

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

February 28, 2017

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Marina Hammond, and Pat Hayes; Absent; Councillor Jerry Brandt; Delegations: Robert Miller, Planner; Guests: Mitchell Vujacic, Margaret Comack and Albina Cooke; Staff: Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator; John Theriault, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 14, 2017 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Hayes declared a pecuniary interest on item #5, accounts of February 14, 2017. He owns a business for which a payment was approved.

DELEGATIONS:

Robert Miller, Township Planner, discussed three proposed Zoning Amendments By-laws (storage containers, mobile homes and trailer provisions) and the proposed Trailer By-law with Council. Questions were asked and answered. Council directed staff to make the corrections they requested to the by-laws and start the circulation and approval process.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATION(S): Consent File No. B-029/16 and B-030/16, 1485829 Ontario Inc.

Concession 4, Part Lot 6, Parts 2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8, Plan 42R-4961. Council reviewed the following:

- Applications, Tunnock Consulting Ltd, planning report, Robert Miller, planning report. Council passed a resolution of support with conditions.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #12-2017 being a by-law to enter an agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry respecting forest fire management in the Township was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #13-2017 being a by-law to extend the agreement for the provision of a Regional Fire Training program was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

The February 2017 building permit report was received by Council.

The 2016 updated financial statements were reviewed by Council.

Councillor Hayes reported on progress to date to assist the Almaguin District Snowmobile Club reconnect the trails into Burk's Falls and Katrine areas. Council will consider a donation up to \$5,000 to assist with the re-development of the trail into our area. Councillor Hayes will be soliciting support from the Village of Burk's Falls also. This donation will be contingent on a number of conditions. A resolution will be considered at the next council meeting.

The minutes of the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society were reviewed by Council.

The Library Board minutes of February 13, 2017, the CEO's report for January 2017 and a report from our representative were reviewed by Council.

Regional Fire Service Committee minutes from February 16, 2017 were reviewed by Council. Reeve MacPhail indicated discussions are continuing for a cost sharing formula.

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REPORTS cont'd:

The Katrine Community Centre – Councillor Hammond reported that Katrine Winter Karnival was a success despite the weather.

Council reviewed and approved the Tri-Council minutes of February 8, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from Abundant Solar Energy Inc. advising work is beginning on a 500 KW ground mount solar installation on Pt lot 27 and 28 of Concession 8. The company is requesting that the municipality contact them with any concerns or questions.

Council received an invitation to attend a public meeting regarding a Magnetawan River Park and the formation of a committee.

A request of support was received from The Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria to request that the province rescind the proposed Building Code change B-08-09-03. Council supported this by resolution.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council was provided an update on the proposed Highway 520 Industrial Park including work to date to secure a MTO entrance approval. Council was advised that we have a signed agreement with Ryerson to open the road allowance.

Council discussed the shared service proposal put forward by the Village of Burk's Falls. A special Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 7th, 2017 to discuss shared services.

Council passed a resolution supporting the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce intern proposal, on the condition that Burk's Falls and Ryerson fund the proposal equally.

Council received a letter from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, advising the grant application for funding for the replacement of the Pickerel and Jack Lake Road bridge was denied.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council passed a resolution to receive and file the Treasurer's report on Council's 2016 remuneration and expenses.

Council reviewed the list of correspondence received, but not on the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on February 14, 2017 as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support the severance applications B-029/16 and B-30/16 submitted by 1485829 Ontario Inc. subject to the following condition:

- If the reference plan or other evidence discloses that the severed property contains a road deviation maintained by the municipality as a public road, then the applicant shall survey and transfer such road deviation to the municipality.

Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approved By-law #12-2017 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the Township of Armour and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry respecting forest fire management within the Township 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 approved By-law #13-2017 being a by-law to extend the 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 Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Special TRI-Council meeting held on February 8, 2017 as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from The Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria and request that the Honorable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs rescind the proposed Building Code change B-08-09-03. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the proposal from the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce to hire an intern and approve a contribution to this project which will match contributions from Burk's Falls and Ryerson to a maximum of \$6,500. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council 2016 statement of remuneration and expenses presented by the Treasurer be received and filed. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:36 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for March 14, 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