

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

July 14, 2015

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Marina Hammond, and Pat Hayes; Delegations, David Gray, Economic Development Officer; Amy Tilley, Landfill Administrator; Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor; Guest, Robert Miller, Municipal Land Use and Planner; Attendees, Marie Stitt and Debbie Reynolds; Staff, Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator, and John Theriault, Treasurer.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular meeting held on June 23, 2015 were approved as circulated.

CLOSED SESSION:

Moved into closed session at 6:01 p.m. as per Section 239(2)(c) of the *Municipal Act*, proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Moved out of closed session at 7:04 p.m.

Direction was provided to the Clerk in open session to schedule the required meetings.

CONFIRMATION OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

The minutes of the closed meeting held on June 23, 2015 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

David Gray, Economic Development Officer provided a report on funding opportunities and updated Council on a Northern Community Capacity Study. A meeting with Fednor is needed. David reported that he has four (4) potential programs for funding. It is a broad scope funding strategy and includes Armour, Ryerson Burk's Falls or Burk's Falls and Ryerson. David reported to Council that the deadline for the Northern Communities Investment Readiness (NCIR) water initiative has funding up to 75% with a deadline of August 2015. David Gray requested to be included in future Council meetings regarding Burk's Falls and Armour affairs.

Amy Tilley, Landfill Administrator provided an administrator's report updating Council on activities occurring at the landfill. The wells that were installed at the landfill on July 13, 2015 are being monitored. A project number has been assigned by the Continuous Improvement Fund. A draft 2016 budget presentation to the TRI Council is expected on September 8, 2015. A report will be provided to Council in August 2015 regarding the operating face of the landfill and how to comply with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change report on landfill monitoring (Certificate of Approval A521003). A report was provided to Council regarding Municipal payments for the 2015 Blue Box Steward obligation. The Township of Armour will receive \$56,930 from the Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) in 2015. Amy Tilley, CEMC Administrator also reported on the CEMC meeting dated June 26, 2015 and provided a report to Council regarding the status of the Emergency Response Plan. An action plan has been created to minimize expense to the municipalities with identified elements of review. A meeting will be scheduled for September 15, 2015 with the Reeve, Clerk Administrator and CEMC Co-ordinators. A letter from the Village of Burk's Falls was reviewed by Council indicating the non-support of a clear garbage bag program. Council approved by resolution to move forward with an amendment to the Waste Management By-law, effective January 1, 2016. The matter will be discussed at the next Tri Council Meeting.

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor reported that all road sealing operations have been completed for 2015. Three Mile Lake Road construction was discussed. Concerns were expressed over lack of flaggers but determined that staffing was to OPSD standards. The office has received numerous complaints about the dust and roughness of the roadway. Chloride products are not desirable within 30 days of

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surface treatment. Debbie Reynolds voiced concerns over the dust and rough wash boarding of the pulverized Three Mile Lake Road. Council was updated on the Pine Lane site meeting regarding rocks in the ditch bordering the McIntyre property. MTO refused to take action on the matter. A site meeting will take place on July 15, 2015 at the Pine Lane property with MTO, Marina Hammond, Jerry Brandt, Keith McCoy and John Theriault. Road side mowing will be completed by Harvey Mulligan for 2015. Grader operating training will be provided to staff in preparation of Dave McIntyre's retirement. A Children Playing sign has been requested for Pickerel & Jack Lake Road. Council reviewed and approved the Doe Lake Bridge Replacement information and draft tender package by resolution.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

The list of accounts for July 2015 were approved by resolution.

APPLICATION(S): None

BY-LAWS: None

REPORTS:

John Theriault, Treasurer provided a written report on the Burk's Falls & District Museum expansion. A resolution was supported by Council to approve a donation in the amount of \$6,250 and to issue a landfill pass to the Watt Farmhouse Museum.

Melinda Torrance, Deputy Clerk reported on the road allowance of Lot 10 & 11, Concession 2. Council supported by resolution to approve that Albert and Marie Pridham be granted permission to cross over the unopened road allowance.

Wendy Whitwell, Clerk Administrator reported on the four bridge replacements. A public meeting has been requested for August 12 or 13, 2015 at the Katrine Community Centre by the engineers regarding an environmental assessment. Council advised that either date will work. Council was reminded that the next Tri Council meeting is August 24, 2015 and is being hosted by the Township of Armour.

Community Economic Development, Branding Committee, highlights of meeting provided in report.

Fire Chiefs July 2015 report was provided for review.

Historical Society, no report.

Planning, no report, meeting was cancelled.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from the OPP informing that effective June 29, 2015 Superintendent MM Marc Bedard will assume the role of Commander of the Municipal Policing Bureau.

An invitation to Council from the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church inviting Council to celebrate the 26th anniversary of the "Kirkin O' the Tartan" (Scottish celebration) on July 26, 2015.

A request to support a resolution from the Huntsville Town Council regarding local hospital services and petitioning the Legislative Assembly of Ontario was approved by resolution.

A letter from Independent Electricity System Operator providing notice of a public community meeting for a solar project proposal under the large renewable procurement at 261 Hwy 520, Ryerson on July 20, 2015 at 9 Mary Street, Burk's Falls at 7:00 pm.

A letter from AMO in response to the Township of Armour's resolution pertaining to the sale of Hydro One.

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A request from the Katrine Community Centre was supported by resolution to acknowledge the Summer Funfest on August 15, 2015 as a community event.

Request of donation from Almaguin Anglers Association was supported by resolution.

A letter from the Ministry of Energy to update on the initiatives the Ontario Government is taking to give municipalities more information and control around local energy planning.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Township of Ryerson resolution regarding joint fire services was discussed. Resolution was passed by Council to work in principle with surrounding municipalities to establish a committee regardless of the position taken by the Township of Ryerson.

Canada Post responded to the placement concern of the community mailboxes at the Katrine Community Centre. Canada Post will attempt to find another location to install the mailboxes since Council has requested that they be removed and relocated before the 2015-2016 winter season.

NEW BUSINESS:

A draft council newsletter for fall 2015 was reviewed. A resolution was passed approving the newsletter along with the fire department's flyer insert.

List of correspondence received and not on agenda was provided for review.

RESOLUTIONS:

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 June 23, 2015, 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 6:01 p.m. as per Section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act, proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn and move out of closed session at 7:04 p.m. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, Whereas the Council of the Township of Armour is responsible for the administration and operation of the Tri Communal Landfill Site on behalf of the Townships of Ryerson, Armour and the Village of Burk's Falls; Whereas the Tri Communal Landfill site is currently operating under an emergency certificate of approval # A521003 which estimates closure of the landfilling operation by the end of 2017; Whereas the Council of the Township of Armour recognize the importance of diverting all possible recyclables and hazardous waste from the landfill site; Whereas the Council of the Township of Armour acknowledge the loss of revenue and increased landfill costs when recyclable materials are deposited in the landfill rather than recycled; Whereas the Council of the Township of Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls discussed the need to increase the diversion of recyclables and hazardous waste at the January and April 2015 Tri Council meetings and agreed to implement a clear bag policy effective January 2016; Now Therefore the Council of the Township of Armour will move forward with an amendment to the Waste Management By-law, effective January 1, 2016, to implement a policy that clear bags only will be accepted at the Tri Communal landfill site. During the first six months of this program staff will work to educate any residence who do not comply with the new by-law. Effective July 1, 2016 garbage bags which are not in compliance will be rejected and not accepted at the Tri Communal landfill site. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Patrick Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour have reviewed and approved the tender package for the replacement of the Doe Lake Bridge. Carried

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Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the July 2015 accounts, in the amount of \$759,850.22 for payment, and the Reeve and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marina Hammond, That the staff report from the Treasurer dated July 14, 2015, regarding the Burk's Falls & District Museum Expansion be received and that Council approve a donation, in the amount of \$ 6,250.00 to the Historical Society to support this project and approve the issuance of a landfill pass to the Watt Farm Museum. Furthermore, that the donation be charged to the Historical Society/Museum budget account 16-770. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Patrick Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby grant permission to Albert and Marie Pridham to cross over the unopened road allowance between Lots 10 & 11, Concession 2 in the Township of Armour. Carried

Moved by Patrick Hayes, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, Whereas: The provision of a full range of core hospital services, including acute care inpatient, emergency, diagnostic and surgical services, at both the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital and the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge by Muskoka Algonquin Hospital (MAHC) is vital for all of the communities in the entire MAHC catchment area including Algonquin Provincial Park; And Whereas: The continued delivery of those core hospital services at both the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital is crucial to the long-term sustainability and economic vitality of the two communities and the entire MAHC catchment area including Algonquin Provincial Park; And Whereas: The residents of Huntsville, Almaguin Highlands, Bracebridge and the other communities in the MAHC catchment area have strongly supported multi-site delivery of a full range of core hospital services, including acute care inpatient, emergency, diagnostic and surgical services, at both the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge and the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital; And Whereas: Contrary to the wishes of the people of the entire MAHC catchment area, the Board of Directors of Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare has approved the "one hospital model" as the preferred model for hospital service delivery in the future; Now Therefore The Council of the Township of Armour petitions the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: (1) That the Province of Ontario ensure that a full range of core hospital services, including acute care inpatient, emergency, diagnostic and surgical services, are maintained on a multi-site basis at both the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital and the South Muskoka Hospital in Bracebridge; (2) That the Province of Ontario ensure that the changes to Ontario's health care delivery system currently being implemented do not negatively impact access to services and the quality of care in Bracebridge, Huntsville, Almaguin Highlands, and the entire MAHC catchment area, including Algonquin Provincial Park; (3) That the Province of Ontario ensure that the changes to the Ontario's health care delivery system currently being implemented recognize the unique and important role that smaller hospitals, such as the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital and the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital have in promoting economic development and creating sustainable communities in Ontario; And Further That: This resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the AMO Small Urban Caucus, the AMO Rural Caucus, MPP Norm Miller, Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, The Liberal Party of Ontario, the New Democratic Party of Ontario, the Green Party of Ontario and the municipalities in the MAHC catchment area including Almaguin Highlands; And Further That: This resolution be circulated to the public in a Petition to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour acknowledge the Summer Funfest at the Katrine Community Centre on August 15, 2015 as a community festival event. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Patrick Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby authorize a donation in the amount of \$100 to the

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Almaguin Anglers Association in support of the 16th annual Kid's Fishing Derby scheduled for August 2, 2015, Doe Lake. Carried

Moved by Patrick Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, Whereas the Township of Armour passed Resolution #6 on June 6, 2015 and agreed in principle to work with surrounding municipalities to establish a committee in order to draft a Memorandum of Understanding for the development of a Fire location/services study; Whereas the Township of Armour has received and reviewed Resolution #2 passed by the Township of Ryerson dated June 16, 2015 regarding consideration of the expansion of the existing automatic aid agreements; Now Therefore the Township of Armour confirm their commitment to work with surrounding municipalities to establish a committee to move forward with a Memorandum of Understanding for the development of a Fire location/services study regardless of the position taken by the Township of Ryerson. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the 2015 Draft Fall Newsletter along with the Burk's Falls & District Fire Department's Flyer insert for distribution with the Final Tax Billing. Carried

Moved by Patrick Hayes, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:35 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for July 28, 2015, or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

Original Signed by Bob MacPhail
REEVE

Original Signed by Wendy Whitwell
CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR