

**THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR**

**MINUTES**

May 13, 2014

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, May 13th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Jerry Brandt, Rod Blakelock, Marty Corcoran. Councillor Hayes was absent; Delegations, George Dingman; Keith McCoy, Road Supervisor, Leanne Crozier, Treasurer Guests, Robert Miller, Marina Hammond; Staff, Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the regular meeting held on April 22, 2014 and the public meeting held on April 22, 2014 were approved as circulated.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None

**DELEGATIONS:**

- George Dingman, attended to discuss his concerns regarding the Terra North Construction contract and his concerns with the wear and tear on Armour's recently re-surfaced roads. George also discussed the need to budget for improvement and resurfacing of Pevensey Road. George was thanked for bringing his concerns to council's attention.
  
- Leanne Crozier, Treasurer attended to review the final draft of the 2014 budget. Leanne highlighted the changes from the previous draft. This budget represents an average 2.5% increase in the residential tax rate. The public meeting is scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. A resolution was passed to accept the final draft as presented and prepare the required by-laws.

Council reviewed a staff report prepared by the Treasurer for the following:

- RBC banking service agreement, accepted by resolution
- Armour office parking lot upgrade, proposals for engineering services, accepted proposal submitted by Tulloch Engineering.

Keith McCoy, Road Supervisor attending to discuss the following:

- Staff report, update on road department items
- Road accounts were reviewed and approved by resolution
- Council questioned if funds might be available to start work on Pevensey Road in 2014
- Availability of reclaimed asphalt for a very reasonable price
- Haul route for the Terra North construction project
- Areas to be ditched this summer

**BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:** None

**ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:**

- road accounts voucher #5-2014 was approved by resolution
- general accounts voucher #5-2014 was approved by resolution
- Tri R waste management accounts voucher #5-2014 was approved by resolution

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### BY-LAWS:

By-law #22-2014, being a by-law to execute the Municipal Funding Agreement for the transfer of Federal Gas Tax Funds was read a first, second and third time.

By-law #23-2014, being a by-law to adopt a workplace harassment policy and program was read a first, second and third time.

By-law #24-2014, being a by-law to adopt a workplace violence policy and program was read a first, second and third time.

### REPORTS:

- Steering Committee, Jerry reported on tour of Eastholme
- District Municipal Association Meeting, Jerry and Marty reported
- Tri R, Bob reported
- CDO, Economic Development, the Clerk reported
- Planning Board, Bob reported
- Blue Sky Development, Jerry reported

### CORRESPONDENCE:

- Almaguin Highlands Secondary School, Graduation Awards Program donation request was supported by resolution.
- Katrine Family Baseball, notification of annual baseball tournament to be held July 4 – 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Katrine Community Centre. A resolution in support was passed.
- Township of Muskoka Lakes, resolution regarding concerns with the Terenet and Land Titles Electronic Registry System in Ontario. A resolution in support was passed.
- The Beer Store, correspondence regarding proposed changes to sale of alcohol in Ontario.
- FONOM, information regarding the support of the spring bear hunt pilot project.
- OGRA, 2014-2015 Ontario Budget
- Barriston, LLP, information regarding the objections of the Horn Lake Property Owners Association to the establishment of a medical marijuana grow operation at 141 North Horn Lake Road.
- Clinton Shane Ekdahl, Founder of the “Day of the Honey Bee” and request for support of a resolution to declare May 29<sup>th</sup>, as the “Day of the Honey Bee”, resolution of support was passed.
- Central Algoma Joint Disaster Relief Committee, request for donation, No support was given.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Staff report, Dobbs beach memorial. A resolution was passed to accept the offer from Brown’s Quarry.
- Robert J Miller, letter regarding Tang Wei Site Plan Agreement
- Tulloch Engineering, report on peer review, Tang Wei Site Plan, the clerk will forward this information to interested parties.
- Municipality of East Ferris, request for support to appoint Mayor, Bill Vrebosch to the Provincial Future of Policing Advisory Committee. A resolution in support was passed.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Superior Events Group Inc. Contract for rides for the fall fair was reviewed and approved by resolution.
- Ontario Good Road Association, notification of excess funds for the Minimum Maintenance Standards Litigation Reserve Account. A resolution was passed requesting return of the excess funds.
- List of correspondence received, not on agenda.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Resolution passed to move into closed session at 9:37 p.m.

Resolution passed to move out of closed session at 10:58 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 22, 2014, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the public meeting held on April 22, 2014 as circulated.

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the final 2014 municipal budget a presented, dated May 13, 2014 and request the Treasurer to prepare the required taxation by-laws. Carried

Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize the Reeve to sign the RBC Banking Service Agreement and that the term of the contract will be for five years. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby accept the estimated provided by Tulloch Engineering for engineering services for drainage and site improvement plan for the municipal office parking lot. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve Road Accounts Voucher # 5-2014, in the amount of \$ 14,187.65 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 # 5-2014, in the amount of \$112,424.02 for payment, and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brand, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve Tri R Waste Management Accounts Voucher #5-2014, in the amount of \$23,563.67 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 leave be given to introduce bill # 22-2014 being a by-law to execute the Municipal Funding Agreement for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Funds. Carried

Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That by-law # 22-2014 be read a second time. Carried

Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That By-law # 22-2014 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014. Carried

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**RESOLUTIONS: Continued**

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That leave be given to introduce bill # 23-2014 being a by-law to adopt a workplace harassment policy and program. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That by-law # 23-2014 be read a second time. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That by-law # 23-2014 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That leave be given to introduce bill # 24-2014 being a by-law to adopt a workplace violence policy and program. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That by-law # 24-2014 be read a third time. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That By-law # 24-2014 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve a donation in the amount of \$ 100.00 to the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School for the Graduation Awards Program. Carried

Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour recognize that the Katrine Family Baseball Club will be holding their annual Baseball Tournament on July 4,5 and 6 and is considered to be a community event. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, Whereas the Township of Armour wishes to express serious concern with Teranet and the Land Titles Registry System in Ontario, specifically as it relates to errors that were made when the paper based land registration system was converted to the electronic system;

And Whereas the Township of Armour has been made aware of errors and omissions that are prevalent throughout the Province, especially with respect to rights-of-way and land ownership in cottage country;

And Whereas the cost to landowners to rectify these errors can be expensive, take significant amount of time, and result in undue hardship;

And Whereas municipalities are burdened with the processing of increased consent applications before the Committee of Adjustment to correct errors and omissions;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Ministry of Government Services be advised that the Land Titles Electronic System contains numerous errors and should be corrected forthwith at the sole expense of the Ministry;

And Further that the Ministry of Government Services develop a funding model to ensure that the landowners are not negatively affected by the need for title corrections noted above. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, Whereas Clinton Shane Ekdahn has applied to Council to proclaim May 20, 2014 as Day of the Honey Bee and that this day serves the broader public interest;

And Whereas a third of all the food Mankind consumes exist because of the tireless work of Honey Bees and 70 percent of our food crops are pollinated and partially, if not completely, dependent upon this keystone species;

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And Whereas Honey Bees are disappearing at alarming and unsustainable rates all over the world for reasons not fully explained by science, but with the most likely cause being pesticides;

And Whereas the survival of the Honey Bee is surely linked with our own;

And Whereas this issue transcends all trivial human barriers of nationality, language, skin colour, income, identify, ability, disability, sexuality, gender, religion, age, politics or membership;

And Whereas 328 jurisdictions representing 30 percent of Canadians have already endeavoured to support "Day of the Honey Bee";

Now Therefore the Council of the Township of Armour do hereby declare May 29, 2014 as "Day of the Honey Bee" and in issuing this proclamation, ask our citizens to recognize this day. Carried

Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby authorize Bill Vrebosch to be appointed to the Future of Policing Advisory Committee as a representative for the 193 municipalities that have less than 5,000 population regarding the OPP Billing Model. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve payment of Invoice # 14179 -1 in the amount of \$ 3,825.05 for rides being provided at the 2014 Fall Fair, cost to be shared equally with the Village of Burk's Falls. Carried

Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour would like OGRA to refund Armour Township the remaining \$ 501.00 share of the MMS Litigation Reserve. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 9:37 p.m. as per Section 239(2)(b)(e) and (f) of the Municipal Act, personal matters about an identifiable individual; litigation or potential litigation, advise that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move out of closed session at 10:58 p.m. Carried

Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the closed session held on April 22, 2014 as circulated. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 11:00 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled for May 27, 2014, or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

Read a first, second and third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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REEVE

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CLERK ADMINISTRATOR