

# THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

## MINUTES

November 26, 2013

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Marty Corcoran, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt; Pat Hayes was absent; Delegations, Michael Gerrits, Professional Engineer, Brad Laking, E.I.T, Tulloch Engineering, Robert Miller, Municipal Planner, Leanne Crozier, Treasurer; Guests, Willy Hollett, Tim Bryson; Staff, Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator.

### CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the regular meeting held on November 12, 2013 were approved as circulated.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None

### DELEGATIONS:

- Michael Gerrits and Brad Laking, Tulloch Engineering attended the regular council meeting to present a draft Asset Management Plan. Brad provided a power point presentation which included what an asset management plan is, why municipalities are required to have a plan and how we can use the plan to assist the municipality with financial management and long term planning and priority setting. The plan requires further financial information which will be provided after a meeting with the municipal staff. The plan will be presented to council for consideration of adoption at the next council meeting.
- Leanne Crozier, Treasurer attended to discuss the following:
  - 2014 OMPF allocation,
  - OPP Municipal policing billing proposal, two resolutions were passed. Opposing the current proposal,
  - Almaguin Recycling Initiative, resolution to accept a recommendation to change the financial audit process was passed,
  - 2014 budget, percentage to be used for shared services budgets. The Treasurer and Road Supervisor will present a draft roads budget on January 14, 2014,
- Robert Miller, Municipal Planner attended to discuss the following:
  - Municipal Planning Services for 2014, resolution supported to accept proposal for 2014 and 2015.
  - Maintenance of Armour Township Website for 2014, resolution was passed
- Tim Bryson, Bryson Forestry Services attended to discuss his concerns with receiving approval to use the un open road allowance between Lots 15 & 16, Concession 1. Tim presented council with a letter dated November 26, 2013 detailing his issues and concerns. A resolution was passed authorizing the use of the road allowance, with conditions.

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:

- rescind resolution no. 3, November 12, 2013 and new resolution provided was passed by council.
- Regional Training Officer request for proposal presented to council for input, comments received from the Township of Perry were reviewed, a resolution was passed.
- request to remove 2004 Liebherr from surplus equipment list approved by resolution.

### BY-LAWS:

- By-Law #49-2013, lease agreement for 232 North Pickerel Lake Road was read a first, second and third time.
- By-Law #50-2013 confirming the proceedings of council was read a first, second and third time.
- By-Law #51-2013 to authorize Vote by Mail for municipal elections was read a first, second and third time.

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**REPORTS:**

- Fire, Bob & Marty reported.
- Arena, Jerry reported.
- Library, Rod reported
- POA, Bob reported.
- Staff report, Holiday Season office closure supported by resolution.
- OPP 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics provided to council for review.
- Building permit report, November 2013 provided to council for review.
- Staff Report, Katrine Community Centre was discussed, direction provided to Clerk.
- Shared Services, Bob reported.
- Pickerel Lake Recovery Centre meeting held on November 20, 2013 was reported by Bob MacPhail to the rest of council.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Request to purchase a support advertisement from the Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Provincial Command was provided to council, no decision at this time, Councillor Brandt to look into this and report back to council.

Introduction of new initiative called Boot Campaign Canada was presented to council, no interest at this time.

North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit update on the main office accommodation issues.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** - None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- MIS Insurance, Building inspection schedule was reviewed and accepted by resolution.
- Linda Maurer, Burk's Falls & District Historical Society, email dated November 26, 2013 regarding the Watt homestead was reviewed. Linda Maurer will be attending a future meeting to discuss this with council.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

- resolution to move into closed session at 10:45 p.m.
- resolution to move out of closed session at 11:52 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 12, 2013, as circulated. Carried

- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, Whereas the Ontario Provincial Police are proposing a new billing model for sharing municipalities for policing services, starting in 2015;

And Whereas, the current billing model is a deployment model, in which cost recovery is based on percentage of detachment workload, actual detachment staffing levels, wages and benefits, and a cost recovery component for other expenditures, which model has been in place for over 15 years;

And Whereas, the new methodology would charge each municipality a flat \$260 per household fee for the base costs relating to providing police services, plus a variable charge for each call for service in that municipality. That rationale for this is that there is a base fixed costs for providing police services that must be borne by all participating municipalities, regardless of the number of calls for service that

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the OPP responds to in each municipality. The OPP have advised that 73% of their costs are fixed (ie. base costs) and 27% are variable;

And Whereas, the actual specifics of the costs for the calls for service have not been released or calculated, the OPP has estimated that the average cost per household in Ontario for policing services, including both the base costs and the calls for service would be approximately \$369;

And Whereas, this model would see OPP costs increase for the Township of Armour from \$183,751 (per 2012 FIR) to \$461,250 an increase of \$277,499, an increase of 151%;

And Whereas, this model is fundamentally flawed, unfair and inequitable;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Province of Ontario and Premier Wynne allows this type of unfair treatment towards rural Ontario, and this funding model must be scrapped immediately;

And Further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services, The Honourable John Gerretsen, Attorney General of Ontario, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). Carried

- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support the resolution from the Township of Sequin regarding the Ontario Provincial Police new billing model for sharing municipalities for policing services, starting in 2015;

And resolve that the Province of Ontario and Premier Wynne cannot allow this type of unfair treatment towards rural Ontario, and this funding model must be scrapped immediately. Carried

- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby accept the recommendation from the Almaguin Recycling Initiative Board and accept the change in financial statement audit process to a Review Engagement, and further accept the quote submitted by Dalene MacDonald, CGA in the amount of \$750.00. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby accept the proposal for planning services for 2014/2015 submitted by Robert J. Miller Land Use Planning, dated November 19, 2013. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby accept the proposal from On-Line Community Planning Services Ltd., dated November 19, 2013, for 2014 website maintenance. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby rescind resolution No. 3, dated November 12, 2013. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve payment of Road Accounts Voucher #11-2013, in the amount of \$71,819.08 for payment and authorize the Reeve and Treasurer to sign cheques for same. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour support, in principle, the draft Request for Proposal for training services, to be submitted to the Regional Fire Committee. Armour Township Council authorize its representatives to approve any reasonable

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changes that do not substantially alter the intent of the draft agreement that may arise at the Regional Fire Committee meeting December 5, 2013. Carried

- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby remove the 2004 Liebherr 904 Excavator from the surplus equipment list. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That leave be given to introduce a bill #49-2013 being a by-law to enter into a lease agreement for 232 North Pickerel Lake Road with Hans and Eleanor Junger. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That By-law #49-2013 be read a second time. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That By-law #49-2013 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That leave be hereby given to introduce a bill #50-2013, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council at its meetings in October, 2013. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That by-law #50-2013 be read a second time. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That By-law #50-2013 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That leave be given to introduce a bill #51-2013, being a by-law to authorize Vote by Mail for municipal elections. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That By-law #51-2013 be read a second time. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That By-law #51-2013 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby accept the proposal submitted by Tim Bryson Forestry Services in the amount of \$569.68 for the removal of timber from the municipal road allowance between Lot 15/16, Concession 1, subject to the following conditions:
  - security deposit of a \$2500.00 to be paid to the Township of Armour
  - security deposit to be re-funded based on a satisfactory inspection of the road allowance by Councillor Patrick Hayes and Road Supervisor and/or a second member of council. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, The Council of the Township of Armour authorize the closing of the municipal office from December 24<sup>th</sup> - January 1<sup>st</sup>, inclusive to allow staff time to enjoy the holiday season with family. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour have reviewed the building inspection and schedule report dated October 2, 2013, submitted by Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada, and support an adjustment to the respective building values as per this report. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby agree to continue beyond the 11:00 p.m. curfew. Carried

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- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 10:45 p.m. as per Section 239(2) (b) of the Municipal Act, personal matters about an identifiable individual. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move out of closed session at 11:52 p.m. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn this regular council meeting at 11:53 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for December 10, 2013 or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

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CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR