

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

October 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Pat Hayes, Jerry Brandt and Marina Hammond; Delegations: Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator and Robert Miller, Planner; Guests: Mary Stitt, Albina Cook, Judy Ransome and Andrew Mendler; Staff: Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator and John Theriault, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the special Council meeting held on September 26, 2016 were approved, as circulated.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held on September 27, 2016 were approved, as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Pat Hayes declared a pecuniary interest on item 9 of the agenda, "Accounts for Approval"; one of the accounts is for a business he owns.

DELEGATIONS:

A written report was submitted on behalf of the Roads Supervisor.

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator presented her October report. Mattresses continue to be a problem; other options are being investigated. There have been more hornets this year than in the past, which is causing a problem around the recycling bins. Council was presented with the 2017 draft budget for the landfill. The Administrator explained her budget and Council approved it to be presented to the next TRI Council meeting.

Council passed a resolution to recognize Waste Reduction Week.

Robert Miller, Planner, presented a report on the Highway 520 industrial park and what the next steps in its development should be. A resolution was passed to give direction to staff.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

The list of accounts for October 2016 was approved by resolution.

APPLICATIONS: None

BY-LAWS:

By-law #46-2016 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its September 2016 meetings was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #47-2016 being a by-law to appoint a CEMC and an alternate CEMC was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #48-2016 being a by-law to adopt a Green Procurement Policy was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #49-2016 being a by-law to approve the issuance of a debenture, in the amount of \$700,000 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

The Reeve reported to Council on shared services. The Reeve and the Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk met with Burk's Falls, who are interested in having an agreement with Armour. They requested that Armour bring back a proposal for Burk's Falls to consider. The Reeve discussed his ideas.

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The Reeve requested Council members evaluate his comments. Council discussed this issue and it will be brought back at the next Council meeting. Staff was requested to set up a meeting with Burk's Falls around the end of November when a proposal will be presented.

A written report was presented and discussed on the last BACED meeting.

Council received a quote for the resurfacing of the Katrine Community Centre parking lot. Staff was directed to include this project in the 2017 budget.

A verbal report was given on the last AHHC meeting. Because of the lack of attendance, the committee will be discussing if this committee should continue to meet.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council received a request from Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation to support their efforts and request that the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development review the decision that no longer permits FedNor to fund broadband initiatives and that the broadband projects that have been cancelled all across Northern Ontario be reinstated and reviewed for potential funding. A resolution of support was passed.

A request was received from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers asking Council to get involved in the public review of Canada Post. Council did not support this request.

Council received a request from the Katrine Community Club to designate their November 19th, 2016 jamboree as a community event. Council passed a resolution to support this request.

Information was received on the new grade crossings regulations and standards for railway crossings. Council was advised that these regulations and standards may cost the Township in the near future.

A request was received from the Town of Aurora asking Council to endorse a recommendation on the OMB reform. Council passed a supporting resolution.

Council received a copy of the recommendation from the Municipal Summit on OMB reform.

Information was received on AMO's senior policy paper.

Council received a copy of a letter the Village of Burk's Falls sent to the Regional Fire Services Committee asking them not to suspend their work because of the shared services negotiations presently going on between Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls. Staff was requested to send a letter of support to Burk's Falls with copy to the committee.

The OPP sent the Township information of the salary settlements with their employees for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Council received thanks from Near North Crime Stoppers for their 2016 contribution.

A request was received from the City of Belleville to support their resolution to eliminate employment barriers to employment opportunities for CCAs. Council did not support this request.

A request for support was received from the Township of Brudenell/Lyndoch/Raglan in asking the province to amend its policy on how IBI services are provided to children with Autism. Council passed a supporting resolution.

An email was presented to Council from a resident giving her comments on the shared services negotiations.

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A request was received from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario asking Council to support the work they are doing to close the fiscal gap for municipalities. Council passed a supporting resolution.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

After supporting, in principle, an accommodation study for our area in a previous resolution, Council passed a resolution to agree to pay for 1/3 of the net cost of the study.

Council received an update on the possibility of getting paved shoulders on Highway 520 (Ontario Street). Council discussed what they are looking for additional to the paved shoulder.

Council was asked if anyone would be going to the Ontario Goods Roads Association conference in February 2017. Councillor Brandt will attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed and discussed a report on the creation of a Chief Building Official for the Township of Armour. Council passed a resolution creating the position.

Council was informed that the Reeve and Councillor Hayes had a meeting with the owners who live around the Highway 520 industrial park and they were given an update on the industrial park. The owners did not have a problem with what we are presently doing.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the special council meeting held on September 26, 2016, as circulated. Carried

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 September 27, 2016, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby recognizes October 17 to 23, 2016 as Waste Reduction Week in the Township of Armour. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour direct staff to take the necessary steps and spend the necessary funds to secure a commitment for the purchase of a four (4) acre lot in the Highway 520 Industrial Park, to secure an entrance on Highway 520 for the lot, to ensure the proper services are available at the lot and to complete the planning for the development of the lot. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the October 2016 accounts, in the amount of \$790,917.63 for payment, and the Reeve and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #46-2016 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its September 2016 meetings 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 have read and approve By-law #47-2016 being a by-law to appoint a Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator and that we 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 Rod Blakelock, seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #48-2016 being a by-law to adopt a Green Procurement Policy 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 #49-2016 being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of a \$700,000 debenture for the Doe Lake Bridge replacement 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 move into closed session at 8:37 p.m. as per Section 239.2(e) of the Municipal Act, litigation including matters before an administrative tribunal. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn and move out of closed session at 9:21 p.m. and report. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Marina Hammond;

WHEREAS access to affordable and reliable broadband networks is an important part of everyday life and;

WHEREAS communities outside urban centres face challenges in accessing internet service levels comparable to those in cities due to factors such as remote location and challenging terrain and;

WHEREAS numerous broadband projects were delayed in 2015 and then cancelled by FedNor in 2016 in favour of waiting for the national connecting Canadians broadband funding criteria to be announced and;

WHEREAS many of the cancelled broadband projects already had committed NOHFC and internet service provider partner funding and although backbone and institutional connectivity is crucial for a modern digital economy, the last mile opportunity that existed in these projects that have been cancelled is equally as important and;

WHEREAS FedNor's mandate is to support regional collaboration that will enhance community economic development, business growth, competitiveness and innovation and;

WHEREAS access to broadband is key to economic, social and health development;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Township of Armour requests that because FedNor has developed a strong network of broadband advocates and local Northern Ontario intelligence, that the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development reviews the decision that no longer permits FedNor to fund broadband initiatives and that the broadband projects that have been cancelled all across Northern Ontario be reinstated and reviewed for potential funding. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour acknowledges the Jamboree to be held on November 19th, 2016 at the Katrine Community Centre, as a Community Event. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Town of Aurora and support the recommendation of Report No. CS16-020 from the Ontario Municipal Board Reform Update which requests that the jurisdiction of the Ontario Municipal Board be limited to questions of law or process and, specifically, when considering appeals, that the OMB be required to uphold any planning decision(s) of municipal councils unless said decision(s) is contrary to the processes and rules set out in legislation. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan and request that the Province of Ontario amend its policies to ones that will allow all children on the current waiting list to receive the IBI services promised to them, remove the age limit for IBI therapy and replace it with a program that provides ongoing IBI services based on need and individual development, not age, ensure oversight by professionals and parents based in "development progress" criteria and milestones

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and adopt a direct funding offering model in lieu of the current direct service offering. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its work to close the fiscal gap; so that all municipalities can benefit from predictable and sustainable revenue, to finance the pressing infrastructure and municipal service needs faced by all municipal governments. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the application, presented by the Village of Burk's Falls for an accommodation study and agree to pay \$1,320, plus HST, of the cost of the study. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the creation of a full-time Chief Building Official position for the Township of Armour. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour move into closed session at 10:15 p.m. as per Section 239.2(c)(e) of the Municipal Act, a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and litigation including matters before an administrative tribunal. 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 September 13, 2016, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn and move out of closed session at 10:33 p.m. and report. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:59 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for October 25, 2016 or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk. Carried

Original signed by Bob MacPhail
REEVE

Original signed by Wendy Whitwell
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR