

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

February 25, 2014

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Marty Corcoran, Pat Hayes, Jerry Brandt was absent; Guests, Ken Mashinter; 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 February 11, 2014 were approved as amended.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS: None

APPLICATIONS:

- Application for Re-zoning, Mashinter, Con. 13, Lot 10 was approved by resolution.
- Application for a Lottery Licence submitted by the Holy Spirit Church was approved by resolution.
- Application for a Lottery Licence submitted by the Katrine Community Centre was approved by resolution.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #15-2014, to confirm the proceedings of council at its January meetings, was read a first, second and third time.

REPORTS:

- Library, Rod reported.
- Arena, Pat reported.
- Fire, Bob reported and the Fire budget was approved by resolution.
- Reeve MacPhail will be participating in the Katrine Winter Karnival being held on February 28 - March 2, 2014.
- Economic Development, Wendy and Rod reported on the presentation regarding the draft Investment Readiness Plan.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Request from the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria that the province consider the costs associated with mandatory on-site septic system inspections was supported by resolution.
- Request from the Town of Arnprior to support a resolution that will encourage the Ontario government to not approve any further increases for electricity was supported by resolution.
- Request for council's support from the Lupus Foundation of Ontario to increase awareness of this disease and to designate October as Lupus Awareness Month and May 10, 2014 be designated as World Lupus Day were approved by resolution.
- An update from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board regarding the Child Care Modernization Act and proposed amendment to the Education Act was supported by resolution.
- Request for donation from the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society was approved by resolution.
- An article from a concerned ratepayer on solar farms was presented and reviewed by council, the Clerk was directed to respond.
- The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services announced that Ontario became the first province to require the retrofit of automatic sprinklers in all vulnerable occupancies.

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- AMO provided information outlining recent developments in joint and several liability for municipalities.
- AMO sent out a notice that the Prime Minister announced additional Building Canada Fund details.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A letter of request from the Village of Burk's Falls to support efforts for the theatre digital projector project. Two resolutions were passed to support this project.
- A staff report regarding mileage rates was provided to council for review and there will be no changes for 2014.
- A resolution was passed naming members from Armour's council who will sit on the shared services working group.
- Northeastern Fire Education Conference, no one will be able to attend this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A staff report was provided to council regarding the Green Energy Act and that staff have been working on a plan to ensure compliance with the legislation as well as how the Township can be effective in energy management. A resolution was passed committing to the promotion of responsible energy management.
- Council passed a resolution to support establishing a joint compliance audit committee for the 2014 municipal election.
- An invoice and quote was provided from Preston Heating for work that was done at the Katrine Community Centre, council approved payment of the invoice.
- List of correspondence received, not on agenda was provided to council.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 11, 2014, as circulated. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for a Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Ken & Janet Mashinter regarding Lot 10, Concession 13, 186 North Pickerel Lake Road and direct the municipal planner to prepare the by-law. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize the issuance of a raffle lottery licence to the Holy Spirit Church, for a draw to be held on October 5, 2014, cost of licence of \$5.00. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize the issuance of a raffle lottery licence to the Katrine Community Centre Club, for a draw to be held on March 2, 2014, cost of licence of \$5.00. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That leave be given to introduce a bill #15-2014 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its January meetings. Carried

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- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That By-law #15-2014 be read a second time. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That By-law #15-2014 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 25th day of February, 2014. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the 2014 Burk's Falls and District Fire Department budget totalling \$428,218.00, Armour's share being (46%) \$196,980.28. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, **WHEREAS** the provincial government regularly make sweeping regulations and policies without giving appropriate consideration to specific locations or the effects on smaller municipalities and the rights of individuals;

AND WHEREAS government regulations now control and limit many property owner rights and privileges restricting more and more as time goes on;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Armour does recognize that legislation is required to protect the environment from some who may not maintain their properties appropriately;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council does hereby lobby the provincial government to stop the process of mandatory on-site septic system inspections and to continue to only require them in known vulnerable areas adjacent to source water areas;

AND FURTHER THAT should regular and routine inspections become mandatory across the province that the province builds into any regulation the corresponding funding to compensate property owners and the small municipalities who cannot continue to rely on the property tax base to meet the constant downloading of responsibility without equivalent funding. Carried

- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, **WHEREAS** the Council of the Township of Armour recognizes that increased electricity rates are challenging for the economic competitiveness of the Township of Armour and its residents;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Armour encourages the Government of Ontario to ensure that our electricity rates both in the short and long-term, allow our businesses to remain competitive in a global environment and ensure that the vulnerable residents of our communities are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates;

AND WHEREAS it is estimated that electricity costs will increase by approximately 50% within the next five years:

AND WHEREAS an increase in electricity rates by the Ontario Energy Board will exacerbate an existing problem for industry and consumers with low or fixed incomes in Armour;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour urges in the strongest possible way that the Government of Ontario ensures that electricity rates both in the short and long-term, allow our businesses to remain competitive in a global environment and ensure that the vulnerable residents of our community are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates. Carried

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- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour proclaim May 10, 2014 as “World Lupus Day” and that October 2014 is hereby designated as “October is Lupus Awareness Month” in the Township of Armour during which lupus organizations around the globe call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programs for health professionals, patients and the public and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, **THAT** the Child Care Modernization Act has been introduced and includes the provision for extended day programming for 6-12 year olds for those schools that meet minimum numbers; and

THAT in small rural schools, access to programming continues to be a challenge as schools and third party operators are able to opt out of extended day programming;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Education amend the CCMA to ensure that School Boards are required to provide extended day programming for children ages 4-12 in all schools, regardless of minimum numbers of students so that parents and families have equal access to services in line with the vision of a seamless education experience for 4-12 year olds. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize a donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 to the Armour, Ryerson and Burk’s Falls Agricultural Society for the year 2014. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support the Village of Burk’s Falls to apply for the RED Fund to rehabilitate the digital theatre projector. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize a donation in the amount of \$10,000 to provide financial support for the Burk’s Falls digital projector project subject to the following conditions:
 - That the Village of Burk’s Falls is successful in receiving funding for this project to be implemented in 2014; and
 - That the Township of Armour will receive a refund of an excess portion of this donation that is not required. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby appoint Bob MacPhail and Rod Blakelock from Armour Council to be members on the Shared Services Working Group. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour is committed to the promotion of responsible energy management, through the implementation of economically viable energy efficiencies and environmental care throughout all facilities and equipment. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, **WHEREAS** Section 81.1 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* requires a council shall, before October 1 of an election year, establish a compliance audit committee;

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AND WHEREAS economies of scale shall be realized by participating municipalities through the establishment of a Joint Compliance Audit Committee;

AND WHEREAS the important role of the Almaguin Clerk's Group in facilitating this joint initiative, and subsequent cost savings to each municipality is recognized;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Armour deems it necessary to enter into an agreement with other interested municipalities to appoint a Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2014 election and subsequent term thereafter ending on November 30, 2018. Carried

- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:28 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for March 11, 2014, or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

REEVE

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR