

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

March 13, 2018

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt and Marina Hammond; Absent, Pat Hayes; Delegations: Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor, Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, Terry Parry and Dave Adams and Robert Miller, Municipal Planner; Guests: Judy Ransome, Glenys and Ed Laplante; Staff: John Theriault, Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator and Charlene Watt, Deputy-Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held on February 27, 2018 were approved, as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, presented a report on the operations of the landfill current and future. The report contained information regarding the implementation of a landfill access pass and swipe card system. A draft nuisance bear policy was presented to Council, which will be approved by by-law. After some discussion, Council passed a resolution to approve the number of free bags to be allocated for the second half of 2018.

Keith McCoy, Road Supervisor, presented the March report. The report recommends declaring three pieces of equipment surplus and selling them. A resolution was passed to approve the recommendation. Half loads have been put on municipal roads effective March 1, 2018. Hydro One was given an exception. Questions were asked and answered.

Terry Parry and Dave Adams approached Council to discuss road maintenance concerns. Council had a discussion on the level of service that should be provided for our roads.

Robert Miller, Municipal Planner presented to Council a background report for the recommended changes for the Official Plan in 2018. Council directed the municipal planner to advise the public that we are doing an Official Plan review at the regular meeting of Council of May 8, 2018 and to proceed with the document updates.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

The list of accounts for March 2018 was approved by resolution.

APPLICATIONS: None

BY-LAWS:

By-law #14-2017 being a by-law to amend By-law #60-2016, the Township of Armour's Occupational Health and Safety Program to include a Nuisance Bear Policy, policy # AW-9 on Schedule A, was read in its entirety and approved by resolution.

REPORTS:

The March Building Department report was reviewed by Council.

No report was presented for AHHC.

A verbal report was given on the DSSAB meeting.

A verbal report was given on the Ontario Good Roads Conference. Ministry changes are forthcoming for minimum road standards.

A verbal report was given on the March 12, 2018 BACED meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

A request was received from Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society for a donation to the 2018 Annual Fall Fair on Labour Day Weekend. Council passed a resolution approving a donation.

Council received a letter from the County of Renfrew requesting their support in asking the Provincial Government to provide the forest sector with a 5-year extension in Section 22.1 of the Endangered Species Act, 2017 instead of the proposed 2-year extension and that the Province establish an independent panel of credible stakeholders directly affected in their day-to-day lives by the management of Crown land forests who will look at the facts to produce a long-term solution. Council passed a resolution of support.

Council received a letter from the City of Pickering requesting the Province of Ontario reinstate adequate and appropriate funding for local public libraries and that the adjusted funding be increased each year based on the consumer price index. Council passed a resolution of support.

Council reviewed a letter from Forests Ontario and The Forest Gene Conservation Association regarding the future of native tree seed in southern Ontario.

Council reviewed a report from MFOA (Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario) regarding the 2018 federal budget.

An invitation was received for Council members to participate in the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority's 2018 Municipal Conference.

A letter was received from Eastholme Home for the Aged detailing the 2018 municipal levy apportionment schedule and calculations, operating budget for 2018 and audited consolidated financial statement for 2017. They extended an invitation to Council and staff to attend their general meeting scheduled for Wednesday March 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Council reviewed a memorandum from AMO offering the "So you wish to run for Council" online course.

Council received a letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs detailing the Planning Act Regulations related to the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017. The Planning Act Regulations will come into effect on April 3, 2018.

Council received an invitation to attend the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association 2018 Spring Meeting. Two members of Council asked to be registered.

Council received notification from the Village of Burk's Falls that they passed a resolution to approve the sharing of regional fire prevention officers in 2018 with a budget of \$132,625 and a cost of \$11,936 to the Village of Burk's Falls.

Council received a copy of the Township of Ryerson's resolution #4, dated February 4, 2018 approving the proposed regional fire prevention officer program for 2018, subject to approval of a final budget.

Council reviewed the Labour Market Group January Jobs Report and February Labour Focus Report.

Council received a letter from the District of Muskoka to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care requesting for a meeting with Muskoka and area municipalities to discuss acute care services and health system transformation in Muskoka.

Council received a letter from the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre requesting that they continue their \$500 yearly donation to help fund the cost of the new OTN equipment. Council passed a resolution approving the donation.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council received notification from Northland Power Inc advising that barn swallow nesting cups are in place at the Watt Farmhouse barns per the Ministry of Natural Resources requirements. Should any alterations be completed on the accessory structures, the Ministry must be contacted in advance of work being completed.

Council received notice from the Village of Burk's Falls advising them that they had approved the 2018 shared services budgets as presented.

Council received notice from the Township of Ryerson advising them that they had approved the 2018 shared services budgets as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed information regarding the Village of Sundridge's concern for blue-green algae and their request for permission to control the Lake Bernard water levels. A petition is being circulated against giving this permission since adjusting the water levels could be detrimental to the lake and the Magnetawan River. We received a resolution from the Township of Ryerson supporting the petition. Council passed a resolution to support the petition.

Council reviewed and discussed the 2018 operating and capital budget. Council was satisfied with the budget as presented. The Clerk-Treasurer will bring the appropriate by-laws to Council at the April 10, 2018 meeting of Council.

Council reviewed the Burk's Falls and Area Agricultural Profile 2017 report and the McSweeney & Associates Target Sector and Business Opportunity Analysis report. A resolution was passed approving the reports.

CLOSED SESSION:

Council moved into a closed meeting at 10:42 p.m. as per Section 239.2 (d) of the *Municipal Act*, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Moved out of closed session at 10:58 p.m. and reported.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on February 27, 2018, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the issuance of 25 free garbage bags to be used by Armour residents between July 1 and December 31, 2018. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Roads Supervisor's report dated March 13, 2018, concerning equipment be received and that the Council of the Township of Armour declare surplus the 2001 West Star Model 4864FX Plow Truck, known as Unit #1, the sweeper, known as Unit #11 and the AMI pavement patcher and authorize that they be sold as is, where is. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the March 2018 accounts, in the amount of \$301,262.07 for payment, and the Reeve and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approved By-law #14-2018 being a by-law to amend By-law 60-2016, the Township's Occupational Health and Safety Program and that we authorize the Reeve and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation, in the amount of \$1,500, to the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society to support the 2018 Fall Fair. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the position of County of Renfrew and requests that the Province provides the forest sector with a 5-year extension in Section 22.1 of the Endangered Species Act, 2017 instead of the proposed 2-year extension. Furthermore, that the Province establish an independent panel of credible stakeholders directly affected in their day-to-day lives by the management of Crown land forests who will look at the facts to produce a long-term solution. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the position of the City of Pickering and urges the Province of Ontario to reinstate adequate and appropriate funding for local public libraries. Furthermore, that the adjusted funding be increased each year based on the consumer price index. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve an annual donation of \$500 to the Almaguin Highlands Health Care Committee to replenish the committee funds on an ongoing basis. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports Councillor Rod Blakelock and concerned residents in their petition to request that immediate steps be taken to protect the Magnetawan River from the increased water level adjustments that are being proposed for Lake Bernard. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour receive and approve the McSweeney & Associates reports on the 2017 Burk's Falls and Area Agricultural Profile and the 2018 Target Sector & Business Opportunity Analysis for Burk's Falls and Area. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 10:42 p.m. as per Section 239.2 (d) of the *Municipal Act*: personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn and move out of closed session at 10:58 p.m. and report. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:59 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for March 27, 2018 or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk. Carried

Original signed by Bob MacPhail
Robert MacPhail, Reeve

Original signed by John Theriault
John Theriault, Clerk