

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

**MINUTES**

July 25, 2017

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Councillors Rod Blakelock (Chair), Jerry Brandt, Pat Hayes and Marina Hammond; Absent; Reeve Bob MacPhail; Delegations; OPP Sgt. Stacey Whaley, Peter Hall, Gray Hall Productions, Bruce Campbell, AHCC and Charlene Watt, Senior Administrative Assistant; Guests; Ralph Snell and Logan Watt; Staff: Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator and John Theriault, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting held on July 11, 2017 were approved as circulated.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None

**DELEGATIONS:**

Sgt. Stacey Whaley, Detachment Commander of the Burk's Falls OPP Detachment reviewed with Council the 2016 statistics report. Council was advised a 3 year plan has been submitted for approval and will be sent to the Township once approved. Questions were asked and answered.

Peter Hall from Gray Hall Productions made a presentation to Council requesting a donation to help defray the costs of the Annual Country Jamboree, August 18 – 20 at the Fairgrounds. Council passed a resolution approving a donation.

Bruce Campbell, representing AHHC made a presentation to Council requesting financial support to replace the Ontario Telemedicine Network. Council passed a resolution to approve a donation.

Councillor Rod Blakelock presented a Certificate to Charlene Watt, Senior Administrative Assistant for the completion of the Primer on Planning Course and congratulated her on her achievement.

Ralph Snell, Burk's Falls Lions Club, came to Council to discuss the need to re-locate the Lions Arch in front of the Township office in order to accommodate the new economic development sign that will replace our present "Township of Armour" sign. Council directed staff to move the Lions Arch approximately ten feet to the south. The cost will be absorbed by the Township. Council also directed that the trees on the property line in front of the Township office to be taken down.

**ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:** None

**APPLICATION(S):**

Council reviewed an application for a site plan agreement from Michael and Margaret Ruth Zrobin for Plan #M320 Lot 11, described as 63 Lakeview Crescent. After some discussion, Council passed a resolution to proceed with the drafting of the site plan agreement.

Council reviewed an application for a zoning amendment from Gary Robert, Gina Laura Graham, Jo-Ann Robert, Allan Blake and Janice Skinner for RCP Plan #315 Part of Lot 37, Part 2 of RP Plan 42R-15467, 60 Ontario Street. After some discussion, Council passed a resolution to proceed with the drafting of the zoning amendment by-law.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Council reviewed a report from the Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk on the options available to sell 1318 Katrine Road. A by-law was passed to sell the property through a tender process. Staff will request two opinions of mark value.

**BY-LAWS:**

By-law #37-2017 being a by-law to regulate open air fires within the Township of Armour, was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

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**BY-LAWS:**

By-law #38-2017 being a by-law to authorize and regulate the sale of 1318 Katrine Road, was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

**REPORTS:**

Council received and reviewed the July 17, 2017 minutes of the Historical Society.

Council received and reviewed the July 19, 2017 notes on the meeting with the Almaguin District Snowmobile Club. Council discussed the Township's involvement in the remediation of the trails and agreed with the process described in the notes. Burk's Falls has formally committed to contribute \$2,500 to this project.

A verbal report was given on the recent DSSAB meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter was received from the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society requesting a donation from Council to help fund a retirement gift. Council passed a resolution to approve a donation.

A letter was received from Peterborough County and the City of Owen Sound requesting Council's support in asking the Province to postpone the *Ontario Fair Workplace; Better Jobs Act 2017* until a comprehensive economic impact analysis is done. Council passed a supporting resolution.

A letter was received from the Township of South Algonquin requesting Council's support in asking the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Emergency Health Services Branch to investigate the feasibility of a Territory without Municipal Organization funded EMS station and its' funding to serve South Algonquin and Algonquin Provincial Park. Council passed a supporting resolution.

An email was received from OPG Nuclear requesting Council's support for OPG's Deep Geologic Repository project. Council passed a supporting resolution.

Council received and reviewed the June 2017 labour focus report.

Council received and reviewed AMO's submission of the *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017*.

Council received and reviewed a communication from AMO on the *Ambulance Act* legislative consultation, including the fire-medical proposal.

Council received a notice from Hydro One advising the Township of the 2017 schedule for the right-of-way vegetation maintenance program.

Council received a communication from AMO advising the Township that the Minister's expert panel report on public health has been released.

Council received an invitation from the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to attend their 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Kirkin "O Tartan Service" on Sunday July 30, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Council reviewed the report regarding the meeting staff participated in with Burk's Falls, their engineer and Fowlers Construction to find a solution to the problem we are having with the heaving on First Avenue. Council discussed the issue and supported the solution offered by the engineer and Fowlers, but did not support Armour paying for any of the cost of fixing the problem. Council also requested that a soil analysis be provided showing the mix between clay and gravel that will be used.

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Council received and reviewed the latest site plan proposed by the owners of 1041 Skyline Drive. Council had no issues with the site plan, but requested that a definition of "occasional" be added on the site plan.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council received and reviewed a report from the Senior Administrative assistant on setting up a security system at the Doe Lake washrooms. After some discussion, Council did not support the purchase of a security system.

Council received and reviewed AMO's and ROMA's responses the Ontario Asset Management Regulation proposal. After some discussion, Council passed a resolution supporting Roma's position on this issue.

Council received and reviewed the Fall 2017 Township of Armour newsletter and had no issues with it.

**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 July 11, 2017, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation, in the amount of \$1,500, to Gray Hall Productions to support the Annual Country Jamboree. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve a donation, in the amount of \$500 a year for five years, to the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre to support the replacement of Ontario Telemedicine Network equipment. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for site plan approval, submitted by Michael and Margaret Ruth Zrobin, Plan #M320 Lot 11, described as 63 Lakeview Crescent, and request the municipal planner proceed with drafting the site plan agreement. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for a zoning amendment, submitted by Gary Robert and Gina Laura Graham, Jo-Ann Robert and Allen Blake and Janice Skinner, RCP Plan #315 Part Lot 37, Part 2 of RP 42R-15467, described as 60 Ontario Street and request the municipal planner proceed with drafting the zoning amendment by-law. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #37-2017 being a by-law to regulate open air fires within the Township of Armour 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 approve By-law #38-2017 being a by-law to authorize and regulate the sale of 1318 Katrine Road 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 hereby approve a donation, in the amount of \$150, to the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society for a retirement gift. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the resolutions from Peterborough County and the City of Owen Sound and requests that the Provincial Government withdraw the *Ontario Fair Workplaces; Better Jobs Act 2017*, until an comprehensive economic impact analysis is done. Carried

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**RESOLUTIONS cont'd:**

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the resolution from the Township of South Algonquin and requests that the Ministry of Health, Emergency Health Services Branch formally investigate the feasibility of a Territory Without Municipal Organization (TWOMO) funded EMS station to insure equitable and timely access to EMS services for the Township of South Algonquin and the Algonquin Provincial Park. Furthermore, that the Province fund this EMS service. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour, for the sake of the environment and the Great Lakes, supports the Ontario Power Generation's proposal to develop a Deep Geologic Repository for low and intermediate level radioactive waste in Kincardine. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Jerry Brandt;

**WHEREAS** municipalities are a responsible, mature order of government in Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Armour promotes, supports and encourages strong and effective rural and northern rural governments;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Armour supports the responsible and fiscally accountable development of municipal asset management plans;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario through the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure has developed a proposed Municipal Asset Management Plan Regulation;

**AND WHEREAS** the proposed Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation has been posted on the Environmental Registry as 013-0551;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Armour has reviewed the proposed Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Armour has reviewed the submission on the proposed Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation submitted by the Rural Ontario Municipal Association;

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Armour agrees that the proposed Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation is overly prescriptive, does not reflect the principle that municipalities are responsible, mature governments, and will create a resource and fiscal strain on our municipality and others, more specifically, the small rural and northern rural communities that have limited staffing capacity, being the most vulnerable and sensitive to an increasing burdensome regulatory environment.

Further be it resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Infrastructure, AMO and our local MPP, Norm Miller. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:55 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for August 8, 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