

**THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR**

**MINUTES**

January 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Marina Hammond, and Pat Hayes; Delegations: Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor and David McNay, Fire Chief; Guests: Judy Ransome, John Leggett, Kyle Jenkins; Staff: Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator; and John Theriault, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held on December 8, 2015 were approved as circulated.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Moved into closed session at 6:38 p.m. as per Section 239.2 (b)(c) of the *Municipal Act*, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees; a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Moved out of closed session at 7:12 p.m. and reported.

**CONFIRMATION OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:**

The two set of minutes of the closed meetings held on December 8, 2015 were approved as circulated.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

Marina Hammond declared a pecuniary interest on item #20, a request for a donation for the Katrine Winter Karnival.

**DELEGATIONS:**

Robert Marcantonio, the Township's new By-Law Enforcement Officer was introduced to Council and a discussion ensued on trying to harmonize the by-laws that we use frequently.

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator - Council was advised we were not successful in securing funding for the repairs needed to the recycling building. The Waste Management Administrator presented Council with a revised 2016 budget. Council was agreeable to make changes to the draft budget, but directed that the budget not be decreased less than \$308,250.

An information session to promote and explain the clear bag program will be held in March, location and date to be determined. We will also try to get the clear bag information into the schools.

A pilot project is being recommended to help reduce costs and improve efficiency. Council agreed to proceed with the project.

Repairs to recycling building were discussed. Council directed the Waste Management Administrator to send out the request for proposal as soon as possible.

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor, presented his January 2016 report and some of the work he wishes to be included in the 2016 budget. Council approved his recommendation by resolution.

Dave McNay, Fire Chief, presented a revised draft of the Fire Department's 2016 budget. Council asked questions which were answered by the Fire Chief.

**ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:**

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

**APPLICATIONS:** None

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**BY-LAWS:**

By-law #1-2016 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #2-2016 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy and the payment of interim taxes for the year 2016 and to establish penalty charges for non-payment of current taxes and being a by-law to provide for interest to be added to tax arrears was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #3-2016 being a by-law to establish a committee of adjustment was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

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

By-law #5-2016 being a by-law to appoint a By-Law Enforcement Officer for the Township of Armour was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #6-2016 being a by-law to authorize a boundary road agreement with the Village of Burk's Falls was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

**REPORTS:**

The Treasurer presented an updated 2015 financial statement to Council. Some questions were asked and answered.

A verbal report was given on the Regional Fire Committee meeting. The committee is continuing to make progress. The Fire Marshall's Office is presently doing an audit of all of the fire departments and will bring back a report in a few months. The committee is also doing a risk analysis to see where to allocate resources.

A written report was given on the Economic Development Committee meeting. Some questions were asked and answered.

A letter was received from Kathleen England, Chair of the Library Board, explaining how the Board intends to spend their accumulated surplus.

The Economic Development Officer had a meeting with the Reeves of Armour and Burk's Falls and staff to discuss an opportunity to develop our industrial park.

A verbal report was given by Councillor Brandt on the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre meeting.

The Planning Board meeting was cancelled.

Council reviewed the December 7, 2015 minutes of the Burk's Falls Historical Society. Councillor Brandt can no longer attend the monthly meetings. No other council member is available, Charlene Watt will be appointed to represent council.

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

A letter was received from the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards requesting support for the reinstatement of physician incentives to practice in rural areas of Ontario. Council passed a supporting resolution.

A letter was received from the City of Kingston requesting support for the provincial and federal governments to work together to develop a basic income guarantee for all Canadians. Council passed a supporting resolution.

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A letter was received from the Municipality of Callander requesting support to ask the province to take into consideration the Voyageur Cycling Route as it begins to invest more funds into a provincial cycling network. Council passed a supporting resolution.

A request was received from the Katrine Community Centre Club to acknowledge Jamborees, the 2016 Katrine Winter Karnival and the volunteer dinner to be held at the Katrine Community Centre as Community Events. Council approved these events by resolution.

A request was received from the Katrine Community Centre Club for some financial support for the Katrine Winter Karnival. Council passed a resolution to approve a donation.

A news bulletin was received giving as summary of AMO`s 2016 strategic objectives.

A letter was received from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit giving Council an update on the new administrative building construction.

A letter was received from the Minister of Energy outlining the benefits of Bill 135, the Energy Statute Law Amendment Act.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A letter from the Township of Ryerson to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry was received which included comments on the proposed changes to the Aggregate Resources Act.

A letter from Robert Miller, Planner giving his comments on the proposed changes to the Aggregate Resources Act was received. Council passed a resolution to forward our planner`s comments to the ministry.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A staff report on a salary study for township staff was presented to Council. The report`s recommendation was approved by resolution.

**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 December 8, 2015, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 6:38 p.m. as per Section 239(2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees; (c) of the Municipal Act, a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That Council adjourn and move out of closed session at 7:12 p.m. and report. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the two sets of minutes of the closed sessions held on December 8, 2015, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the recommendation of the Roads Supervisor and agree to slurry seal the roads identified in his report, dated January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and to use a 2 year tender for gravel and sand. Furthermore, Council directs staff to issue tenders for slurry seal surface treatment and gravel and sand. Carried

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**RESOLUTIONS: Continued**

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the December 2015 accounts, in the amount of \$204,219.86 for payment, and the Reeve and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #1-2016 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, 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 the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #2-2016 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy and the payment of interim taxes for the year 2016 and to establish penalty charges for non-payment of current taxes and being a by-law to provide for interest to be added to tax arrears, 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 have read and approve By-law #3-2016 being a by-law to establish a committee of adjustment, 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 Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township approve first and second reading of By-law #4-2016 being a by-law to establish fees for the Township of Armour. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approved By-law #5-2016 being a by-law to appoint a By-Law Enforcement Officer 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 Pat Hayes, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approved By-law #6-2016 being a by-law to authorize a boundary road agreement with the Village of Burk's Falls, 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 Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards and request that the province reinstate incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas of Ontario and that the province return to the table with Ontario's doctors and work together through mediation-arbitration to reach a fair deal that protects the quality, patient-focused care Ontario's families deserve. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the City of Kingston and request that the provincial and federal governments work together to consider, investigate and develop a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Municipality of Callander and request that the province take into consideration the Voyageur Cycling Route as it begins to invest more significantly in a provincial cycling network. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour acknowledges the Jamborees to be held at the Katrine Community Centre on January 9<sup>th</sup>, February 13<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup> 2016, as Community Events. Carried

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**RESOLUTIONS: Continued**

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour acknowledges the 2016 Katrine Winter Karnival to be held February 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and the volunteer dinner to be held on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, both to be held at the Katrine Community Centre, as Community Events. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation of \$500 to the Katrine Community Centre Club to support the 2016 Katrine Winter Karnival. Carried – Marina Hammond declared a conflict of interest on this item.

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize staff to forward the comments, received from our planner, on the summary of proposed changes to the Aggregate Resources Act Policy Framework, to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Marina Hammond; T Staff Report from the Treasurer dated January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, regarding a salary study be received and that Council approve that a salary study be done in 2016. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:34 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup>, 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