

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

July 22, 2014

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, July 22nd, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Marty Corcoran, Pat Hayes, Councillor Jerry Brandt was absent; Delegations Keith McCoy, Road Supervisor; Guests, Marina Hammond; Staff, Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator and Melinda Torrance, Deputy Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the regular meeting held on July 8, 2014 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the special closed meeting held on July 7, 2014 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the closed meeting held on July 8, 2014 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the special closed meeting held on July 10, 2014 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

➤ Keith McCoy, Road Supervisor provided an update on the tender document that was revised for a motor grader and that it should satisfy everybody and is all set to go. Resolution was passed to approve the revised tender document.

Keith also updated Council on the current road construction projects and advised that all resurfacing is complete. Road side mowing is to commence next week. Keith addressed the engineer's report regarding the municipal bridge evaluations and that load restrictions signs for the specified bridges have been ordered. Council have directed Keith to also place load restriction 'ahead' signs on those roads as well.

BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:

Tulloch Engineering provided their report on the Municipal Bridge Evaluations and that load limit postings have been recommended for each of the five bridges.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #34-2014, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meetings in June was read and passed.

By-law #35-2014, being a by-law to enact load restrictions on municipal bridges was read and passed.

REPORTS:

Planning, Bob reported.

CDO / Economic Development, Rod reported.

Library, Rod reported.

Arena, Pat reported.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chris Hope provided an update on the community link bus service and that they are continuing to extend this service.

The Municipality of Magnetawan passed a resolution that does not support the redeployment of EMS ambulance services, Council passed a similar resolution.

Introductory letter from Ted McMeekin as the newly appointed Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

OGRA newsletter on the major infrastructure investments and how the provincial budget has direct and immediate implications for municipal infrastructure.

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AMO calls on the province to engage in active discussion before the Accountability Act proceeds any further.

AMO provided a budget analysis of the 2014 Provincial Budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

A letter will be sent to MTO asking for trees to be re-planted on South Service Road as they provide dust and snow control. In addition, request to re-plant trees along North Pickerel Lake Road where the recent road construction is taking place will also be sought.

Invoice from Duncor Enterprises Inc. was approved by resolution.

Financial statements from the shared services are available for council to review.

A draft Joint Services Agreement was presented and discussed and will be presented at the next council meeting in by-law format.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution passed to move into closed session at 8:55 p.m.

Resolution passed to move out of closed session at 10:17 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 8, 2014, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #35-2014 being a by-law to enact load restrictions on municipal bridges 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 Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #34-2014 being a by-law to confirm the meetings of council 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 Marty Corcoran, **WHEREAS** the Town of Parry Sound assumed the governance responsibility for land ambulances services, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) as of January 1, 2001 within the District of Parry Sound;

AND WHEREAS EMS are a shared responsibility in the District of Parry Sound by means of a joint service agreement between the Town of Parry Sound and the Organized Municipalities within the District of Parry Sound;

AND WHEREAS the West Parry Sound Health Centre (WPSHC) administrates to and operates the EMS on behalf of the Town of Parry Sound and the District of Parry Sound Municipal Partners;

AND WHEREAS a Tax Levy to all Organized Member Municipalities is demanded by the Town of Parry Sound to pay for such services;

AND WHEREAS the West Parry Sound Health Centre (WPSHC) has found it necessary to discontinue their involvement in the delivery of the volunteer ambulance service to the unincorporated Argyle area and approached the Town of Parry Sound to provide EMS (a Municipal Taxed Levy service);

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AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Parry Sound has unilaterally agreed to provide, through the WSPHC, to supply and establish a manned onsite delivery ambulance service 12/7 (365) using the Municipal Taxed EMS system into the unincorporated Argyle area and with the knowledge that the unincorporated areas within the District of Parry Sound are not a signed member of the Joint Service Agreement therefore not eligible to receive a Municipal Taxed Levied manned onsite EMS system;

AND WHEREAS this decision by The Council of the Town of Parry Sound binds the District of Parry Sound Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and its Municipal Partners to all costs involved in the “redeployment” of EMS from the South River Ambulance Station into the unincorporated Argyle area;

AND WHEREAS this decision was passed without full consultation or full disclosure to the EMS Member Municipalities / Councils;

AND WHEREAS the notification of this most important “redeployment” of EMS into the unincorporated Argyle area was through a very vague news release to the member Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS “redeployment” will mean that the South River Ambulance Station will lose the 12 hour night shift (7 p.m. – 7 a.m.) and will be replaced by a 6 hour call back system (2 a.m. – 7 a.m.), leaving 6 hours (7 p.m. – 2 a.m.) with no EMS Team being deployed from the South River Station as referred to in the Town of Parry Sound ‘Background Report’ written by CAO/Clerk Rob Mens and submitted **only** to the Town of Parry Sound Council;

AND WHEREAS it will be a step back in service to return to a night time “call back EMS ambulance system” in South River as it had been proven when in use in the past, at this location, to be inefficient and costly, which resulted in the installation of a full 12 hour night shift now presently in place;

AND WHEREAS this “redeployment” of EMS assets and the delivery of the EMS system proposed to being diverted from South River to the unincorporated area of Argyle will cause harm to the now efficient delivery of EMS for the East Parry Sound area/residents;

AND WHEREAS area volunteer Fire Departments who are providing ‘First Response Medical Services’ will experience an increase in their First Response calls as a result of the shorter night shift time that is being proposed for the South River EMS Ambulance Station;

AND WHEREAS increased Fire Department budgets will be required in order to cover these extra call out costs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Armour does not support the “redeployment” of EMS ambulance services nor the downloading of associated costs arising from the “redeployment” of EMS services from the South River Station to the unincorporated area of Argyle nor the downloading of associated costs arising from the “redeployment” of EMS services;

AND FURTHER that the Town of Parry Sound rescind resolution #2014-136 and continue the EMS delivery system 24/7/365 already in place in South River;

AND FURTHER as all unincorporated areas are governed by and administered to by the Province of Ontario, therefore any and all funding required to maintain an EMS ambulance building/station and EMS manned ambulance, shall be totally paid for by the Province of Ontario;

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AND FURTHER that any associated costs referring to the establishment and delivery of an EMS, as described above, into unincorporated areas shall not be downloaded to the organized Member Municipal Partners within the Parry Sound District. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby authorize payment of invoice number 2014098, dated July 11, 2014, in the amount of \$240,726.06 submitted by Duncor Enterprises for single (Chetwynd) and double (Skyline, Oke, Doe Lake) surface treatment. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 8:55 p.m. as per Section 239(2)(b) (f) of the Municipal Act, personal matters about an identifiable individual and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. Carried

Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move out of closed session at 10:17 p.m. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the special closed session held July 7, 2014, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the closed meeting held on July 8, 2014, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the special closed session held July 10, 2014, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the 2014-06 request for tender document for the purchase of a motor grader. Carried

Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:22 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled for August 12, 2014, or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

Original Signed by Bob MacPhail
REEVE

Original Signed by Wendy Whitwell
CLERK ADMINISTRATOR