

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

February 14, 2017

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt and Marina Hammond; Absent: Councillor, Pat Hayes; Delegations: Dave McNay, Fire Chief, Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor and Linda Maurer, Historical Society; Guests: Judy Ransome; 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 January 24, 2016 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Dave McNay, Fire Chief, gave Council details on the renewal of the agreement we have with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to provide fire protection to some of the crown lands in Armour. Council had some questions, which were answered. A by-law will be brought forward for Council's approval in the near future.

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, presented her monthly report. Council requested that the Waste Management Administrator look into how we could provide waste management services at the lowest cost if Burk's Falls did not bring most of their waste to the site. Council requested some options for the meeting of March 14, 2017.

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor, presented his monthly report. Questions were asked and answered.

Linda Maurer, President, Burk' Falls & District Historical Society attended to provide the 2017 proposed budget and discuss the activities planned for 2017. They are requesting a donation of \$5,000 from Council to support the hiring of staff. Council supported the request in principle, but it will be discussed further during budget deliberations.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

The list of accounts for February 2017 was approved by resolution.

APPLICATIONS: None

BY-LAWS:

By-law #6-2017 being a by-law to authorize a site plan agreement for Lot 3, Plan M273, more particularly known as 188 Lakeshore Road – Passera was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #7-2017 being a by-law to authorize entering into a boundary agreement with the Township of Ryerson for opening part of a road allowance on the west side of the Highway 520 industrial park was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #8-2017 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its November and December 2016 and January 2017 meetings was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #9-2017 being a by-law to provide powers of entry for the purpose of inspection was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #10-2017 being a by-law to protect, prohibit, regulate and control public parks was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #11-2017 being a by-law to prohibit the deposition of snow on highways was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

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REPORTS:

A year end 2016 building report was presented and reviewed.

A verbal report was given on the last BACED meeting, some questions were asked and answered.

A verbal report was given on the last Planning Board meeting. The office of the Board is moving to Kearney at the end of this month.

Council discussed the information presented by the Village of Burk's Falls at the Tri Council meeting, including the legal opinion regarding ownership and a new proposal for shared services. Council was advised that the calculations made by Burk's Falls in the summary do not correctly reflect actual cost. Council will discuss if they would be willing to pay 44.7% of the shared services no matter what the calculations are. The Reeve requested that Council members review the proposal brought forward by staff and bring back their comment at the next regular meeting.

A verbal report was given that Blue Sky is promoting websites for businesses. Grants are available to start up new websites.

A verbal report was given on the last DSSAB meeting. A report on Social Housing was presented.

The Regional Fire Services Committee presented a proposal for a shared fire prevention officer. Council supported the proposal. Council also reviewed the minutes of their January 19, 2017 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council received an AMO report to member municipalities giving the highlights of AMO's January 2017 board meeting.

Council received information on a court case presently being heard about the harm wind turbines can cause to nearby homeowners.

Council received a copy of a letter the Clerk-Administrator sent to the Almaguin District Snowmobile Club offering the Township's help to find solutions to the closure of some of our local trails.

Council received a letter from Peter Van Loan MP requesting they contact their local MP to support Bill C-323, to provide tax credit for restoration of historical places.

Council received a request for financial support from the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society. Council approved a \$1,500 donation by resolution.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs announcing the launch of the renewed community-focused Rural Economic Development (RED) program.

A letter was received from the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association asking that everyone contact Minister Judy Trudel to support financial services at our local post office.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Housing advising that the Affordable Housing Act, 2016 has received Royal Assent.

Council received an invitation to attend the Regional Tourism Information Session taking place on March 22nd, 2017 in East Ferris.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council discussed the various shared service 2017 budgets, fire and fire training services, waste management services, arena, library and economic development and approved all budgets by resolution.

Council reviewed the traffic and drainage studies for the Highway 520 industrial park and the project manager's comment. Council passed a resolution directing staff to forward an application to MTO to open the road allowance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed and approved the draft spring newsletter.

Council discussed when the 2017 budget would be reviewed and setup budget meetings for March 14 and March 28, 2017, with the approval of the budget to be completed on April 25, 2017.

Council reviewed a proposal from the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce to hire an intern and their request for financial support of \$7,500 for this endeavor. Council is willing to support the Chamber's proposal, but only on the basis of equal shares with other municipalities. A resolution will be brought forward at our next meeting.

Council also reviewed the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce 2017-2018 Strategic Plan.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on January 24, 2017, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the February 2017 accounts, in the amount of \$456,655.95 for payment, and the Reeve and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approved by-law #6-2017 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Site Plan Agreement between Daniel and Michelle Passera and The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour with respect to Lot 3, Plan M273, more particularly known as 188 Lakeshore Road and 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 approved by-law #7-2017 being a by-law to authorize a Boundary Agreement between The Corporation of the Township of Ryerson and The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour to open, construct and maintain part of the road allowance described as Concession 8 Lot 1, reference plan 42R-12212 parts 1 and 2 and 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 approved by-law #8-2017 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the months of November 2016, December 2016 and January 2017 and authorize the Reeve and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

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Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approved by-law #9-2017 being a by-law to provide powers of entry for inspection purposes and 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 approved by-law #10-2017 being a by-law to protect, prohibit, regulate and control public parks and 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 approved by-law #11-2017 being a by-law to prohibit the depositing of snow on highways and 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 approve a donation, in the amount of \$1,500, to the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society to support the work they do in our communities. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the 2017 draft budget for the Arena, for a net total expenditure of \$189,725, Armour's portion being \$94,863, as presented by the Village of Burk's Falls. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the 2017 draft budget for the Burk's Falls and Area Community Economic Development (BACED), for a net total expenditure of \$38,033, Armour's portion being \$19,017, as presented by the Township of Ryerson. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the 2017 draft budget for the Burk's Falls District Fire Department, for a net total expenditure of \$353,255, Armour's portion being \$176,628, as presented by the Township of Ryerson. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the 2017 draft budget for the Regional Fire Training Program, for a net total expenditure of \$85,950, Armour's portion being \$8,595, as presented by the Township of Ryerson. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the 2017 draft budget for the Burk's Falls, Armour and Ryerson Union Public Library, for a net total expenditure of \$121,375, Armour's portion being \$60,687, as presented by the Library Board. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the 2017 draft budget for the TRI-R Waste Management, for a net total expenditure of \$267,050, Armour's portion being \$133,526, as presented by the Township of Armour. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour support continuing past the eleven o'clock curfew. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour having reviewed the report from Project Manager, Robert Miller, traffic study submitted by CIMA and the preliminary drainage master plan submitted by Tulloch Engineering authorize the submission of reports and application to the Ministry of Transportation for access to the proposed industrial development on Highway 520. Carried

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Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 11:25 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for February 28, 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