

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

May 23, 2017

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Jerry Brandt, Rod Blakelock, Marina Hammond, and Pat Hayes; Delegations: Peter Doris, Environmental Specialist and Pierrette Desrochers, Agricultural Economic Development Advisor, OMAFRA and Judy Kleinhuis, CPA, CA, Grant Thornton; Guests: Jim Shaw, Bruce & Kim Mark, Yvonne Stewart, Anna Branch, Jo Ann Bailey, Diana Gardner, Eric Budreau, Leigh Grindlay, Judy Ransome, Albine Cook, Charlene Watt and Robert Miller, Planner; 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 and the public meeting both held on May 9, 2017 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Pat Hayes declared a conflict of interest on item #10, accounts, of the May 9, 2017 regular meeting as he owns a business for which an account was paid.

DELEGATIONS:

Peter Doris, Environmental Specialist and Pierrette Desrochers, Agricultural Economic Development Advisor from OMAFRA gave a presentation on the Nutrient Management Act. Council and members of the public asked some questions, which were answered.

Judy Kleinhuis, CPA, CA, representing Grant Thornton, the Township's auditors, presented the 2016 financial statements and the auditor's report communicating the audit results. Council accepted the 2016 statements by resolution and directed the Treasurer to sign the letters of representation and forward them to Grant Thornton LLP.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATION(S):

Council received a site plan application from Jo Ann Bailey and Diana Gardner, Concession 5 Part Lot 21, described as 1041 Skyline Drive. Council reviewed the application and drawing, a resolution was passed to direct our Planner to proceed with drafting the site plan agreement. Council will meet with the applicants and the neighbours and see if they can mediate an acceptable solution to this application.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #32-2017 being a by-law to amend a site plan agreement for Plan M445 Lot 14, 12 Melody Lane, Roderick Ward and Tammy Ellies was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

The May 2017 building permit report was received by Council.

A verbal report was given on the Katrine Community Centre.

Council received and reviewed the April 19, 2017 meeting minutes of the Library Board.

A verbal report was given on the last DSSAB meeting.

A verbal report was given on shared services. We received a response from Ryerson and we should get a response from Burk's Falls this week.

Council received and reviewed the May 15, 2017 meeting minutes of the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society. Northland Power representatives at a recent meeting indicated they are willing to discuss gifting the Watt farm museum to the Township.

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Ryerson may be willing to take care of the schoolhouse museum and Burk's Falls may be willing to fund employees for the museums.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Township of Essa requesting support in asking the Province to require G1 and G2 drivers to display a new driver sign in their vehicle. Council did not support this request.

A letter was received from the Township of Carling requesting that the Township sign the "Mayor's Monarch Pledge", take action to restore habitat for the Monarch butterfly and encourage their citizens to do the same. Council did not support this request.

A letter was received from the Town of Lakeshore requesting Council's support in asking the Province to ease restrictions of surplus dwelling severances in areas zoned Agriculture. Council did not support this request.

A letter was received from the Co-ordinator of the Cancer Transportation Program thanking Council for their contribution.

A letter was received from MPAC advising Council of the new rules of practice and procedure instituted for the Assessment Review Board.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs advising Council that they will not be moving forward with the proposals requiring regular inspections, pumping out of septic tanks and keeping septic tanks and treatment units' maintenance records.

A letter was received from the OPP updating Council on the progress the Municipal Policing Bureau has made on several projects.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council received and reviewed a phase two application for a grant from FEDNOR to fund a target sector & business opportunity analysis.

Council received and discussed an update on the progress to obtain an entrance for the Highway 520 industrial park.

Council received and reviewed a draft amendment to the Zoning By-law for livestock facilities. Council asked some questions and passed a resolution to continue the process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council received an election calendar for the 2018 election.

An AMO communication was received detailing the proposed changes to the Land Use Planning and Appeal System.

An engineering report was received from Stantec Consulting Ltd. giving details on the proposed Sky One Solar Project to be constructed in the Township of Ryerson and inviting the public to attend a public meeting on June 12, 2017 from 6 to 8 pm at the Burk's Falls Legion.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on May 9, 2017, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the public meeting held on May 9, 2017, as circulated. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the draft financial statements for 2016 as presented in the Auditor's Report dated May 17, 2017 and directs the Treasurer of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour to sign the letters of representation and forward them to Grant Thornton LLP. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for site plan approval, submitted by Jo Ann Bailey and Diane Gardner, Concession 5 Part of Lot 21, Plan #PSR-1659 Lot 11, described as 1041 Skyline Road, and request the municipal planner proceed with drafting the site plan agreement. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #32-2017 being a by-law to amend a site plan agreement for Roderick Ward and Tammy Ellies, Lot 14 of Plan M445 and Part 4 of Plan 42R-10039, being part of Lot 19 Concession 2 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 Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour, having reviewed the proposed zoning amendment for livestock facilities, supports the amendment and directs staff to proceed with the next step in the approval process. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:12 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for June 13, 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