

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

April 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Jerry Brandt and Marina Hammond; Absent; Councillor Pat Hayes and Rod Blakelock; Delegations: Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor, Robert Miller, Planner and Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator; Guests: Steve McGregor and Cam Watt; 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 March 27, 2018 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Jerry Brandt declared a pecuniary interest on the award of the groundskeeper contract. His son-in-law put in a bid on this contract. Councillor Brandt left the meeting during the discussion of the groundskeeper contract.

DELEGATIONS:

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor, presented a verbal monthly report. Questions were asked and answered.

Robert Miller, Planner gave Council an update on the review of the Official Plan. The amendment to the Official Plan has been forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for their consideration. Council discussed the amendment and directed staff to setup a meeting with MNR to discuss the deer winter habitat.

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, presented her monthly report. Questions were asked and answered.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

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

APPLICATIONS: None

BY-LAWS:

By-law #16-2018 being a by-law to set tax ratios for municipal purposes for the year 2018 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #17-2018 being a by-law to approve the budget and to set and levy the rates of taxation for the year 2018 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #18-2018 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for its March 2018 meetings was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #19-2018 being a by-law to amend the Township of Armour's fee by-law was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #20-2018 being a by-law to delegate routine Council powers and duties to staff was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

A verbal report was given on the last Planning Board meeting.

A verbal report was given on the last BACED meeting.

Council reviewed the April 2018 building report.

Council reviewed the minutes of the February 21, 2018 Library Board meeting.

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REPORTS cont'd:

Council reviewed and discussed the March 2018 report and revenue generation proposal from the Arena Manager. The report will be forwarded to the next TRI Council meeting for discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Township of Madawaska Valley asking for Council's support in requesting that the Province fund the compliance and implementation of the new asset management regulations. Council passed a resolution of support.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs giving Council information on the proposed exemption from approval for Official Plan amendments.

A poster was received from the OPP advertising the gun amnesty program they are running from April 1 to April 30, 2018.

Information was received from AMO on what the cancellation of the one-third tax free exemption for municipal officials will cost municipalities.

Council received a 2018 provincial budget update from AMCTO.

A letter was received from the Almaguin Adult Learning Centre thanking Council for their 2018 donation.

Council received information on the 2018 provincial budget from MFOA.

Council received an invitation from FONOM to attend the 2018 FONON-MMA Northeastern Municipal Conference to be held in Parry Sound from May 9 to 11, 2018.

Council received and reviewed the February 2018 monthly job report for Nipissing and Parry Sound.

Council received and reviewed the March 2108 Labour Focus for Nipissing and Parry Sound.

A letter was received from Ernie Hardeman, MPP thanking Council for their support for his private members bill which would give municipalities the right to reject a new landfill in their municipality.

Council received FONOM's comments on the 2018 Ontario budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council discussed when they would complete a site visit at 75 Doe Lake Road to assess the spring thaw and its impact on this property and to determine if the Township can do anything about it.

Council received an invitation to attend a presentation of the Target Sector and Opportunity Analysis that was completed by McSweeney and Associates. The presentation will be held at the Young at Heart Seniors Centre on Wednesday April 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Reeve MacPhail, Councillor Brandt and Councillor Hammond will attend.

Council received an invitation to attend information sessions regarding the management of the French-Severn Crown Forest. One session will be held at the Canada Summit Centre in Huntsville on May 5, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and another will be held on May 4, 2018 at the Bobby Orr Community Centre in Parry Sound from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Council received and reviewed a report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator concerning the 2018 groundskeeping contract. A resolution was passed to award the contract.

Council received and reviewed a report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator concerning the 2019 Council remuneration. Council directed staff to bring forward a by-law to set Council's remuneration for 2019 based on the recommendation included in the report.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Bob MacPhail; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on March 27, 2018, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Bob MacPhail; That the Staff Report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator dated April 10, 2018, regarding the 2018 groundskeeper contract tender be received and that Council award the 2018 summer maintenance/groundskeeper contract to Landscapes (owner Stephen McGregor) for a bid price of \$16,500, including HST. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the April 2018 accounts, in the amount of \$340,688.87 for payment, and the Reeve and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #16-2018 being a by-law to set Tax Ratios for Municipal Purposes for the year 2018 and that we authorize the Reeve and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #17-2018 being a by-law to set and levy the Rates of Taxation in the Township of Armour for the year 2018 and that we authorize the Reeve and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Bob MacPhail; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #18-2018 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its March 2018 meetings and that we authorize the Reeve and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #19-2018 being a by-law to amend By-law #68-2017 the Township of Armour Fee By-law and that we authorize the Reeve and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #20-2018 being a by-law to delegate routine Council powers and duties to staff and that we authorize the Reeve and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Township of Madawaska Valley and urges the Province of Ontario to provide adequate financial resources for both staff and infrastructure to ensure successful compliance and implementation of the required municipal function for asset management planning in small, rural municipalities. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:03 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for April 24, 2018, or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk. Carried

Original signed by Robert MacPhail

Robert MacPhail, Reeve

Original signed by John Theriault

John Theriault, Clerk