

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

September 27, 2016

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Pat Hayes, Jerry Brandt and Marina Hammond; Delegations: Tim Hill, Almaguin District Snowmobile Club; Guests: Judy Ransome; Albina Cook, Doug Weddel, Don Follick & Brian Lower; Staff: John Theriault, Treasurer/Deputy/Clerk

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular meeting held on September 13, 2016 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Tim Hill from the Almaguin District Snowmobile Club, made a presentation to Council requesting permission to use the north section of Lot 17, Concession 9 to reroute the snowmobile trail. The property the Club was using is no longer available and they are looking for alternatives. Council approved the request by resolution.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATION(S): None

BY-LAWS:

By-law #45-2016 being a by-law to authorize a funding agreement with the province for a OCIF formula based grant, was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Council received and reviewed the September 2016 building report.

Council received and reviewed the August 24, 2016 meeting minutes of the Library Board. The Library Board is presently working on its 2017 budget.

Council received and reviewed the September 8, 2016 meeting minutes of the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society.

A verbal report was given on the last Regional Fire Service Committee meeting. They have postponed their discussions until Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls decide what they are doing with shared services.

Council received and reviewed the September 19, 2016 report for the Katrine Community Centre meeting. They are requesting that the parking lot be fixed since it is becoming a safety issue. Council requested that the Roads Supervisor go and visit the site.

A verbal report was given on the last DSSAB meeting.

Council received and reviewed the September 22, 2016 written report for the L.I.N.K. meeting. L.I.N.K. will not meet again until they have an issue to work on.

Council discussed the September 26, 2016 TRI Council meeting. Council reviewed the discussions that took place and what each municipality wants. Council discussed a plan on shared services. The plan is based on the fact that the services are owned by Burk's Falls and we help them with their services. Therefore, the plan is to open up negotiations with Burk's Falls to share services without Ryerson. Get a shared service agreement with Burk's Falls and Burk's Falls can get a separate agreement with Ryerson. Council supported this plan and agreed to open negotiations with the Village of Burk's Falls to share services.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

The Township received a news release from FONOM supporting the province in its reduction of hydro rates.

The Township received a communication from AMO reviewing the provincial speech from the throne.

The Township received a request from Skate Canada for financial support for the youth in our community to have an opportunity to skate. Council passed a resolution for a donation.

The Township received a letter from the OPP giving us notice that the 2017 billings would include some increases due to rising payroll costs.

The Township received the OPP PCC CERB call volume and service level for August 2016.

The Township received a report from the OPP on the focus patrol initiative for parks and beaches.

Council received an invitation to provide input and participate in the Forest Management Plan for 2019 to 2029.

The District of Parry Sound Victim Services sent Council an introduction to the P.A.C.E. program.

Council received a request for support, from the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich to request that the province reimburse municipalities who have wind turbine projects, for hydro costs. Council did not support this request.

Council received a thank you from the Red Cross for their support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Industrial Park – we need a temporary entrance for construction purposes as soon as possible and staff was directed to work on getting it.

Staff was directed to look into getting a path through on MTO land to Commercial Drive.

Council was advised that the OMB hearing on the Pickerel Recovery Centre will be held on October 27 and 28, 2016.

The Township received a report on the scanning project indicating the volume of records digitized.

Council received a letter from the Village of Burk's Falls advising them that they were tabling amalgamation talks until the shared services agreement is resolved.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Township received and reviewed its financial indicators from the province.

Council received a request to recognize October 17 to 23, 2016 as Waste Reduction Week in the Township of Armour. Council requested to talk to the Waste Management Administrator before making a decision.

At the TRI Council meeting, the Economic Development Officer requested that each Council support his proposal to proceed with an accommodation study, which would show if there is a need for more accommodations in the area. Council passed a resolution supporting the study.

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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 September 13, 2016, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Patrick Hayes, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That Council of the Township of Armour authorize the signing of a land use permit to authorize the Almaguin District Snowmobile Club to create a snowmobile trail on Lot 17, Concession 9, Township of Armour, subject to the following conditions:

- the trail is located in the north portion of the property, as far from the gravel pit as possible;
- the trail construction be completed in cooperation and coordinated with the Road Supervisor

Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #45-2016 being a by-law to authorize a funding agreement with the province for an OCIF formula based grant 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 Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby authorize a donation in the amount of \$100 to the Skate Canada Burk's Falls Skating Club for 2016. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour direct staff to prepare a Request for Proposal for an accommodation study for our area with the major portion of the study to be funded by a government grant and the balance of the cost of the study to be shared equally between the Township of Armour, the Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond, That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 8:32 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for October 11, 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