

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

April 24, 2018

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Marina Hammond, and Pat Hayes. Delegations: James Blunn; Staff: John Theriault, Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator and Charlene Watt, Deputy-Clerk.

CLOSED SESSION:

Moved into closed session at 6:28 p.m. as per Section 239.2 (b) and (e) of the *Municipal Act*, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Moved out of closed session at 7:03 p.m. and reported.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 10, 2018 were approved, as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Pat Hayes declared a conflict of interest on item #4, accounts, of the April 10, 2018 regular meeting as he owns a business for which an account was paid.

DELEGATIONS:

James Blunn, owner of 514 Pickerel and Jack Lake Road, made a presentation to Council concerning By-law #26-2017, which permits shipping containers in specific zones under certain conditions. He believes that the by-law is too restrictive and that the shipping container on his property should not need to be moved because it follows the intent of the by-law. Council discussed the concern and passed a resolution to approve a reduction for minor variance applications to be \$125 + HST for one year for shipping containers, effective until April 25, 2019.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATION(S): None

BY-LAWS:

By-law #21-2018 being a by-law to set Council's remuneration for 2019 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Council reviewed the December 31, 2017 financial statement.

A verbal report was given on the March 21, 2018 minutes from the Library Board.

An update was given on the status concerning regional hospitals. Council agreed to allow the Task Force to present their recommendation before a final decision is made by our Council.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the 1st Burk's Falls Cub Scouts asking Council for financial support for a trip to the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve in June 2018. Council passed a resolution in support of a donation.

A letter was received from the Township of Baldwin requesting Council's support to ask the province to cancel Bill C-71 (an Act to amend certain Acts and Regulations in relation to firearms) and to enforce the legislation that is currently in place. Council passed a resolution of support.

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CORRESPONDENCE cont'd:

A letter was received from the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services notifying Council of the recent changes to Ontario's vital events products and services.

A letter was received from C I V I C asking if the Township would be interested in collaboration with them to support student engagement in municipal and school board elections.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration encouraging the Township to submit a nomination for a person to receive the Lincoln M. Alexander Award that honours young Ontarians who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in contributing to the elimination of racial discrimination in Ontario.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Agriculture, Foods and Rural Affairs encouraging the Township to communicate that applications are being accepted for the 2018 Premier's Award for the Agri-Food Innovation Excellence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A report was received from Tulloch Engineering on the Doe Lake Park/Ferguson Road boat launch. Our engineers believe that a boat launch may be feasible where proposed, but they recommend investigating other sites. Another site plan visit is to be requested between the engineer and members of Council.

Council reviewed an email from our municipal planner to the MMA/MHO planner advising him of Council's concerns regarding the MNRF deer wintering habitat requirements that are to be added to the Township's Official Plan.

Council was advised that the 2011 Western Dump Truck was sold for \$11,535. The dealer had offered us \$7,000 as a trade-in.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed the FCM Municipal Guide to Cannabis legislation.

Council reviewed the companion document to the FCM's Municipal Guide to Cannabis Legislation submitted by AMO.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on April 10, 2018, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Patrick Hayes, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a reduction of the fee for a minor variance for shipping containers to \$125 plus HST until April 25th, 2019. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #21-2018 being a by-law to set remuneration and expenses for Members of Council and to repeal By-law #60-2017 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 Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation to the 1st Burk's Falls and Area Cub Scouts in the amount of \$500 to support their 2018 year-end excursion at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Township of Baldwin and requests that the Province of Ontario defeat Bill C-71 and enforce the legislation that is currently in place. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports Norm Miller, MPP and petitions the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS Muskoka Algonquin Health Care has been considering the future of the Huntsville District

Memorial and South Muskoka Memorial Hospitals since 2012; and

AND WHEREAS accessible healthcare services are of critical importance to all Ontarians, including those

living in rural areas; and

AND WHEREAS patients currently travel significant distances to access acute inpatient care, emergency,

diagnostic and surgical services at available at these hospitals; and

AND WHEREAS the funding for small and medium-sized hospitals has not kept up with increasing costs

including hydro rates and collective bargaining agreements made by the province; and

AND WHEREAS the residents of Muskoka and surrounding areas feel that MAHC has not been listening to them; and

AND WHEREAS the Board of MAHC has yet to take the single site proposal from 2015 off its books;

NOW THEREFORE We, the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: That the Legislative Assembly of Ontario requests that the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care ensures core hospital services are maintained at both Huntsville District Memorial Hospital and South Muskoka Memorial Hospital and ensures all small and medium sized hospitals receive enough funding to maintain core services. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:00 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for May 8, 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