

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

September 10, 2013

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Jerry Brandt, Marty Corcoran, Pat Hayes, Rod Blakelock; Delegations, Les & Angela Eliot, Day Spring Cottages, Paul Van Dam, Pegg's Mountain Group, Keith McCoy, Road Supervisor; Guests, Ron Heal, Joan Shelley, Ted Shelley, Judy Elmer, Marg Harrington, Anthony Rizzo, Robert Miller; 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 August 27, 2013 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the closed session held on August 13, 2013 were approved as previously circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

- Les Eliot attended the council meeting to express his opposition to a speed limit increase on Doe Lake Road and that the current posted speed of 40 km/hr should remain. Several guests expressed their concerns regarding the excessive traffic speeds they encounter and also requested for council to consider the speed limit remain at 40 km/hr. Council explained that they are trying to clean up the current by-law to ensure; continuity of speed with boundary municipalities, reducing the speed limits throughout the township is better for road maintenance standards at an affordable cost, will provide consistency for the OPP to enforce more effectively. Council will be provided with reports at the next council meeting for further discussion.
- Paul Van Dam, representative for the Pegg's Mountain Group attended council to provide an update regarding the opposition to the current pit and quarry application in the Township of Ryerson. Mr. Van Dam provided council with appeal letters that have been submitted to the OMB and has requested council's support.
- Request from tax payers on Rat Lake Road to maintain this private road, no representatives were present. Council discussed several options, however it was decided that no municipal road services will be forthcoming for private roads. Direction was provided to the Clerk to send a letter with suggestions.
- Keith McCoy, Road Supervisor attended to discuss:
 - road budget – there is an overage on culverts due to the spring flooding; however everything else seems to be in line.
 - Keith provided a staff report proposing a school zone on First Avenue behind Land of Lakes, Senior Public School. The Clerk and Keith were directed to research the by-law required to implement this designation and report back to council.
 - Keith also reported that two one metre diameter pipes on Relative Road are in very poor condition and will be replaced this year.

BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:

Request of support from the Alzheimer Society was supported by resolution.

ACCOUNTS:

- road account voucher #9-2013, was approved by resolution.
- general account voucher #9-2013, was approved by resolution.
- Tri R waste management account voucher #9-2013, was approved by resolution.

BY-LAWS: None

REPORTS:

- Tri R, Bob reported.
- RTO, Bob reported.
- AHHC, Jerry reported.
- CDO, Wendy reported.

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- Economic Development, Rod reported.
- Planning, Bob reported.
- Budget to Actual was provided to council for review.
- Staff report was provided to council on the upcoming interior renovations and advising of office closures.
- Staff report provided outlining the 2013-2014 for winter maintenance snow removal at the municipal office.
- Joint Services, Reeve MacPhail stated that a meeting will be taking place with the Clerks and Reeves to discuss the current circumstances.
- Pay Equity Compensation Review, Reeve MacPhail updated council of this project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Announcement from Union Gas indicating an application has been submitted to the Ontario Energy Board seeking approval for a multi-year Incentive Regulation Mechanism.
- AMO communication update regarding OMERS pension plan sustainability session.
- Request from the Almaguin Feline Focus Organization to use the municipal office parking lot for a fundraiser was supported by Council.
- Request for support that October 30, 2013 be designated the 13th annual "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" was supported by resolution.
- Copy of correspondence regarding cost sharing sent to the Township of Ryerson.
- Copy of correspondence to MTO regarding the intersections at First Avenue and Highway 520.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Health and Safety Policy #2 – Roles and Responsibilities within the Township of Armour was provided to council and acknowledgement of understanding was signed by all council members.
- 2014 library budget was provided to council for review.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 27, 2013, as circulated. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the closed meeting held on August 13, 2013 as circulated. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve payment of Road Accounts Voucher #9-2013, in the amount of \$29,021.26 for payment and authorize the Reeve and Treasurer to sign cheques for same. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock,

Whereas Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are progressive, degenerative diseases of the brain that cause thinking and memory to become seriously impaired;

Whereas Alzheimer's disease and other dementias most occur in people over the age of 65 but can strike adults at any age; and

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Whereas Alzheimer's disease and other dementias affect more than 500,000 Canadians currently and that this figure is projected to reach 1.1 million within a generation; and

Whereas Alzheimer's disease and other dementias also takes their toll on hundreds of thousands of families and care partners; and

Whereas an estimated further three million Canadians face the burden and challenges of providing care for those suffering with Alzheimer's disease and other dementials; and

Whereas there is no known cause or cure for this devastating illness; and

Whereas the cost related to the health care system is in the billions and only going to increase, at a time when our health care system is already facing enormous financial challenges; and

Whereas Canada, unlike many countries, does not have a national dementia strategy; and

Whereas there is an urgent need to plan and raise awareness and understanding about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias for the sake of improving the quality of life of the people it touches; and

Whereas MP Claude Gravell, Nickle Belt has introduced Bill C-536, an Act respecting a National Strategy for Dementia, as he works for broad, all party and non-partisan support for an issue that touches us all. His legislation calls for a national plan that includes the development of strategies in primary health care, in health promotion and prevention of illness, in community development, in building community capacity and care partner engagement, investment in research.

Now Therefore the Township of Armour calls on all levels of government and the Federation of Municipalities to adopt a national dementia strategy, and urges all citizens of our communities to become more aware and engaged concerning the far-reaching effect of this devastating disease. Carried

- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve payment of General Accounts Voucher #9-2013, in the amount of \$156,494.84 for payment and authorize the Reeve and Treasurer to sign cheques for same. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve payment of Tri R Waste Account Voucher #9-2013, in the amount of \$20,467.17 for payment and authorize the Reeve and Treasurer to sign cheques for same. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby designate October 30, 2013 the 13th annual "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:56 p.m., September 10, until the next regular council meeting scheduled for September 24, 2013, or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

REEVE

CLERK