

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

February 24, 2015

The meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Marina Hammond, Pat Hayes (arrived at 7:22 p.m.), Jerry Brandt was absent; Delegations, John Theriault, Treasurer; Staff, Keith McCoy, Road Supervisor, Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator, and Melinda Torrance, Deputy Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the public meeting held on February 10, 2015 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 10, 2015 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Blakelock declared a pecuniary interest on the site plan application submitted by 2064770 Ontario Inc., the general nature of which may involve future construction work on this property.

DELEGATIONS:

John Theriault, Treasurer attended council and reviewed the 2nd draft budget. Council have reviewed all the capital items and have directed staff to proceed with preparing the required tender documents.

Council reviewed the Treasurer's staff report regarding long-term bridge planning and a resolution was passed approving the recommendation by the Treasurer.

The 2015 municipal levy information package from the Health Unit was provided for review.

BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Towns of Huntsville requested support for the future of Healthcare in Huntsville, a resolution was passed supporting this request.

The draft letter to the Ministry of Transportation was reviewed and amendments will be made prior to sending.

APPLICATIONS:

Application for site plan approval, Lot 22, Concession 10 submitted by 2064770 Ontario Inc. was approved by resolution.

Application for a lottery licence submitted by the Katrine Community Centre was approved by resolution.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #8-2015, being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the Town of Kearney and the Township of Armour for the maintenance of a section of Proudfoot Road was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #9-2015, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its January meetings was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #10-2015, being a by-law to enter into a Contribution Agreement with Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for the delivery of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Application Based Component was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Katrine Community Centre, no report.

Library, Rod reported.

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Agricultural Society, Rod updated council on discussions being held regarding relocating the Farmer's Market.

Les Blackwell, representative for the North Bay and Parry Sound District Health Unit provided a brief update on the progress that the Board of Health is undertaking and will be providing a report at a later date.

The Katrine Community Centre report requesting budgetary items to be considered in 2015 was discussed during the Treasurer's budget presentation and money will be allocated to certain projects.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Township of Armour's Council statement of remuneration and expenses for the period ending December 31, 2014 was acknowledged by resolution.

The Salvation Army requested a donation and was approved by resolution.

The Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society requested support for a donation for the 2015 Fall Fair on Labour Day Weekend and will be brought back to a future meeting.

The Winterfest Organizing Committee extended their thanks to the members of Council for their continued support.

Randy Pettapiece, MPP continues to push for municipal liability insurance reform.

FONOM attends the Northern Leaders' Dialogue to discuss issues affecting the north as well as the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Clerk provided an update on the Watt farmhouse renovation project.

NEW BUSINESS:

The invoice submitted by Russell, Christie LLP was approved for payment by resolution.

The invoice submitted by Planscape was approved for payment by resolution.

Council meeting format, Bob discussed the possibility of shortening council meetings and asked council for their input. The Clerk was provided with direction.

Minutes of Settlement between 1668830 Ontario Limited and Township of Armour were provided to council for review.

District of Parry sound Municipal Association is currently looking for new directors, no one is interested at this time.

Notice of Eastholme budget meeting is being held on March 26 and an Open House on April 29.

CLOSED SESSION: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Rob Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the public meeting held on February 10, 2015, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on February 10, 2015, as circulated. Carried

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Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond, **WHEREAS** Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare operates two fully functional hospital sites within the District of Muskoka, Huntsville District Memorial Hospital and South Muskoka Hospital;

AND WHEREAS Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare is currently facing an approximate \$2,400,00 budget shortfall;

AND WHEREAS Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare is considering single-siting all surgical procedures at one of the hospital sites in order to balance their budget;

AND WHEREAS such a move would have a devastating impact on the Huntsville Hospital site and surrounding communities, in terms of both healthcare and economy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour hereby requests that Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare removes consideration of single-siting surgery from their deliberations immediately. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond, That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize the issuance of a raffle lottery licence to the Katrine Community Centre, for a draw to be held on March 1, cost of licence is \$5.00. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #8-2015 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Kearney and Armour Township for the maintenance of a section of Proudfoot Road, 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 #9-2015 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its January meetings, 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 Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #10-2015 being a by-law to enter into a Contribution Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen, as represented by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Township of Armour for the delivery of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Application Based Component, 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 accept the application for site plan approval, submitted by 2064770 Ontario Inc., regarding Lot 22, Concession 10 and request the municipal planner proceed with drafting the site plan agreement. Councillor Rod Blakelock declared a pecuniary interest. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour received the Treasurer's staff report dated February 23rd, 2015, regarding long-term bridge planning and that Council approve Option 4 of the report and appoint Tulloch Engineering as the engineer for bridge work to be done in 2015 and 2016. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Remuneration and expenses paid to Council for 2014. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township approve a donation in the amount of \$200.00 to The Salvation Army. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve payment of the invoice submitted by Russell, Christie LLP in the amount of \$4,701.72. Carried

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Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve payment of Invoice No. 470657 submitted by Planscape in the amount of \$766.71. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:58 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled for March 10, 2015. Carried

Original Signed by Reeve MacPhail

REEVE

Original Signed by Wendy Whitwell

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR