

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

January 26, 2016

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Marina Hammond, and Pat Hayes; Delegations: Charlene Watt, Senior Administrative Assistant and Robert Miller, Planner; Guests: Doug Weddel and Jenny Holder; Staff: Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator; John Theriault, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 2016 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Reeve, Bob MacPhail presented Charlene Watt with a certificate for the completion of the AMCTO Municipal Administration Program and congratulated her on her accomplishment.

The Township Planner, Robert Miller, presented a proposal to Council to review the Township's Official Plan in 2016. Council passed a resolution to accept the proposal.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATION(S): None

BY-LAWS:

By-law #4-2016 being a by-law to establish fees for the Township of Armour was read in its entirety and 3rd reading was passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

The December 2015 building permit report was received by Council. Council requested that a legend be added to the report to explain the different colors used.

Regional Fire Service Committee report – An update was given on the last meeting the committee had and a report was presented to amend the terms of reference. Council approved the amendment by resolution.

Library meeting – A verbal report was given on the initiatives the library is presently doing. They are requesting that the Township advertise to one vacancy on the library board. There will be an ancestral meeting on February 26, 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Township of Gilles requesting support of a resolution from the Municipality of West Nipissing and urge the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to consider amending the qualifying criteria so that all roundtrips exceeding 100 km in total travelled distance be eligible for the Northern Health Travel Grant. Council passed a resolution to support the request.

A letter was received from the Township of Gilles requesting support of a resolution from the Municipality of West Nipissing and urge the Ministry of Transportation to expedite its reclassification of all winter highway classes in Northern Ontario to ensure that each road receives the appropriate level of maintenance required during the winter months. Council passed a resolution to support the request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council passed a resolution appointing Charlene Watt as their representative on the Burk's Falls Historical Society Committee.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A staff report was presented to Council requesting their approval to renew the grounds keeping contract for 2016. Council passed a resolution to approve the renewal.

REPORTS Cont'd:

Economic Development Committee meeting – An update was given on the meeting with FedNor and the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines regarding funding potential for economic development. A discussion ensued on the economic development opportunities we are presently pursuing and the development of an industrial park.

Tri Council meeting – Council discussed the meeting of January 25, 2016. The Reeve requested that Council members and staff look at the concepts he put together and bring them back at the next meeting with their comments and recommendations.

CLOSED SESSION: Not required

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on January 12, 2016, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 6:32 p.m. as per Section 239.2 (e) of the *Municipal Act*, litigation including matters before administrative tribunal, Section 239.2 (f) of the *Municipal Act*, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and as per Section 239(2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn and move out of closed session at 7:12 p.m. and report. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the closed session held on January 12, 2016, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the proposal presented by Robert Miller, Planner, for the 2016 review of the Township's Official Plan and direct staff to include this project in the 2016 budget. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township have approved 3rd reading and passed By-law #4-2016 being a by-law to establish fees for 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 Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That Council of the Township of Armour have reviewed and accept the recommendation presented in the staff report dated January 26, 2016 and hereby amend the Terms of Reference of the Regional Fire Service Committee and change the meeting date of the Committee to the third Thursday of each month at the Township of Perry Council Chambers. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Municipality of West Nipissing and urges the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to consider amending the qualifying criteria so that all roundtrips exceeding 100 km in total travelled distance be eligible for the Northern Health Travel Grant thus ensuring fair and equitable reimbursement for all Ontario residents who must travel outside of their community for specialized health care services. Carried

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Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Municipality of West Nipissing and urge the Ministry of Transportation to expedite its reclassification of all winter highway classes in Northern Ontario to ensure that each one receives the appropriate level of maintenance required during the winter months thus ensuring the safety and security of all northern travellers. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the appointment of Charlene Watt as their representative to the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society Committee. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That Council of the Township of Armour approve the award of the 2016 grounds keeping contract to Alan Barlow for a price of \$ 18,984.00 including HST. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:23 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for February 9, 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