote:

Recorded Vote:

Ward 1	Councillor Buchner	No
Ward 2	Councillor Ypma	Yes
Ward 3	Councillor Durston	Yes
Ward 4	Councillor Way	No
Ward 5	Councillor Pickard	No
Ward 6	Councillor Gillis	Yes
Mayor	David Mayberry	No

DISPOSITION: Motion Defeated

### **Accounts Payable Report**

#### **January 21st, 2025 - Accounts Payable Report**

Resolution No. 15    Moved by Craig Gillis  
                                  Seconded by Paul Buchner

RESOLVED that the following Accounts be approved for payment:

Accounts Payable for January 5 <sup>th</sup> to January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	\$769,218.74
Bi-Weekly Payroll #1	\$58,743.54
Total:	\$827,962.28

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

### **Information Items & Correspondence**

#11 - Town of Aylmer Resolution re: Oppose Provincial Legislation on Cycling Lanes





DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

**New Business**

**Trillium Line North of Sweaburg**

Mayor David Mayberry informed Council of an inquiry from a resident regarding the paving of Trillium Line north of Sweaburg. Councillor Pickard commented on the condition of the road and stated that if the Township plans to pave a gravel road, this section would be on his list for consideration.

Works Superintendent Adam Prouse reported that the most recent traffic count on Trillium Line, conducted in September 2023, recorded 76 vehicles per day, with 7% being commercial traffic and 91% being passenger vehicles. He explained that the traffic volume does not meet the threshold for paving, which typically requires at least 400 vehicles per day. He noted that other gravel roads in the Township have significantly higher traffic counts and would be prioritized for paving. He provided Council with traffic count data for Prouse Road between Plank Line and Zenda Line, and Keswick Road between Dereham Line and Plank Line.

Councillor Gillis inquired whether municipalities still use tar-and-chip surfacing. Works Superintendent Prouse responded that the Township has a strong paving program, achieving a 20-year lifespan for paved roads, which makes it a more durable and cost-effective option. Mayor Mayberry will provide a response to the resident.

**Closed Session - None**

**Council Round Table**

*Council members shared updates from their respective wards and community involvement. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for West Oxford (Foldens) Hall will take place on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The New Year's Eve Karaoke in Brownsville was so successful that the hall board is planning another event soon. The Brownsville Hall Board AGM will take place on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The Salford Hall Board will host their AGM on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The Hilltop Park Committee has not confirmed the date of their AGM. The Engage and Inform and Environment and Energy Innovation Committees will meet again on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The Winter Walk for Warmth is scheduled on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Trillium Woods. The Mount Elgin Hall Board will host their AGM on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Dereham Centre Hall Board will host their AGM on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The Sweaburg skating rink has been well used over the last couple of weeks and is very popular with the kids in the community.*

