

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

October 29, 2013

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Jerry Brandt, Marty Corcoran, Pat Hayes, Rod Blakelock; Delegations, Leanne Crozier, Treasurer; Guests, Keith McCoy, Robert Miller, Jim Thurgood, Richard Jeffery, Robin Haslam, Mary Beth Hartill, Stephan Watt, Lanny Dennis, Roger Olson, John Haines, Howard Gracie, Roger Debruin, Ryan Debruin, Brian McKenna, Roger Weiland, Danielle Bullock, Dillon Maggiacomo, Linda Maggiacomo, Alice Evangelista; 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 October 8, 2013 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the public meeting held on October 8, 2013 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the closed meeting held on September 24, 2013 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the closed meeting held on October 8, 2013 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

➤ Leanne Crozier, Treasurer attended council to discuss the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund – Capital Program. There were two expressions of interest for two funding programs. Council directed the Treasurer to request 75% of funding for the capital program to be used for replacing the bridge on Doe Lake Road. A second fund is available from the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Treasurer was directed to submit an expression of interest to be used towards upgrades on Skyline Drive.

BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:

2293398 Ontario Inc., Pickerel Lake Recovery Centre, Official Plan Amendment

- Council reviewed a letter from Wayne Simpson & Associates dated October 16, 2013 wherein Mr. Simpson requested council to consider three changes be incorporated in the official plan amendment.
- Council also reviewed a letter from Robert Miller, Municipal Planner dated October 17, 2013 wherein Mr. Miller provided his professional opinion for council's review.
- A staff report including written submissions was provided to council for further consideration on the Official Plan Amendment decision.

After reviewing all the information that was provided to them, Council decided on the following items:

- The word "resort" will not be included in the amendment;
- The word "shall" will remain in a future licensing by-law agreement; and
- As recommended by a retired planner at the statutory public meeting, the word "further" be deleted in section 3 c) which would then read, "*All development of the subject lands will be under Site Plan Control pursuant to the provisions of the Planning Act.*"

BY-LAWS:

By-law #45-2013, to confirm the proceedings of council was read a first, second and third time.

By-law #46-2013, to enter into a Collection Site Operator Agreement with OES was read a first, second and third time.

By-law #47-2013, to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 2, Pickerel Lake Recovery Centre was read a first time.

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REPORTS:

- Planning, Bob reported.
- Arena, Jerry reported – Employment policy and job descriptions were reviewed and supported by resolution.
- Library, Rod reported.
- Tri Committee – Bob reported on the meeting that was held with the Township of Ryerson and Village of Burk's surrounding joint services. A new funding formula was introduced by Ryerson at the meeting and discussions will continue on committee structure, setting budgets and administration.
- Ontario Regulation 284/09 – Treasurer's report was provided to council for review.
- Munisoft is offering a free training opportunity in Strong Township. Council agreed that this is good opportunity for all staff to attend and have agreed to close the office on November 8, 2013.
- Building Permit report was provided for review.
- Blue Sky, Jerry reported.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you letter from Near North Crime Stoppers for sponsorship.
- MTO letter dated October 3, 2013 regarding the intersections at First Avenue (North and South) and Highway 520 stating that they have received Armour's letter and will be reviewing our request for assistance to upgrade those areas.
- Information on the recommendation to the Ministry of Infrastructure supported by FONOM was reviewed and supported by resolution.
- Request of support from concerned Almaguin parents coalition regarding closing elementary schools in Magnetawan and Burk's Falls was supported by resolution.
- Request of donation from the Burk's Falls Legion was approved by resolution.
- Request of donation from the Burk's Falls and District Food Bank was approved by resolution.
- A request from the District of Parry Sound Victim Crisis Assistance and Referral Service for an opportunity to discuss new services available. Reeve MacPhail has suggested that we receive brochures from this organization to be inserted with future tax bills.
- Women's Own Resource Centre is providing information on Myths and Realities of Legal Aid Ontario being held on November 14, 2013 @ The South River Machar Community Centre.
- Burk's Falls & Area Chamber of Commerce provided an update on the progress they are making implementing the Chamber.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A draft Municipal Agreement for a Regional Fire Committee was reviewed by council. Reeve MacPhail will take Armour's concerns to the next meeting.
- Request of resolution for additional expenditures was approved by resolution.
- Interim Statement of Account from Russell, Christie LLP was approved by resolution.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2014 Tri R Waste Management Budget proposal was provided to council for review.
- 2014 Arena Budget proposal was provided to council for review.
- Arena policy of employment and job descriptions was reviewed and supported by resolution.
- A request for support from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding the future of Canada Post will be brought back to the next council meeting.

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- List of correspondence received, not on agenda was provided for review.

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 October 8, 2013, as circulated. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the public meeting held on October 8, 2013, as circulated. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the closed meeting held on September 24, 2013, as circulated. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the closed meeting held on October 8, 2013, as circulated. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, Whereas the Township of Armour has reviewed the current OSIM Inspection Report submitted by Tulloch Engineering;

And Whereas Doe Lake (Bridge #2) has been identified as a priority for rehabilitation or replacement;

And Whereas the Council of the Township of Armour hereby certify that:

- The information in EOI is factually accurate.
- The municipality has a comprehensive asset management plan that includes all of the information and analysis described in *Building Together: Guide for Municipal Asset Management Plans* in place or will have one in place by December 31, 2013.
- The comprehensive asset management plan will be publicly available, including on the municipal website by May 30, 2014.
- The project put forward in this application will be completed by December 31, 2015.

Now Therefore the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support the submission of an expression of interest to the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund, Capital Program for Doe Lake Bridge, Katrine. Carried

- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, Whereas the Township of Armour has received notification of eligibility for Capacity Funding under the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$20,977.83;

And Whereas the municipality is proposing to use these funds for a small capital project which is part of the asset management plan for such things as road re-surfacing and drainage improvements;

And Whereas the Council of the Township of Armour hereby certify that:

- The information in EOI is factually accurate.
- The municipality has a comprehensive asset management plan that includes all of the information and analysis described in *Building Together: Guide for Municipal Asset Management Plans* in place or will have one in place by December 31, 2013.
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Now Therefore the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support the submission of an expression of interest to be used for such projects included in the asset management plan. Carried

- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That leave be given to introduce bill #47-2013 being a by-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 2., as amended. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for a Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Kajsa Wadhem regarding Lot 8, Concession 10, Parts 5 & 6 on 42R-18496 and direct the municipal planner to prepare the by-law. 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 2055988 Ontario Inc. regarding Lot 8, Concession 10, Parts 3 & 4 on 42R-18496 and direct the municipal planner to prepare the by-law. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for a Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by 2064770 Ontario Inc. regarding Lot 8, Concession 10, Parts 1 & 2 on 42R-18946 and direct the municipal planner to prepare the by-law. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That leave be given to introduce bill #45-2013 being a by law to confirm the proceedings of council at its meeting. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That By-law #45-2013 be read a second time. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That By-law # 45-2013 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 29th day of October, 2013. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That leave be given to introduce bill #46-2013 being a by law to enter into a Collection Site Operator Agreement with the Ontario Electronic Stewardship Corporation. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That By-law #46-2013 be read a second time. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That By-law # 46-2013 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 29th day of October, 2013. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, Whereas in the Province of Ontario's 2013 Budget announced the creation of Small, Rural & Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund (SRNMIF), with a budget of \$100 million; and

Whereas this fund was to be available October 1, 2013; and

Whereas this one-year fund could become permanent as part of the 2014 Ontario Budget; and

Whereas the Ministry of Infrastructure facilitated consultation sessions across the Province to gather input from Municipalities on their needs and the methods of disbursing the fund; and

Whereas the Township of Armour participated in the consultation session with the Ministry of Infrastructure, where it was clearly communicated by the majority of stakeholders that a per capita formula for sustainable funding was preferred over a competitive or application approach; and

Whereas the Federation of Northern Ontario supported by resolution that an eligible municipality be defined as; a population of under 100,000 or a municipality in Northern Ontario and that each eligible municipality receive \$25,000 in base funding plus a funding allocation according to their population; and

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Whereas the Premier announced on October 4th, the \$100 million fund for 013 will be allocated as follows:

1. \$25 million for 21 projects which passed the pre-screening process for the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative in 2012 but were not funded because the program was fully allocated;
2. \$71 million for applications for new projects, including applications re-submitted from the 2012 MIII; and
3. \$4 million for municipalities under 5,000 population to complete asset management plans.

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Armour ask that Premier Kathleen Wynne and Minister of Infrastructure Glenn Murray, to reconsider their approach to the allocation of year 2 and 3 of the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund, in favour of the option supported by the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities. Carried

- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, Whereas the Near North District School Board is currently undertaking a school closure process called and ARC in the Almaguin Region to close public schools in Burk's Falls and Magnetawan, turn the Grade 7 and 8 school in Burk's Falls into a Kindergarten to Grade 6 school and move Grade 7 and 8 into the new Almaguin Highlands Secondary School;

And Whereas the Near North board has yet to provide detailed plans for the moves / closures, costing on renovations and busing etc. before asking for public comments;

And Whereas their own policies and provincial regulations require them to do so;

And Whereas they are currently under a provincial investigation for the same school closure process in North Bay;

And Whereas that investigation will provide detailed actions to fix these problems;

And Whereas the provincial investigator plans to complete their report by the end of November;

And Whereas schools in rural areas are central to the economic, cultural and social well-being of the communities;

And Whereas decisions made during this process will affect the social fabric of our communities for generations to come;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Township of Armour ask the Near North board to halt the school closure consultation process until senior staff have received and adopted recommendations from the provincial investigator. Carried

- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation in the amount of \$165.00 to the Burk's Falls Royal Canadian Legion. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation in the amount of \$100.00 for the Burk's Falls & District Food Bank. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve an additional expense in the amount of \$5,774.30 to be paid to Miller Paving Ltd. on tender #2013-03 for pulverization and surface treatment. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the statement of account dated October 8, 2013 submitted by Russell, Christie, LLP in the amount of \$5,170.78. Carried

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- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Arena Policy of Employment and job descriptions. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:15 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for November 12, 2013, or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

REEVE

CLERK