

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

May 12, 2015

The meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Marina Hammond, Pat Hayes was absent; Guests, OPP Officers James Fleming and Drew Nagtegaal, Delegations, OPP Staff Sgt. Stacey Whaley, Amy Tilley, Landfill Administrator, Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor; Staff, Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator, John Theriault, Treasurer and Melinda Torrance, Deputy Clerk.

PUBLIC MEETING 2015 BUDGET:

A public meeting was held to discuss the 2015 budget and information for the 2015 final proposed operating budget was provided. No members of the public attended the budget meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 28, 2015 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

OPP Staff Sergeant Whaley attended the regular council meeting to discuss the 2014-2016 action plan. He also explained the new statistic reporting format and further reviewed the rates of crime as reported in the statistic report. Staff Sergeant Whaley introduced to new members to the OPP detachment: James Fleming and Drew Nagtegaal. The Almaguin Highlands OPP detachment has a 25 officer compliment with four new recruits and one transfer officer. Staff Sergeant Whaley was thanked for coming to the meeting.

Amy Tilley, Landfill Administrator provided a staff report updating Council on activities occurring at the landfill. An Energy Consumption Policy was reviewed by Council and approved by resolution.

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor submitted a staff report explaining that he met with Brad Laking from Tulloch Engineering to survey a culvert on South Horn Lake Road and discussed various options to find a permanent solution to the erosion. This project will commence in 2016 to scrape and shore up the banks with rock cages. Council supported Keith's recommendation to leave the half load restrictions in place until the end of May.

BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:

A staff report from the Treasurer recommending a transfer to capital reserves was supported by resolution.

A new position and job description for a Deputy Treasurer was approved by resolution and an internal posting for this job will be posted.

APPLICATIONS:

The Application for Consent regarding Concession 8, Lots 29 & 30 submitted by Caldwell was approved by resolution with conditions.

The Application for Site Plan Approval on Concession 14, Lot 28 submitted by Pimentel was approved by resolution for the municipal planner to proceed with drafting the site plan agreement.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #18-2015, being a by-law to set tax ratios for the year 2015 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #19-2015, being a by-law to set and levy the rates of taxation for the year 2015 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

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By-law #20-2015, being a by-law to adopt optional tools for administering limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes for the year 2015 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #21-2015, being a by-law to establish a Procurement Policy was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Regional Fire Department Report, report provided.

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre report dated May 1, 2015 was provided for review and the next meeting will be held June 5.

Planning, Bob reported.

Economic Development, Wendy provided a verbal report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A request from the Katrine Community Centre to host a cancer fundraising event was supported by resolution.

Armour Council supported the Township of North Stormont's resolution asking the provincial government to re-examine the proposal for Farm and Industrial Electricity Rates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tulloch Engineering provided an explanation on Design Build versus Design Bid Build for bridges.

NEW BUSINESS:

The quote provided by Klink Enterprises for washroom maintenance at Doe Lake Park was approved by resolution.

List of correspondence received and not on agenda was provided for review.

CLOSED SESSION:

Council moved into closed session at 10:06 p.m. as per Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act.

Council moved out of closed session at 10:24 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED MINUTES:

The minutes of the closed meeting held on April 28, 2015 were approved as circulated.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on April 28, 2015, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour adopt the Energy Consumption Policy – Landfill reducing energy consumption. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond, That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the Staff Report from the Treasurer dated May 12th, 2015, regarding a transfer to the Capital Reserve be received and that Council approve a transfer of \$244,659.21 from the Working Fund Reserve to the Capital Reserve. Carried

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Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the creation of a new job position and accept the Deputy Treasurer job description as presented. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the May 2015 accounts, in the amount of \$226,804.43 for payment, and the Reeve and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support the severance application B-008/15 submitted by Murray and Betty Caldwell subject to the following conditions:

- That the applicant demonstrate why extraction of mineral aggregate resources would not be feasible, why residential development serves a greater long-term interest than extraction, whether issues of public safety, public health and environmental impacts area addressed and whether development would preclude extraction activities
- If the reference plan or other evidence discloses that the severed property contains a road deviation maintained by the municipality as a public road, then the applicant shall survey and transfer such road deviation to the municipality
- That proof of capacity for the off-site discharge of septage be provided
- That the applicant convey the required cash in lieu of parkland dedication to the Township of Armour as per the current by-law. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for site plan approval, submitted by Alvaro Pimentel, regarding Lot 28, Concession 14, Part 3 on Plan PSR-408 and request the municipal planner proceed with drafting the site plan agreement. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond, That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #18-2015 being a by-law to set Tax Ratios for Municipal Purposes for the year 2015 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 Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #19-2015 being a by-law to set and levy the Rates of Taxation for the year 2015 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 #20-2015 being a by-law to adopt optional tools for the purposes of administering limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes for the year 2015 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 Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #21-2015 being a by-law to establish a Procurement Policy for 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 Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour support the cancer fundraising event being held at the Katrina Community Centre and that it is to be considered a community event. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marina Hammond, **Whereas** the cost of electricity for Ontario manufacturers averages 10 cents a kWh and is less than 7.5 cents in the USA and under 7 cents a kWh in New York, Illinois, Ohio, North Carolina,

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South Carolina and Indiana, and under 6 cents a kWh in Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia; and

Whereas the cost of electricity for farms averages 18 cents a kWh in Ontario and less than half that in Quebec, Manitoba and Ohio and many competing US states; and

Whereas the high cost of power contributes to low investment in Ontario manufacturing, increased unemployment, reduced home markets for Ontario farm products and difficulties for young people starting and sustaining their working lives;

Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Township of North Stormont requesting that the Government of Ontario examine the proposal for Farm and Industrial Electricity Rates made by the Canadian Cement Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Ontario Construction Secretariat, Canadian Foundry Association, Canadian Plastics Industry Association, Quinte West Manufacturers' Association and Northumberland Manufacturers' Association and enact that proposal or a reasonable modification of it, with a view to returning competitive electricity rates to Ontario farms and industry and renewing a key part of the foundations for business and employment opportunity in Ontario.
Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the quote submitted by Klink Enterprises in the amount of \$5,186.70 for Doe Lake Park Washroom Maintenance for 2015. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marina Hammond, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 10:06 p.m. as per Section 239(2)(b) 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 10:24 p.m.
Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the closed session held on April 28, 2015, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the adjustments made to Schedule "A" – Pay Grade Salary Structure of the Salary Administration Procedure Policy that reflects the recent Pay Equity results. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve the May 12, 2015 Staff Report regarding Landfill Pay Band and Step Level. Council accept the recommendation to adjust the Landfill Administrators Pay Grade Salary, as per the updated Pay Grade Salary Structure.
Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond, That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:27 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for May 26, 2015, or at the call of the Reeve.
Carried

Original Signed by Bob MacPhail
REEVE

Original Signed by Wendy Whitwell
CLERK ADMINISTRATOR