

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

**MINUTES**

December 11, 2018

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Wendy Whitwell, and Rod Ward; Delegations: Cathy Still, Mayor of the Village of Burks Falls - EMS Advisory Committee Representative, Kim Deschenes and Stewart Rice, Katrine General Store - Cannabis Retail Stores; Diane Brandt, Burk's Falls and District Historical Society - 2019 Budget; Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor - December Report; and Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator - December Report; Staff: John Theriault, Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator and Charlene Watt, Deputy-Clerk.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL**

All elected and acclaimed Council members took their declaration of office, which was signed and witnessed.

Reeve Bob MacPhail welcomed the new Council members and spoke about the challenges the municipality has faced and will be facing in the future. He wished the new Council the best of luck for the next four years.

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

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held on November 27, 2018 were approved as circulated.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None

**DELEGATIONS:**

Cathy Still, Mayor of the Village of Burk's Falls, made a presentation to Council asking for their support in being the representative for Ryerson, Armour, Perry, Burk's Falls, Kearney, Magnetawan and McMurrich/Monteith on the Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Service Advisory Committee. Her candidacy has already been supported by Ryerson, Perry and Burk's Falls. Council passed a resolution supporting her candidacy.

Kim Deschenes and Stewart Rice of the Katrine General Store, made a presentation requesting that Armour support the establishment of cannabis retail stores in the Township of Armour.

Diane Brandt from the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society presented a review of what the Historical Society had accomplished in 2018 and asked for a contribution of \$5,000 from Armour for 2019. Council directed staff to include the donation in the 2019 budget.

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor presented his December Report. Questions were asked and answered.

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, presented her December Report. Questions were asked and answered.

**ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:**

The list of accounts for December 2018 was approved by resolution.

**APPLICATIONS:** None

**BY-LAWS:**

By-law #66-2018 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its November 2018 meetings was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

**REPORTS:**

Council reviewed the building permit report for December 2018.

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**REPORTS cont'd:**

A verbal report was given on the last Planning Board meeting. Some year-end statistics were shared with Council.

A verbal report was given on the last BACED meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A request was received from the Town of Kearney asking for Council's support in regard to the creation, maintenance and general quality of the Municipal Voter's List. Council passed a resolution of support.

Council received and reviewed an Ontario News Release advising the Province was taking action for Franco-Ontarians.

Council received and reviewed news from the Office of the Premier concerning a statement made by the Premier about General Motor's announcement that they will be closing their Oshawa assembly plant.

Council received and reviewed an Ontario News Release advising the Province was creating more housing.

Council received and reviewed a letter from the Ministry of Finance concerning the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund which will be paying \$10,000 per year to Armour if they opt-in to having retail cannabis stores.

Council received and reviewed Ontario's plan to protect the environment. Comments, ideas and suggestions on the actions and initiatives in Ontario's plan to protect the environment can be made on the Environmental Registry.

Council received and reviewed a letter from Norm Miller, MPP congratulating all Council members on their election.

Council received and reviewed a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing congratulating all Council members on their election and advising them that the Province is working on making Ontario better.

Council received and reviewed news from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks advising that the Province is taking steps to challenge the Federal carbon tax.

Council received a notice that the Village of Burk's Falls has changed the title of their Head of Council from Reeve to Mayor.

Council received and reviewed an Ontario News Release advising the Province was responding to the Auditor General's 2018 annual report.

Council received and reviewed a letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing advising that the Province is looking into reducing the municipal reporting burden.

Council received and reviewed a letter from the Winterfest Committee asking for a donation for their 2019 event. Council passed a resolution to approve a donation.

Council received and reviewed a letter from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit regarding a risk assessment they completed on the Katrine Community Centre small water system.

Council received a notice that the Township of Ryerson has changed the title of their Head of Council from Reeve to Mayor.

Council received and reviewed some information from Spotlight on Ontario concerning what you need to know as a municipal councillor about public libraries.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Reeve gave the new Council an update on the management of the Katrine Community Centre. Due to volunteer burnout, a new president was not elected at their annual general meeting, but Dave Kropf has agreed to be president for this year. He will be contacting the Township to setup a meeting with Council to help with the management of the facility.

Council received and reviewed a letter of support for retail cannabis stores and some information on cannabis retail store licensing. After some discussion, Council passed a resolution to opt-in to having cannabis retail stores in the Township of Armour.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointment of representatives on different committees:**

Earlier in this meeting Council passed a resolution to recommend the appointment of Cathy Still to the Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Service Advisory Committee.

Armour received a resolution the Township of Strong supporting the appointment of Marianne Strickland and a resolution from the Township of Ryerson supporting the appointment of Delynne Patterson to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit. Council passed a resolution to support the appointment of Delynne Patterson to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit.

Council has already passed a resolution to recommend the appointment of Norm Hofstetter to the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association.

Armour received a resolution from the Township of Ryerson supporting the appointment of George Sterling to the Board of Management of the Eastholme, Home for the Aged and asking for Council's support for this appointment. Council passed a resolution to support the appointment of George Sterling to the Board of Management of the Eastholme, Home for the Aged.

Armour received resolutions from Burk's Falls, Ryerson and Perry supporting the appointment of Jerry Brandt and Barb Marlow to the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board. Council passed a resolution to support the appointment of Jerry Brandt and Bard Marlow to the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board.

Council supported the following additional appointments, which will be confirmed by by-law at the January 8, 2019 Council meeting;

1. Robert MacPhail as Armour's representative to the Provincial Offences Act Committee, the Planning Board, the Chetwynd Cemetery Committee, the Employment Management Committee and the Almaguin Saving Huntsville Hospital Committee.
2. Wendy Whitwell as Armour's representative to the Employment Management Committee and the Economic Development Committee.
3. Rod Blakelock, Jennifer Furtner and Werner Muller as Armour's representatives to the Library Board.
4. Rod Ward as Armour's representative to the Almaguin Highlands Health Committee.
5. Rod Ward and Jerry Brandt as Armour's representatives to the Katrine Community Centre Committee.
6. Charlene Watt as Armour's representative to the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society.

**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 November 27, 2018, as circulated. Carried

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**RESOLUTIONS cont'd:**

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour recommends the appointment of Cathy Still, Mayor of the Village of Burk's Falls to represent Ryerson, Armour, Perry, Burk's Falls, Kearney, Magnetawan and McMurrich/Monteith on the Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Service Advisory Committee. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the December 2018 accounts, in the amount of \$288,468.54 for payment, and the Reeve and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #66-2018 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its November 2018 meetings, and that we authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Town of Kearney and request the re-establishment of a multi-stakeholder working group between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Finance, AMCTO, MPAC and Elections Ontario to explore and identify ways to create and maintain the voters list for municipal elections. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation, in the amount of \$500, to the Winterfest Committee to support their 2019 event. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour 'opt-in' to having cannabis retail stores in the Township of Armour. Carried

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour recommends the appointment of Delynne Patterson to represent Kearney, Burk's Falls, Armour, Joly, McMurrich/Monteith, Perry, Ryerson, Strong and Magnetawan on the Board of Health District of Parry Sound Southeast Area. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour recommends the appointment of George Sterling to represent Armour, Perry, Ryerson and Kearney on the Board of Management of the Eastholme, Home for the Aged. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour recommends the appointment of Jerry Brandt and Barb Marlow to represent Armour, Burk's Falls, Ryerson, Kearney, Perry and McMurrich/Monteith on the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB). Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:51 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for January 8, 2019, or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk. Carried

*Original Signed by Bob MacPhail*

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REEVE

*Original Signed by John Theriault*

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CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR