

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

June 11, 2013

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Jerry Brandt, Marty Corcoran, Rod Blakelock, Pat Hayes was absent; Delegates, Susan Church, Blue Sky, Jeff Buell, Blue Sky, Jeff Dean, CGIS, Ryan Belvedere, CGIS, Bill Allen, Sharon Beck, Dave McNay, Fire Chief Burk's Falls Fire Department; Guests, Eunice Johnston; Staff, Melinda Torrance, Deputy Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the regular meeting held on May 28, 2013 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the closed meeting held on May 14, 2013 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Susan Church and Jeff Buell from Blue Sky provided a history on their roles as facilitators for the development of technology and broadband in northern Ontario. Strategic planning and an eventual partnership with CGIS was formed to enable municipalities with the ability of maintaining information within a data management tool. Jeff Dean and Ryan Belvedere of CGIS, via web conference, updated council on the many features that CGIS has to offer and future projects currently in development. A resolution was passed reflecting a three year commitment with CGIS.

Bill Allen and Sharon Beck addressed council with their concerns of safety along First Avenue. Many suggestions were presented for council's consideration to alleviate the potential danger for anyone walking or driving along the road. Council is reviewing all viable options to reduce any present danger and direction was provided to staff to follow up on a number of issues with the Ministry of Transportation.

Fire Chief Dave McNay presented to council the need for a Regional Training Officer (RTO). Chief McNay explained the role the RTO would play regarding training and the amount of paperwork that is involved to comply with provincial legislation. Further discussions on this issue will continue to take place during the regular fire committee meetings.

ACCOUNTS:

- road accounts voucher #6-2013, was approved by resolution
- general accounts voucher #6-2013, was approved by resolution
- Tri R waste management accounts voucher #6-2013, was approved by resolution.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:

The council of the Township of Armour reviewed resolutions regarding the education of youth and the potential of schools closing in the District of Parry Sound. Council passed resolutions on this issue.

APPLICATIONS: None

BY-LAWS: None

REPORTS:

- Tri R, minutes were reviewed and Bob reported.
- Regional Training Officer, Bob reported.
- Planning, Bob reported.
- POA, Bob reported.
- Community Development Officer report, deferred to the June 25 meeting.
- Economic Development, Rod reported.
- Building report was provided and reviewed.
- RCMP musical ride, Jerry reported that the event was a success.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

- Request from the Village of Burk's Falls to participate in the cost of the fireworks that will be held for the 2013 Canada Day celebration was approved by resolution.
- Request from the Ontario Family Fishing Events to declare July 6 – 14, 2013 as Ontario Family Fishing Events was supported by resolution.
- Report on the District of Parry Sound Demographic Profile and Growth Projections using the 2011 Census of Population was provided to council for review.
- The Ontario Heritage Trust invited nominations for the 2013 Recognition Programs celebrating community efforts to preserve Ontario's heritage. Council would like to put forward a few names for these nominations and direction was provided.
- Letter from the Ministry of Energy stating that changes are developing to give municipalities a stronger role in decisions about future renewable energy development.
- AMO announced the Ontario government's renewable energy changes aimed at municipalities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Thompson (Pegg's Mountain) Rezoning Application will be deferred for discussion to the June 25th council meeting.
- Staff report regarding essentials of municipal fire protection was reviewed by council.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Draft hiring policy was reviewed and will be presented for passing by by-law at the June 25th council meeting.
- Staff report regarding a farmer's market was reviewed and direction was provided to respond to the request.
- Staff report for MTO sign requirements was reviewed.
- Staff report regarding the Tri R waste summer staffing was provided and reviewed, council approved the hiring of four students by resolution.
- Staff report provided by the Treasurer regarding the regional training officer was reviewed by council.

CLOSED SESSION:

- resolution to move into closed session at 9:38 p.m.
- resolution to move out of closed session at 10:39 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 28, 2013, 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 May 14, 2013, as circulated. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, WHEREAS the implemented shared GIS System and Service has become an essential service for our municipality in the areas of Planning, Building, Roads, General Administration, and Asset Management;
AND WHEREAS there are numerous neighbouring municipalities that make up the current Blue Sky GIS Municipal Partnership that are participating in the centralized and shared delivery of GIS services;
AND WHEREAS the shared delivery of GIS services is helping to make this technology affordable and sustainable;
AND WHEREAS the developed system and service is acting as a key risk management strategy in the areas of succession planning for key staff members;

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AND WHEREAS the developed GIS system increases the efficiency and effectiveness of day-to-day operations for data maintenance, data retrieval and Municipal decision making;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Armour agrees to a three year commitment starting October 1, 2013 with CGIS for the provision of services presented at a price of \$8,881.92 per year with CPI coming into effect year 2 & 3. Carried

- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve Road Accounts Voucher #6-2013, in the amount of \$59,062.32 for payment, and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve General Accounts Voucher #6-2013, in the amount of \$107,524.57 for payment, and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve Tri R Waste Management Accounts Voucher #6-2013, in the amount of \$28,731.45 for payment, and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, WHEREAS The Council of the Township of Armour believes the education of our youth is one of the most important issues affecting society today;

AND WHEREAS instances have occurred in the past where municipalities and their residents have not been fully consulted and heeded by the Near North District Board of Education before important decisions regarding education in the District of Parry Sound have been made;

AND WHEREAS an Accommodation Review Committee is soon to consider the educational accommodations in the jurisdiction of the former East Parry Sound Board of Education;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Armour demand that local input be sought, considered and heeded before any realignment, closures, grade change accommodations or other changes are made in the schools and transportation facilities for the area formerly covered by the East Parry Sound Board of Education. Carried

- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, WHEREAS the Near North District Board of Education has enrolled Grade 7 and 8 students in the high schools in the City of North Bay and has announced its intent to do so in the former West Parry Sound School Board area;

AND WHEREAS the introduction of Grade 7 and 8 students to Almaguin Highlands Secondary School would require changes to that building;

AND WHEREAS one of the few areas where Grade 7 and 8 students could be accommodated at the new school is in the current shop wing;

AND WHEREAS the technical courses are extremely important to secondary school students in the former East Parry Sound Board of Education area as these courses need to be available locally;

AND WHEREAS 12 and 13 year old students do not need the influences of older students entering adulthood;

AND WHEREAS the special circumstances surrounding the education of our youth in small rural communities often need to be addressed in manners unfamiliar to those who live in an urban setting;

- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Council of the Township of Armour insist on an in-depth study into the long term effects of any contemplated changes to the movement of Grade 7 and 8 students to the local high school. Any such study should be done by a group that includes majority membership from the affected communities and that the report of this study group will be forwarded to

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the appropriate Accommodation Review Committee(s) for their consideration prior to any decision regarding the accommodation of Grade 7 and 8 students being made. Carried

- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 9:38 p.m. as per Section 239 2(b)(c)(e) of the Municipal Act , personal matters about an identifiable individual, pending acquisition or disposition of land, litigation or potential litigation. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move out of closed session at 10:39 p.m. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby agree to continue our support of the Burk's Falls Canada Day celebrations and agree to a contribution of 1/3 of the cost of fireworks for the 2013 celebration. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support licence-free fishing days during July 6 – 14 and declare these dates as Ontario Family Fishing Events. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize the hiring of Jamie Hellam, Penny Etokto, Brody Mayer and Anita Melhuish in the positions of Landfill Assistants for the summer of 2013 with the exception of Jamie Hellam who will remain on a casual or as needed basis. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:59 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for June 25, 2013, or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

REEVE

CLERK