

**THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR**

**MINUTES**

May 22, 2018

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Jerry Brandt, Rod Blakelock, Marina Hammond, and Pat Hayes; Delegations: Judy Kleinhuis, CPA, CA, Grant Thornton; Guests: Judy Ransome; 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 May 8, 2018 were approved as amended.

The minutes of the public meeting for the OP review held on May 8, 2018 were approved as circulated.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

Councillor Pat Hayes declared a conflict of interest on item #4, accounts, of the May 8, 2018 regular meeting as he owns a business for which an account was paid.

**DELEGATIONS:**

Judy Kleinhuis, CPA, CA, representing Grant Thornton, the Township's auditors, presented the 2017 financial statements and the auditor's report communicating the audit results. Council accepted the 2017 statements by resolution and directed the Treasurer to sign the letters of representation and forward them to Grant Thornton LLP.

**ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:** None

**APPLICATION(S):**

Council received a site plan application from William and Sheila Morrow, Part Lot 6 Concession 4, fronting Doe Lake. Council reviewed the application and drawings, a resolution was passed to direct our Planner to proceed with drafting the site plan agreement.

**STAFF REPORT:**

A staff report was presented explaining the amendment requested to By-law #16-2014. Council discussed the report and directed staff to bring By-law #29-2018 forward for approval.

**BY-LAWS:**

By-law #25-2018 being a By-law to enter into a shared services agreement, fire, waste management and arena, with Burk's Falls and Ryerson was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #26-2018 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its April 2018 meetings was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #27-2018 being a By-law to establish a Joint Compliance Committee and appoint Committee members for the 2018 municipal election period was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #28-2018 being a By-law to authorize the execution of a site plan agreement between William and Sheila Morrow and the Township of Armour was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #29-2018 being a By-law to amend By-law #16-2014, a by-law to enter into a library agreement was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

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**BY-LAWS cont'd:**

By-law #30-2018 being a By-law to authorize the execution of a tax extension agreement for 247 Chetwynd Road was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

**REPORTS:**

A verbal report was given on the last DSSAB meeting.

A verbal report was given on last BACED meeting. Council reviewed the letter BACED is sending to the Kawartha Credit Union concerning the closure of two of their branches.

A verbal update was given on the latest developments on the Regional Hospitals and MAHC. A meeting will be held on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> with Almaguin area municipalities to discuss an active versus supportive role regarding the hospitals.

Council directed the Clerk to issue a letter to the Fire Department and the Township of Ryerson requesting immediate fines be issued against the Recovery Centre.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A resolution was received from the Town of Oakville asking for Council's support in requesting that there must be a co-operative approach to all developments that engage all governments.

A resolution was received from the Town of Kearney supporting the dismissal of the MAHC Board of Directors and the maintenance of our two regional hospitals.

A notice was received from OGRA to advise that the new minimum maintenance standards have been approved.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services advising that the new Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy manual is now available.

A notice was received from the Health Unit advising that based on the new Ontario Public Health Standards, they would be adding water test results on public facilities and information on their website.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that the Province has passed the Fair Wage Legislation.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that the Province has passed a budget focused on care and opportunity.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that Ontario, Quebec and Oregon are partnering to fight climate change.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that the Ontario Election is on June 7, 2018.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services advising of new options for Ontario Birth Certificates.

A letter was received from Kawartha Credit Union advising they will be closing two branches, Emsdale and Magnetawan this fall.

A letter was received from the Agricultural Society thanking Council for being a financial partner and supporting their RCMP Musical Ride.

An invitation was received to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lofthouse.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Council discussed the upcoming deer wintering meeting that impacts our Official Plan update. Discussion will address the areas in Armour of strata 1 and 2 habitat mapping. Attendees include Municipal Staff, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Municipal Planner and MNRF in Bracebridge. MNRF agreed that a Council presentation could be scheduled after the meeting.

Council was advised that the legal draft survey for the Watt Century Farmhouse property has been completed and will be registered soon.

An update on the new boat launch the Township wishes to build at Doe Lake Park was given. Applications have been submitted to the MNRF and DFO. Questions were asked and answered.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council discussed a response from the Fire Marshall's office advising as to when a house can be taken down by a Fire Department. The demolition of a house during or after a fire should not be completed without the fire department being able to provide reasonable written justification as to why a structure was demolished and why an insurance company was not given an opportunity to investigate. Fire Departments are responsible for additional damages and calling in an excavator to demolish a building during the fire call puts municipalities at risk. Even a total loss house has salvageable items, such as safes, etc. Fire watches are not being completed by our local fire department, the standard watch is six hours after a structure fire. The fire department is tearing down structures instead of putting the fire out. The clerk was instructed to send a letter to the Township of Ryerson with a copy to the Village of Burk's Falls regarding our concerns.

Council reviewed the cyber insurance quote they received and were not interested in purchasing it at this time.

Council reviewed the Planner's report regarding the new cannabis act. Council passed a resolution to support option #2 of the report.

Council reviewed the report that fulfills the Township's obligation under 2001 Ontario Regulation 284/09 for the 2018 budget.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 8, 2018, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the special public meeting held on May 8, 2018, as amended. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the draft financial statements for 2017 as presented in the Auditor's Report dated May 17, 2018 and directs the Treasurer of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour to sign the letters of representation and forward them to Grant Thornton LLP. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for site plan approval, submitted by William and Sheila Morrow, for Part of Lot 6, Concession 4, fronting on Doe Lake and accessed off Ferguson Road, and request the municipal planner proceed with drafting the site plan agreement. Carried

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**RESOLUTIONS cont'd:**

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #25-2018 being a by-law to enter into an agreement for the provision of sharing fire, waste management and arena services and that we authorize the Reeve and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Recorded Vote:

Rod Blakelock - For

Jerry Brandt - For

Marina Hammond - For

Pat Hayes – Opposed

Bob MacPhail - For

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #26-2018 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its April 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 Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #27-2018 being a by-law to establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee and appoint Committee members for the 2018 municipal election period 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 #28-2018 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Site Plan Agreement between Sheila and William Morrow and the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour with respect to Part of Lot 6, Concession 4, being Part 1 of Plan 42R-18317 in the Township of Armour 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 Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #29-2018 being a by-law to amend By-law #16-2014 to enter into a Library Agreement 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 #30-2018 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a tax extension agreement for 247 Chetwynd Road, Concession 8 Part Lot 10 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 Pat Hayes, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the Town of Oakville regarding the CN Rail Intermodal Update and endorses the principles that there must be a co-operative approach to all developments that engage federal, provincial and municipal regulatory matters and that the existence of federal regulation over a development does not preclude and may require provincial and municipal regulation of the proposed development to avoid regulatory gaps. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; THAT Staff Report from the Planner dated May 16, 2018, regarding Bill C-45: An Act respecting Cannabis be received and that Council direct staff to implement option #2 of the report. Carried

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**RESOLUTIONS cont'd:**

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 8:58 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for June 12, 2018 or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk. Carried

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Robert MacPhail, Reeve  
*Original signed by Robert MacPhail*

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John Theriault, Clerk  
*Original signed by John Theriault*