

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

January 12, 2010

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance were; Reeve Bob MacPhail, Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Marty Corcoran, and Pat Hayes (Councillor Hayes left the meeting at 8:50 p.m. and returned at 9:12 p.m.); Delegates; Bruce Campbell, Councillor Village of Burk's Falls (arrived at 7:30 p.m.); staff; Robert Miller, Municipal Planner, Karen Fraser, Deputy Clerk, and Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular meeting December 8, 2009 were approved as circulated. Motion to move into closed session was passed. Motion to move out of closed session was passed.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Bruce Campbell, Councillor Village of Burk's Falls attended requesting support of the resolution from the Village of Burk's Falls regarding the new Almaguin Highlands Secondary School. A proposed resolution was included in council's agenda package for their consideration. Bruce updated council on the current situation. The Near North District School Board has been successful negotiating with the Ministry, and are now satisfied with the proposed model the Ministry has agreed to fund. Bruce thanked council for their support, the resolution is no longer required.

Robert Miller, Planner attended to discuss the following:

- Planning proposal for 2010, accepted by resolution as amended.
- Website maintenance proposal for 2010, accepted by resolution as amended.
- Preliminary planning opinion - Stark consent proposal, Pt. Lot 23, Concession 11, 1518 Pickerel & Jack Lake Road. Council supported this approach and interpretation.
- draft site alteration by-law, council will review. The clerk and planner will review, and bring forward to a future meeting.

Bill Stewart, Road Supervisor was not able to attend. The following road department issues were addressed:

- staff report requesting authorization to register Keith McCoy and Bill Stewart for training was approved by resolution
- Greer Galloway invoice # 6256, dated December 23, 2009, approved by resolution
- OGRA Alert, bridges
- two quotes for replacement of the chimney at the municipal garage were reviewed, a resolution to accept a quote was defeated
- road accounts voucher # 1-2010 reviewed and approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Burk's Falls & District Fire Board, a resolution was passed to contribute to gifts for retiring personnel.
- Lusk, Application for purchase of road allowance, correspondence from Davis Howe Partners on behalf of Bonotto was reviewed. The clerk was directed to seek a legal opinion.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

- road accounts voucher # 1-2010, approved by resolution.
- general accounts voucher # 1-2010, approved by resolution.
- landfill accounts voucher # 1-2010, approved by resolution.

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BY-LAWS:

- # 1-2010, being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010 was read a first, second and third time.
- # 2-2010, being a by-law to establish a penalty charge for non-payment of current taxes was read a first, second and third time.
- # 3-2010, being a by-law to provide for interest to be added to tax arrears was read a first, second and third time.
- # 4-2010, being a by-law respecting an Employment Policy and remuneration of Township Employees was read a first time.
- resolution to amend Schedule "A" of by-law # 34-2008 (accounting for tangible capital assets) was passed.
- resolution to amend Schedule "C" of by-law # 6-2008 (disposal of garbage, recyclable material and other refuse) was passed.

REPORTS:

- Planning Brd, no meeting
- Arena, minutes included, Jerry reported
- Library, Rod reported
- POA, Bob reported
- Tri R, minutes included, Pat reported
- Fire, Marty & Bob reported, Jerry will attend on behalf of Armour for the Jan. 14 special meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- AMO Annual Conference, August 15 - 18, 2010, hotel accommodation notice.
- AMO Member Communications, affordable access to recreation for Ontarians.
- District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, request for input for brief for the OGRA/ROMA Conference.
- Women's Own Resource Centre, request for support for 2010, approved by resolution.
- AMO Member Communications, passage of the Good Government Act, 2009.
- AMO Communications, proposed Energy Consumer Protection Act.
- City of Kawartha Lakes, request for support of a resolution regarding wind-generated power and the Green Energy Act. Support was given by resolution.
- County of Grey, request for support of a resolution to lobby the Federal and Provincial governments to research the impacts relating to alternative energy. Support was given by resolution.
- Township of Mapleton, request for support of a resolution regarding wind energy projects. A resolution of support was passed.
- City of Pembroke, request for support of a resolution regarding the protection of wood turtle habitat was tabled.

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CORRESPONDENCE: Continued

- City of Oshawa, request for support of a resolution regarding requirements for bonding and criminal reference checks for superintendents and key holders for condominium and apartment buildings. A resolution in support was passed.
- Township of Essa, information regarding conservation authorities.
- AMO Member Communications, The Auditor General's 2009 report highlights human services spending and bridge infrastructure.
- Union Gas, information regarding the winter warm program.
- Katrine Community Centre, request for donation for the Winter Karnival, support was given by resolution.
- Katrine Community Centre, request for resolution of support for community events. Support given by resolution.
- Katrine Community Centre, notification regarding the temporary closure of Brown's Drive during the Karnival. A resolution was passed.
- Katrine Community Centre, request to review items of interest from the Chetwynd Community Centre and a letter of thank you to council for support in 2009.
- Request from Nancy Austin to enroll in the AMCTO Municipal Administration Program. Resolution to authorize registration was passed.
- Ontario Provincial Police, information regarding 911 calls and a request to include information with municipal tax bills. Council agreed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1653194 Ontario Limited, Commercial Drive development, draft cost sharing agreement and correspondence to developer from the municipal solicitor; comments received from developer, the clerk was directed to forward instruction to the municipal lawyer and a resolution was passed.
- Staff report from the Treasurer regarding ISF funding.
- North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit, information regarding the Burk's Falls office.
- Canadian Union of Postal Workers petition, council agreed to allow petition to be available at the counter for signatures.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, 2010 allocation.
- Almaguin Nipissing Travel Association, request for financial support, none given.
- Township of Perry, request for a financial donation towards the new information centre technical upgrades. No support was given.

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NEW BUSINESS: Continued

- Ministry of Transportation, letter regarding community message boards. The clerk was directed to get more information.
- Eastholme, 2010 Update and request to support a resolution to lobby the government for adequate funding. A resolution in support was passed.
- 2010 council remuneration, request for direction for by-law preparation. The clerk was directed to prepare the by-law with an increase of 1% based on CPI.
- John Gaffney Construction, request for a one week extension to the closing date for bids, Leggett's bridge. Council granted this extension, all parties will be notified of extension.
- List of correspondence received and not on the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 8, 2009 as circulated. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 6:36 p.m. to discuss matters pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) (d) of the Municipal Act; personal matters about an identifiable individual; employee negotiations. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move out of closed session at 7:09 p.m. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the 2010 - 2011 planning proposal as submitted by Robert J Miller, Land Use Planning Services, dated January 5, 2010. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby accept the 2010 - 2011 Armour Township website maintenance proposal submitted by On-Line Community Planning Services, dated January 7, 2010. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the registration of Keith McCoy to the T.J. Mahoney Road School, May 3 - 5th, 2010 and Bill Stewart to the C.S. Anderson Road School May 3 - 5th, 2010, and agree to cover out of pocket expenses related to same. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve payment of invoice number 6256, Greer Galloway Group, dated December 23, 2009, \$ 35,570.35, regarding Leggett's Bridge. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby accept the estimate submitted by Original Heat in the amount of \$ 3239.16 for a new chimney installation for the municipal garage. Defeated
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That Road Accounts Voucher # 1-2010, in the amount of \$ 89,087.97 be paid as presented and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS: continued

- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That leave be given to introduce a bill # 4-2010, being a by-law to adopt an employment policy and remuneration of Township employees for 2010. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby agree to contribute one third of the approximate cost of \$ 200.00 for gifts for retiring Fire Chief Paul Hunter and retiring Burk's Falls and District Fire Department Safety Officer Linda Daniels. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That General Accounts Voucher # 1-2010, in the amount of \$ 179,945.18 be paid as presented and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That Landfill Accounts Voucher # 1-2010, in the amount of \$ 27,132.75 be paid as presented and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That leave be given to introduce a bill # 1-2010, being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That By-law # 1-2010, be read a second time. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That by-law # 1-2010, be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 12th day of January, 2010. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That leave be given to introduce a bill # 2-2010, being a by-law to establish a penalty charge for non-payment of current taxes. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That By-law # 2-2010, be read a second time. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That by-law # 2-2010, be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 12th day of January 2010. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That leave be given to introduce a bill # 3-2010, being a by-law to provide for interest to be added to tax arrears. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That By-law # 3-2010, be read a second time. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That by-law # 3-2010, be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 12th day of January, 2010. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby amend Schedule A to By-law # 34-2008, (Accounting treatment for tangible capital assets) by adding the following::

Primary Category	Useful Life/Amortization
land improvements	20 years Carried

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- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby amends Schedule C to By-law # 6-2008 (Waste Management) to increase the tipping fees as indicated. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby supporting the Women's Own Resource Centre for 2010, at a rate of .30 per capita. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the City of Kawartha Lakes regarding wind-generated power, the passage of the Green Energy Act which excludes municipalities from the input and decision making process as it relates to alternative energy projects; and lobby the Provincial government to conduct a study to determine the following:
 - adverse health effects relating to wind generation
 - possible impact on the conservation areas and the Oak Ridges Moraine
 - independent economic impact study to determine all related potential costs that will be incurred by the municipality related to devaluation of property values. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the County of Grey and request the Federal and Provincial government agencies responsible for public health, energy creation and energy management complete the following:
 - dedicate resources to the necessary scientific research to consider the impact of low frequency noise and
 - electrical and electromagnetic disturbances in areas of industrial wind turbines with the intent to confirm/deny public health implications;
 - technical and infrastructure being used; and
 - create and provide authoritative regulations and guidelines for the locating of wind turbines to municipalities and energy developers. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, The Council of the Township of Armour hereby support the resolution from the Township of Mapleton, and request the Government of Ontario thru the Ministry of Environment issue a moratorium on wind energy projects until a health study has been completed by an independent third party. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support the resolution from the City of Oshawa regarding the requirements for bonding and criminal reference checks for superintendents and key holders for condominium and apartment buildings. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour support the 2010 Katrine Winter Karnival with a donation in the amount of \$ 450.00 . Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour support the following events at the Katrine Community Centre, and acknowledge them to be community festivals:

Katrine Winter Karnival	February 26 - 28 th
Country Jamborees	January 9, February 13
	March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12

Council appoint Peter Kujala to look after the best interests of the municipality for these events. Carried

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- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour have no objection to the temporary closure of Brown's Drive on Saturday, February 27th, 2010 for the Katrine Winter Karnival and acknowledge the roadway will not be closed to emergency vehicles if required. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize the registration of Nancy Austin to enroll in the AMCTO Municipal Administration Program, unit # 1 and agree to cover costs related to same. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize the reimbursement of funding received by the municipality, through the ISF (Commercial Drive) project to 1653194 Ontario Limited (Derek Miller) subject to the execution of the cost sharing agreement by both parties. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, Whereas the Council of the Township of Armour recognizes the need to provide long-term care; and

Whereas as a result of provincial under-funding, municipal levies have continually increased to assist Eastholme, our Home for the Aged, and are forecasted to increase by \$ 450,000 for 2010 which represents a 95% increase in the municipal levy; and

Whereas current provincial funding is insufficient and annual increases to the provincial subsidy have not covered inflationary increases on base costs such as wages, employee benefits, supplies and utilities, as well as ensuring that the home can meet the care needs of the home's residents to meet compliance standards; and

Whereas with the passing of the new Long Term Care Homes Act, 2007 and the soon to be released regulations, there are concerns that more of the home's limited resources will be spent on the new administrative requirements leading to less money getting to the bedsides of the residents; and

Whereas any possible increase to the accommodations subsidy each year is currently not a reliable source of funding; and

Whereas the province's last few budgets have not provided sufficient additional permanent operating funding for long term care homes; and

Whereas the province is currently funding the unincorporated township's share of the budget for the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board, but not provided a similar arrangement for Boards of Management operating district homes for the aged which have unincorporated townships within their jurisdiction, notwithstanding that Eastholme and other district homes for the aged have in past years received funding payments by the province in respect of the unincorporated township for operational purposes and capital projects;

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Now Therefore, the Council of the Township of Armour is requesting the province provide increased subsidies for 2010 and future years to ensure adequate care of the residents in long term care homes and to meet the inflationary increases on base expenditures, as well as an annual operational funding payment to the district homes for the aged in respect of the unincorporated townships within their jurisdiction. Carried

- Moved by Pay Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That we do now adjourn this regular meeting at 10:58 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council scheduled for January 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

REEVE

CLERK