

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

February 11, 2014

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Marty Corcoran, Pat Hayes; Delegations, Barb Marlow & Judy Edwards, Winterfest, Brian Nault, Keith McCoy, Road Supervisor; Staff, Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator, Melinda Torrance, Deputy Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 28, 2014 were approved as amended.

The minutes of the closed meeting held on January 28, 2014 were approved by resolution.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

- Barb Marlow and Judy Edwards, reported on the success of the 2014 Winterfest and a thank you to council for their continued support. A financial statement for the event was also provided to council for review.
- Brian Nault, attended council seeking approval to build and operate a secure greenhouse located at 59 North Pickerel Lake Road. The purpose of which is produce marihuana for medical purposes complying with Health Canada Regulations. A resolution agreeing in principle to the proposal and subject to conditions was passed.
- Keith McCoy, Road Supervisor attended council to provide an update on the current conditions of the grader and the deteriorating box on Truck 1. Keith proposed for council's consideration to refurbish the box on Truck 1 and to research grader options. Council directed Keith to repair the truck box and to explore other options.

ACCOUNTS:

- road accounts voucher #2-2014 was approved by resolution
- general accounts voucher #2-2014 was approved by resolution
- Tri R accounts voucher #2-2014 was approved by resolution

BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Council rescinded resolution no. 29 dated January 14, 2014 for a donation in the amount of \$600 to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. A resolution was passed authorizing a donation to the school for the "Seats for Success" campaign.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #11-2014, to update the Municipal Accessibility Plan, was read a first, second and third time.

By-law #12-2014, to authorize the appointment of a Weed Inspector, Livestock Valuator and Fence Viewer, was read a first, second and third time.

By-law #13-2014, to establish a Fire Department, was deferred.

By-law #14-2014, to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief for the Burk's Falls & District Fire Department, was read a first, second and third time.

REPORTS:

- Tri R, Bob & Pat reported.
- Regional Training Officer, Bob reported that there were 6 submissions to the Request for Proposal of a regional training officer. The 3 lowest tenders will be invited to do a half hour presentation.
- AHHC, Jerry reported that a new van will be available to transport seniors to appointments, treatments, etc. and to contact Eastholme to book this service.
- Planning Board, Bob reported.

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- South Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee, Wendy & Rod reported. BAR Investment Readiness minutes were also provided. The Community Development Officer has prepared a survey that will go out with the interim tax billing and was approved by resolution.
- A staff report for grounds keeping services was provided to council for review. Included with the report was a request for additions or deletions to the list of duties and responsibilities. Council supported the idea to extend services for an additional year and directed staff to amend the Application Form to include this provision.
- Building report was provided to council for review.
- Pat updated council on the Burk's Falls theatre projector and the efforts that are still ongoing to update the equipment. Pat has also volunteered to attend a meeting with representatives from the community bus service.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A motion from the Village of South River regarding Grade 7 & 8 students being enrolled in Almaguin Highlands Secondary School was supported by resolution.
- Invitation to attend the Northeastern Fire Education Conference March 20-23, 2014 will be brought back at the next council meeting.
- Department of Finance Canada announces 2014 automobile deduction limits and expense benefit rates for business.
- An invitation was extended to council to attend the next Steering Committee meeting being held on February 27, 2014 at the Burk's Falls Memorial Arena.
- 2014 FONOM / MMAH Northeastern Municipal Conference is being held on May 7 – 9, 2014.
- LAS announces 2014 Information / Education seminars are available for municipal staff and elected officials.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- An update from the Village of Burk's Falls regarding shared services was provided to council.
- An interim statement of account from Russell, Christie, LLP was approved for payment by resolution.
- AMO President's Letter to OPP Policing Municipalities announcing that the AMO Board approved the creation of a new OPP Billing Steering Committee to achieve a billing model that municipalities can live with. In addition, a resolution was passed for the Province of Ontario to take back policing responsibility for municipalities with less than 5,000 population.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Northern Disposal & Sanitation offered to provide a waste disposal container during Pitch in Week. Council has decided to not have a container this year however will consider it in the future.
- The Spring 2014 council newsletter was reviewed, amended and approved by resolution and will be included with the interim tax bills.
- A notification from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board set out the 2013 honorariums and expenses and supported by resolution.
- Grant Thornton submitted their Report to Council on initial communication and audit planning.

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- The Town of Kearney provided a Notice of open house for their 5 year review of the Official Plan.
- Councillor Bruce Campbell of the Village of Burk's Falls requested support from Armour Township regarding the state of the Armstrong Bridge. A resolution was passed in support of their efforts.
- An AMO update was provided regarding the OPP Billing Steering Committee and listed the representatives who will be sitting on this committee.
- List of correspondence received, not on agenda was provided to council.

CLOSED SESSION:

Moved into closed session at 10:33 p.m.

Moved out of closed session at 10:48 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 28, 2014, as amended. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour agree in principle to the proposed use on the property located in Concession 12, Part Lot 8, 59 North Pickerel Lake Road for the production of marihuana for medical purposes complying with the new Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations (MMPR), subject to the following conditions:
 - Zoning by-law amendment to remove Holding (H) zone
 - Site Plan Agreement must be entered into by the proponent and approved by Council
 - All provincial and federal legislation, including Health Canada requirements must be complied with. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve Road Accounts Voucher #2-2014, in the amount of \$ 36,490.16 for payment, and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve General Accounts Voucher #2-2014, in the amount of \$ 111,501.48 for payment, and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve Tri R Waste Management Accounts Voucher #2-2014, in the amount of \$ 16,697.58 for payment, and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby rescind resolution no. 29 dated January 14, 2014 regarding Northern Ontario School of Medicine donation. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby authorize a donation in the amount of \$60.00 to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) "Seats for Success" campaign. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That leave be given to introduce a bill #11-2014 being a By-law to update the Municipal Accessibility Plan. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That By-law #11-2014 be read a second time. Carried

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- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That By-law #11-2014 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 11th day of February, 2014. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That leave be given to introduce a bill #12-2014 being a By-law to authorize the appointment of a Weed Inspector, Livestock Valuator and Fence Viewer. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That By-law #12-2014 be read a second time. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That By-law #12-2014 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 11th day of February, 2014. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That leave be given to introduce a bill #14-2014 being a By-law to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief for the Burk's Falls and District Fire Department. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That By-law #14-2014 be read a second time. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That By-law #14-2014 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 11th day of February, 2014. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the Burk's Falls, Armour and Ryerson Community/Economic Development Survey to be circulated with the 2014 Spring Tax Bills. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, Whereas the Council of the Township of Armour has concerns regarding enrolling Grade 7 & 8 students in the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School; and Whereas it is not appropriate for Grade 7 & 8 students to attend a high school because there is such a broad range of age, interest and social development; and

Whereas there would be a broad range in age, interests and social development skills if the Grade 7 & 8 students were placed at AHSS. This would present a far more detailed set of considerations to be made for adequate programme planning and delivery to meet the needs of every student. Younger students would also require more supervision in a number of activities; and

Whereas if the Grade 7 & 8 students were to remain in their home community school they could be given far more age appropriate opportunities to assume and develop a sense of responsibility and leadership skills within the overall school program and within the local community in a variety of school-community projects; and

Whereas AHSS was designed to accommodate and support a Secondary School Program with its' needs for specialized staff, facilities and equipment that are not fully required for Grade 7 & 8 students. The ability to provide for appropriate teaching and activity space for all students attending AHSS would be greatly compromised with the transfer of Grade 7 & 8 students into the school; and

Whereas there are five Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 Elementary Schools presently operating in our area of the Near North Board to the satisfaction of all involved with these community based schools. Similarly it would appear that returning the Grade 7 & 8 students to their home community school would be widely received in a positive manner by parents and the general public; and

Whereas the Near North District School Board wishes to reduce student transportation costs; and

Whereas other methods need to be explored to increase the enrollment at Almaguin Highlands Secondary School;

Now Therefore the Council of the Township of Armour does hereby request the future Grade 7 & 8 students attend their home community schools. Carried

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- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the invoice submitted by Russell, Christie, LLP in the amount of \$1,334.02 for payment, and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheque for same. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, Whereas municipalities have been legislated to provide police services;

And Whereas municipalities have been paying inequitable costs for policing services;

And Whereas the Ontario Provincial Police have developed a model for billing their services to municipalities;

And Whereas there are a number of small municipalities who disagree with this funding model and do not believe that they will be beneficiaries of any proposed billing model;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Province of Ontario take back the responsibility for policing small municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the 2014 Draft Spring Council Newsletter, as amended. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby acknowledge receipt of notification from DSAB regarding the total Honorariums and Expenses for our representatives who are members on this Board. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby acknowledge receipt of the Grant Thornton Report to council for the year ended December 31, 2013 and being received at the Township of Armour municipal office on January 10, 2014. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, Whereas the bridge on Highway 520, Burk's Falls known locally as the Armstrong Bridge, circa 1938, has been part of the Connecting Links program, but recently downloaded to the Village of Burk's Falls,

Whereas Wills Engineering, contracted by the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls in 2013 to complete a bridge assessment has indicated that a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 of repairs are needed to the Armstrong Bridge,

Whereas the Council of the Township of Armour believe this bridge provides a vital link in the Almaguin Highlands to communities north, east and west of Burk's Falls,

Whereas this bridge is an integral part of an alternative route for Highway 11 in the event of a Highway 11 closure,

Now therefore the Council of the Township of Armour share in the concern expressed by the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls and support their endeavours to secure funding from the Province of Ontario for repairs to the Armstrong Bridge. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 10:33 p.m. as per Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees. Carried

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- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move out of closed session at 10:48 p.m. Carried

- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the closed session held January 28, 2014, as circulated. Carried

- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby accept the 2014 wage and contract proposal, dated January 15, 2014, submitted by James Mahoney for By-law Enforcement services for one year. Carried

- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:50 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for February 25, 2014, or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

REEVE

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR