

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

October 13, 2015

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Marina Hammond, and Pat Hayes; Delegations: Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor; Guests: Dyane McCullough, Program Analyst, Fire Marshall's Office; Dave McKay, Fire Chief; James Mahoney, By-Law Enforcement Officer; John Stark, Fire Inspector and Martin Payge, Fire Prevention Officer; Staff: Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator; and John Theriault, Treasurer /Deputy- Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held on September 29, 2015 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the special Council meeting held on October 1, 2015 were approved as circulated.

CLOSED SESSION:

Moved into closed session at 6:04 p.m. as per Section 239.2 (c) of the *Municipal Act*, a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, Section 239.2 (e) of the *Municipal Act*, litigation including matters before administrative tribunal and Section 239.2 (f) of the *Municipal Act*, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

Moved out of closed session at 7:21 p.m. and reported.

Council provided direction to the clerk regarding items from the closed session.

CONFIRMATION OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

The minutes of the closed meeting held on September 29, 2015 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor, October verbal road report. Questions were asked and answered.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

The list of accounts for September 2015 was approved by resolution.

APPLICATION(S):

Application for site plan approval, Plan #42-M632 Lot 9, Jack's Lake on Nicolia Drive, submitted by Robbin Cruise Hodge and Linda Margaret Hodge was approved by resolution authorizing the municipal planner to proceed with drafting the site plan agreement.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #41-2015 being a by-law to enter into an agreement for the provision of a Regional Fire Training Program was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

A verbal report was given from the Amalguin Highlands Health Centre Committee. Our representative asked Council what they would like to see him pursue on this committee. Council thought that they could discuss the purpose of this committee at the next Tri Council meeting.

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A staff report was presented giving Council information on the proposed change from having a newsletter to printing a calendar to give our ratepayers Township information. After discussing the report Council gave direction to staff to market our website calendar instead of printing a calendar. Council asked that we add a tab for meetings on our website.

Council discussed the last restructuring meeting. This item will be added to the next regular council meeting agenda for further discussion.

A verbal report was given on the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association meeting.

A verbal report was given on a branding meeting which was held by the Economic Development Committee. Council asked that the reporting by the Economic Development Officer be added to the next Tri Council meeting.

A resolution was passed to support the request for the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management to review our fire services to be used to study the possibility of forming a Regional Fire Service.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A request was received from the Association of Ontario Municipalities to provide a donation to help Syrian refugees.

A letter was received from the Village of Burk's Falls requesting help from volunteers, financial assistance and that the Township participate by entering a float in the Santa Claus parade. A resolution was passed for a donation.

A letter was received from Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound/Muskoka requesting that Council support a resolution demanding that the provincial government reinstate the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit program. A resolution of support was passed.

A letter was received from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit thanking Council for their support for the construction of a new administration building for the organization.

A letter was received from the Joint Building Committee representing Burk's Falls, Ryerson, Joly, Machar, South River, Strong and Sundridge, extending an invitation to join their group to offer building services to our community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council agreed that Dave Gray would be appointed as Emergency Information Officer in the Township's emergency plan.

Council discussed the response letter to the Village of Burk's Falls on the clear bag issue. Council was satisfied the response answered the questions asked.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council agreed that Councillor Jerry Brandt would attend the 2016 OGRA/ROMA conference.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on September 29, 2015, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the special council meeting held on October 1, 2015, as circulated. Carried

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Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 6:04 p.m. as per Section 239.2 (c) of the *Municipal Act*, a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, Section 239.2 (e) of the *Municipal Act*, litigation including matters before administrative tribunal and Section 239.2 (f) of the *Municipal Act*, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That Council adjourn and move out of closed session at 7:21 p.m. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the closed session held on September 29, 2015, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the September 2015 accounts, in the amount of \$431,729.96 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 accept the application for site plan approval, submitted by Robbin Cruise Hodge and Linda Margaret Hodge, Plan #42-M632, Lot 9 on Jack's Lake on Nicolina Drive and request the municipal planner proceed with drafting the site plan agreement. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approved by-law #41-2015 being a by-law to enter into an agreement for the provision of a Regional Fire Training Program 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 supports the request for the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management to review our fire services to be used to study the possibility of forming a Regional Fire Service. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation of \$200 to the Village of Burk's Falls to support the 24th Annual Santa Claus Parade. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Pat Hayes; WHEREAS the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) announced in May that it is ending the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit (OSEB) program: AND WHEREAS the OSEB program was designed to provide unemployed individuals who are or recently have been eligible for Employment Insurance with income and entrepreneurial support while learning to operate a small business; AND WHEREAS the program has a 94% completion rate in Muskoka over the past 5 years and 76% of the businesses launched five years ago remain open, well above Industry Canada's reported 5-year survival rate for small businesses; AND WHEREAS the 110 new businesses launched by OSEB graduates in Muskoka in the past 5 years sustain 142 jobs, demonstrating it is successful in giving participants a pathway to self-employment and is also an important rural economic development tool; AND WHEREAS OSEB programs from rural regions across Ontario have reported similar statistics; AND WHEREAS MTCU's position that entrepreneurial support is available from other service providers overlooks the fact it has not replaced the essential income support component; NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Township of Armour recognizes the value of the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit program to rural communities and requests the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities immediately reinstate the program until a formal evaluation, which must include input from delivery agencies and participants, is completed; and further that the Ministry ensure any changes to the OSEB program retain both the entrepreneurial and income support components that have made it successful. Carried

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Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:14 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for October 27, 2015, or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk.
Carried

Original signed by Bob MacPhail
REEVE

Original signed by Wendy Whitwell
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR