

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

**MINUTES**

April 25, 2017

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Jerry Brandt, Marina Hammond, and Pat Hayes; Absent: Councillor Rod Blakelock; Delegations: Robert Miller, Planner; Guests: Brendan Jure, Albina Cook, Anthony Rizzo and William Hollett; Staff: Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator and John Theriault, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the special TRI Council meetings of February 8, March 20 and April 12, 2017, the regular Council meeting of April 11, 2017 and the special Council meeting of April 12, 2017 were approved, as circulated.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

Councillor Pat Hayes declared a conflict of interest on item #5, accounts, of the April 11, 2017 regular meeting as he owns a business for which an account was paid.

**DELEGATIONS:**

Robert Miller, Planner attended to discuss possible zoning by-law changes for better control of farming operations on small parcels of property. Council supported the Planner's recommendation for an amendment to the Zoning By-law and directed the planner to proceed with drafting this by-law change for circulation.

**ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:** None

**APPLICATION(S):** None

**BY-LAWS:**

By-law #20-2017 being a by-law to exit from the capping program for the commercial property classes was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #21-2017 being a by-law to set tax ratios for municipal purposes for the year 2017 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #22-2017 being a by-law to approve the budget and to set and levy the rates of taxation for the year 2017 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #23-2017 being a by-law to appoint a By-law Enforcement Officer and fix the terms of such employment was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #24-2017 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Village of South River for the services of a By-law Enforcement Officer was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #25-2017 being a by-law to establish a public highway to provide access to industrial lands was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

**REPORTS:**

Council reviewed the December 31, 2016 financial statement.

A verbal report was given on the Katrine Community Centre. The Club thanked the Township for taking down the trees around the parking lot.

A request for financial assistance was sent to the Village of Burk's Falls to support the snowmobile club with the upgrades they need to do on the trails.

A verbal report was given on the last DSAAB meeting.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter was received from the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio requesting Council support in asking the federal and provincial governments to wave taxes payable on the purchase of a Canadian flag or Canada 150 anniversary flag for the year 2017.

A request for financial support was received from the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School asking for a contribution to their Graduation Awards Program. Council passed a resolution approving a donation.

A letter was received from the Minister Responsible for Senior Affairs requesting that Council proclaim June as Seniors month for 2017. Council passed a resolution to make this proclamation.

A letter was received from the Township of McKellar requesting support to petition the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to provide additional funding to municipalities for long term care homes. Council passed a resolution of support.

A letter was received from Forest Ontario detailing the promotion of forests on this 150 anniversary of Confederation.

A notice of project change from Hatch advising Council of the drainage changes they will be making to the solar farm on Highway 520.

Council received a list of the executive for the Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls Agricultural Society.

Council received a copy of the approval from the Village of South River for an agreement to share their By-law Enforcement Officer on a replacement basis.

An AMO communication was received advising that the new plate denial for defaulted POA fines begins on May 1, 2017.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Council discussed the latest developments in the shared services negotiations and will meet again when the Clerk and Reeve can schedule a meeting with all of Council in attendance.

Council was given information of the requirements to build a path or a sidewalk on Highway 520. Staff was asked to arrange a meeting with management at the Ministry of Transportation in an effort to move our projects forward.

Council reviewed the staff report indicating how the succession plan is being implemented.

An informal evaluation was completed on the building at 1318 Katrine Road. Council directed that the property be cleaned up and then advertised for sale as with, including the existing building.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Moved into closed session at 9:32 p.m. as per Section 239.2 (c) of the *Municipal Act*, proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality; as per Section 239.2 (e) of the *Municipal Act*, litigation including matters before administrative tribunal.

Moved out of closed session at 10:02 p.m. and reported.

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the special TRI Council meeting held on February 8, 2017, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the special TRI Council meeting held on March 20, 2017, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on April 11, 2017, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the special TRI council meeting held on April 12, 2017, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the special council meeting held on April 12, 2017, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #20-2017 being a by-law to exit from the capping program for the commercial property classes 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 #21-2017 being a by-law to set tax ratios for municipal purposes for the year 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 Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #22-2017 being a by-law to approve the budget and to set and levy the rates of taxation for the year 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 Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #23-2017 being a by-law to appoint a By-law Enforcement Officer and fix the terms of such employment 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 Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approved By-law #24-2017 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Village of South River for the services of a By-law Enforcement Officer 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 have read and approved By-law #25-2017 being a by-law to establish a public highway to provide access to industrial lands 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 approve a donation in the amount of \$100 to the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School to support their Graduation Awards Program. Carried

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**RESOLUTIONS cont'd:**

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Pat Hayes;

**WHEREAS** Senior's month is an annual province-wide celebration;

**AND WHEREAS** seniors have contributed and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this community;

**AND WHEREAS** seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community;

**AND WHEREAS** their contribution past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told;

**AND WHEREAS** the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the health and well-being of the community;

**AND WHEREAS** the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to us continue to benefit all;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Township of Armour hereby proclaim June 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Senior's Month in the Township of Armour and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Township of McKellar and petition the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to provide additional funding for municipal Long Term Care Homes to offset the rising costs to operate and maintain these homes. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 9:32 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 and Section 239.2 (e) of the *Municipal Act*, litigation including matters before administrative tribunal. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn and move out of closed session at 10:02 p.m. and report. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:03 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for May 9, 2017 or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk. Carried

Original signed by Bob MacPhail

REEVE

Original signed by Wendy Whitwell

CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR