

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

April 26, 2016

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Jerry Brandt, Rod Blakelock, Marina Hammond, and Pat Hayes; Delegations: Robert Miller, Planner and Herb Sutcliffe, PLPA; Guests: Jim Shaw, Bruce and Kim Mark, Leigh and Brian Grindlay, Robert and Lyndsay Gray, Kevin and Yvonne Stewart, Vernon Rumford, Karen Sutcliffe, Brian Lower; Staff: Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator, John Theriault, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk and Jason Pidgen, By-Law Enforcement Officer.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 12, 2016, the special TRI Council meeting of March 30, 2016 and the special Council meeting of April 12, 2016 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Robert Miller, Planner made a presentation to Council concerning an amendment to the zoning by-law. The Planner recommended that the zoning by-law not be amended to increase the size of a livestock operation from 10 to 25 acres without more information being collected on the impact of the change. Council decided not to pursue this change at this time.

Herb Sutcliffe from the Pickerel Lake Property Association made a presentation to Council asking them to install a boat launch on Pickerel Lake. Areas where a boat launch could be installed would be at the end of Pickerel and Jack Lake Road or at the south east end of the lake or at the park. Council will look into the possibility of installing a boat launch at Pickerel Lake.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATION(S):

An application for a site plan agreement was presented by Capstone Ventures Inc. concerning Parts of Lots 4 and 5 Concession 7, Plan #42R-10640 Rem Lot 1, 5 Hilltop Road and a resolution was passed to direct our Planner to proceed with drafting the site plan agreement.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #17-2016 being a by-law to adopt optional tools for the purpose of administering limits for the Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes for the year 2016 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #18-2016 being a by-law to approve the budget and to set and levy the rates of taxation for the year 2016 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #19-2016 being a by-law to set tax ratios for municipal purposes for the year 2016 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #20-2016 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for March 2016 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

The April 2016 building permit report was received by Council.

The December 2015 financial statement was reviewed by Council.

The minutes of the Energy Audit Committee for September 28, 2015 and April 7, 2016 were reviewed by Council and approved by resolution.

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Council received and reviewed the April 7, 2016 report from the Fire Chief.

Council received and reviewed the April 14, 2016 meeting minutes of the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society. Council asked that the Historical Society be added to the next agenda.

A verbal report was given on the Katrine Community Centre.

Council discussed the April 25, 2016 TRI Council meeting. Council requested that share services be added to next agenda.

A verbal report was given on the work the Regional Fire Service Committee is presently doing.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed the comments made to the Province by the Waste Management Administrator on Bill 151.

A notice was received from AMO advising that they had made a submission to the Province on Bill 151.

A copy of a letter, submitted to the Township of Ryerson, supporting the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society request for a 2016 contribution was received by Council.

A copy of a letter sent to the Village of Burk's Falls by the Township of Armour requesting to be included in the discussions for the replacement of their CEMC.

A letter was received from the Township of North Frontenac requesting support for a change in the rules for approving renewable energy projects.

A letter was received from the Township of South Frontenac requesting support in asking the province to regulate that large renewable energy developers pay their share of the municipal operating costs and infrastructure they use. Council passed a resolution to support the request.

A copy of a resolution, passed by the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, adjusting the President's honorarium, was received.

A request for funding of their Graduation Awards Program was received from the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School. Council passed a resolution to support the request.

A letter was received from Laurie Scott, MPP requesting support for Bill 158. Council passed a resolution to support the request.

A letter was received from the Township of Tay requesting support in asking the Province to change the rules on municipal insurance liability in order to control insurance premiums. Council passed a resolution to support the request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council discussed the removal of a sidewalk on the north side of the Township office. Staff was directed to remove the sidewalk and replace it with gravel.

An update on the work being done to develop an industrial park was given to Council. Council directed staff to get an appraisal of the property.

NEW BUSINESS: None

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CLOSED SESSION:

Moved into closed session at 10:39 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 and as per 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 10:58 p.m. and reported.

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 12, 2016, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the special TRI Council meeting held on March 30, 2016 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 council meeting held on April 12, 2016 as circulated. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for site plan approval, submitted by Capstone Ventures Inc., Part Lots 4 & 5 Concession 7, Plan #42R-10640 Rem Lot 1, described as, 5 Hilltop Road, and request the municipal planner proceed with drafting the site plan agreement. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #17-2016 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 2016 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 Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #18-2016 being a by-law to approve the budget and to set and levy the rates of taxation for the year 2016 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 Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #19-2016 being a by-law to set tax ratios for municipal purposes for the year 2016 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 Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township have read and approved By-law #20-2016 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its March 2016 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 Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the Armour Energy Committee meeting held on September 28, 2015 and April 7, 2016 as circulated. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Township of South Frontenac and request that the Province regulate that, where there is not a willing municipal host and subsequently no community benefit agreement in place and green energy projects are awarded anyway, that successful proponents would be responsible to pay to the municipality, according to an established formula, over the lifespan of the project, the associated

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costs to both infrastructure and operations commonly known as a Community Vibrancy Fund. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation in the amount of \$ 100.00 to the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School to support their Graduation Awards Program. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Jerry Brandt;

WHEREAS human trafficking is a heinous crime that has been referred to as modern day slavery; and

WHEREAS traffickers recruit, transport, harbour and control the girl next door for sexual exploitation or forced labour; and

WHEREAS it is one of the fastest growing crimes that starts and stays in Canada, targeting victims – 90 percent of which are Canadian-born and predominantly female, averaging the age of 14; and

WHEREAS Ontario is a major hub of human trafficking in Canada, and victims are lured, manipulated and coerced, often over the internet from every part of Ontario; and

WHEREAS human trafficking is in our neighbourhoods and our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT resolved that the Council of the Township of Armour support Bill 158, *Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016* and support MPP Laurie Scott's motion for a multijurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims' services and frontline agencies; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Laurie Scott, MPP. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Township of Tay and appeal to the Province to implement comprehensive and long-term insurance reforms to stop the increase in liability claims against municipalities and increased insurance premiums for municipalities. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 10:39 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 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 Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn and move out of closed session at 10:58 p.m. and report. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:59 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for May 10, 2016 or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk. Carried

Original signed by Bob MacPhail

REEVE

Original signed by Wendy Whitwell

CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR