

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

June 27, 2017

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Jerry Brandt, Rod Blakelock, Marina Hammond and Councillor Pat Hayes; Guests, Albina Cook and 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 meeting held on June 13, 2017 were approved, as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Pat Hayes declared on conflict of interest on item #6 - accounts for approval of the regular Council meeting of June 13, 2017. He is the owner of a business for which the Township was paying an account.

DELEGATIONS: None

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATION(S): None

BY-LAWS:

By-law #34-2017 being a by-law to amend the zoning by-law to define and control use of livestock facilities in the Rural (Ru) Zone, was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Council received and reviewed the June 20, 2017 financial statement for the Township.

Council received and reviewed the June 19, 2017 meeting minutes of the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society.

A verbal report was given on the last Regional Fire Services Committee meeting.

A verbal report was given on the last Katrine Community Centre meeting. The Club is looking at fencing the septic system because people are parking their cars on it. The parking lot is getting repaved this week.

Council received and reviewed the May 17, 2017 minutes of the Library Board.

A verbal report was given on the last DSSAB meeting.

An update was given on the site plan work being done for the property at 1041 Skyline Drive.

An update was given on what is happening with the snowmobile club concerning the upgrade of the trails.

Council was asked to continue to try and get a sidewalk from Burk's Falls to Commercial Drive. Councillor Hayes will contact Magnetawan to see what they did to get a similar trail in their municipality.

We have a request to upgrade the boat launch at Pickerel Lake. There is no boat launch at Pickerel Lake except for a natural one at the end of Kent Street. Council would also like to move the boat launch at Doe Lake. Staff was asked to look into what we would need to do to get these two boat launches built.

Burk's Falls is requesting a larger donation for the fireworks than the \$800 that we have already agreed too. Burk's Falls will send us the net cost of the fireworks after they know the final costs. At that time Council will revisit what they are willing to donate.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Town of New Tecumseth asking Council to support their resolution requesting that the Province show any carbon tax on utility bills. Council passed a resolution of support.

A letter was received from the Municipality of Neebing asking Council to support their resolution requesting that the Province consider a flat rate per acre to compensate municipalities for the loss of developable land through the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program. Council passed a resolution of support.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Transportation thanking the Township for its letter about the rock cut on Katrine Road and advising the Township that the rock fall material will be removed and that they will complete a site inspection and take corrective action, if necessary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council discussed the TRI Council meeting of June 26, 2017. The discussion centered around the fact that the meeting was very productive and that an agreement was reached. Council passed a resolution approving the agreement in principle.

A request was received from the East Parry Sound Veterinary Service Committee asking the Township to pay its share of their committee expenses for 2017. Council passed a resolution approving the payment of the fees.

Council passed a resolution to clarify the support they are giving for the Burk's Falls and Area Target Sector and Business Opportunity Identification project.

Council reviewed and discussed a staff report on how to improve the efficiency of our recycling. Council passed a resolution approving the purchase and installation of a stationary compaction unit.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request was received to help the Pevensey Road cemetery with the maintenance of the cemetery.

Council reviewed a staff report on the allocation of the 2016 surplus to reserves.

Council reviewed a staff report on the inspection of Zoning By-law infractions and passed a resolution directing staff to inspect properties when it is warranted.

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 June 13, 2017, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #34-2017 being a by-law to amend zoning by-law #27-95 to define and control the use of livestock facilities in the Rural (Ru) zone 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 support the resolution from the Town of New Tecumseth and requests that the government of Ontario insist that all bills from companies supplying products derived from carbon based fuels, including but not limited to, products such as natural gas, propane, hydro, gasoline and furnace oil, to Ontario residents show the carbon fee/tax on a separate line of the bill and requests that the Province of Ontario report annually to Ontario citizens on the proceeds of the carbon tax. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Municipality of Neebing and request that the Province of Ontario consider a flat rate per acre to compensate municipalities for the loss of developable land through the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour agree, in principle, to a new shared services agreement based on the draft shared services agreement proposed in May 2017 by Armour with the following changes:

1. The agreement would be for four (4) years beginning January 1st, 2018.
2. The agreement would require that budgets be approved by all three municipalities before being implemented, but all other decisions would be made based on a majority of the partners.
3. There would be no committees, but a detailed monthly report will be forwarded to each partner by the department head of each shared service and report on the operation of the shared service for the past month and advise of any issue that may significantly affect the service.
4. TRI Council would meet for budget discussions and when a Head of Council requests a meeting to discuss a significant issue.
5. The chairing of the TRI Council meeting would be rotated between the Heads of Council.
6. Based on the legal opinion from Burk's Falls' lawyer, the agreement would include a section which would describe what each municipality owns of the assets of the shared services and what happens if a partner decides to pull out of the shared services (distribution of assets).
7. The net cost of the shared services would be shared based on the draft agreement proposed in May 2017 by Armour.
8. If the new agreement cannot be ready for December 31st, 2017, the draft agreement proposed in May 2017 by Armour will be in effect from January 1st, 2018 to the date at which the new agreement is ratified or June 30th, 2018, whichever comes first.

Furthermore, the new agreement will be drafted by Burk's Falls' lawyer and sent to each party for review and approval. The quote for the drafting of the agreement is \$12,000 and will be shared equally between the parties. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation of \$210.00 to support the East Parry Sound Veterinary Service Committee and recognize the importance of the Veterinary Assistance Program. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports funding applications to both the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and FedNor to assist with the costs of the Burk's Falls & Area Target Sector and Business Opportunity Identification Project and agrees to contribute \$4,480 plus HST as well as any cost over-runs that may occur during the project. Furthermore, as the lead applicant, the Township of Armour recognizes the Village of Burk's Falls as a contributing partner and the support (in principle) from the Township of Ryerson. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the staff report from the Waste Management Administrator dated June 27, 2017, regarding the 2017 budget be received and that Council approve the plan to proceed with the purchase and installation of a stationary compaction unit. Furthermore, the Council approve purchasing the stationary compaction unit and bins from Metro Compactors Service Inc. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes; THAT Staff Report from the Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk dated June 27, 2017, regarding by-law enforcement inspections for zoning infractions be received and that Council direct the Chief Building Official and/or By-law Enforcement Officer to inspect properties which, in his/their opinion, may be contravening the Township's Zoning By-law. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 8:57 p.m. as per Section 239.2 of the *Municipal Act*;

- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the closed session held on June 13, 2017 as circulated. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn and move out of closed session at 9:11 p.m. and report. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:12 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for July 11, 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