

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

March 8, 2011

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Those attending were Reeve Bob MacPhail, Councillors Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Marty Corcoran and Pat Hayes. Delegate, Bruce Campbell, Councillor Burk's Falls; Guest, John Luck; Staff present included Bill Stewart, Road Supervisor, and Karen Fraser, Deputy Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular meeting February 22, 2011 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the closed meeting February 8, 2011 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Bruce Campbell attended as the new area representative of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit to give a verbal report on the scope of services offered. Bruce commented on the excellent staff and the preventative focus of the Health Unit. Some highlights of the services offered include healthy living for low income families, vaccination clinics, early years programs, and a new oral health program for low income families. A budget increase of roughly 3% can be expected by most municipalities in 2011, this being based on population. Despite the inherent inability to make long range plans due to legislative limitations, the unit functions very efficiently. Bruce would be pleased to visit with area councils at any time to answer questions, or address issues. There were no questions for Bruce at this time. Bruce was thanked for his presentation.

Bill Stewart, Road Supervisor, attended to discuss the following:

- OGRA Conference - Bill provided a brief summary of highlights, and recommended that registration for next year's conference be considered
- recent changes in weather have created a variety of challenging road issues

A resolution was passed to go into closed session at 7:12 p.m. under section 239 (2) (e) (c) of the Municipal Act; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, and disposal of land.

A resolution was passed to move out of closed session at 7:50 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Proposed dates for workplace harassment and violence training for council members was discussed. Confirmation of the date will be determined.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS:

- road accounts voucher # 3-2011, approved by resolution.
- general accounts voucher # 3-2011, approved by resolution.
- landfill accounts voucher # 3-2011, approved by resolution.

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APPLICATIONS:

- Shore road closing application from John and Donna Luck was reviewed and accepted in principal by resolution.
- Consent Applications B-002/11 and B-003/11, 2256618 Ontario Inc., Village of Burk's Falls, were reviewed. No concerns were raised.

BY-LAWS:

- #17-2011, to confirm the proceedings of council at its meetings was read a first, second and third time.

REPORTS:

- Almaguin Highlands Health Centre, Jerry reported Health Centre Information sheet and questionnaire to be posted on municipal web site
- Steering, Jerry gave a verbal report
- Building permit report, March 1, 2011
- Treasurer's Report - Budget, as of December 31, 2010 pre-audit
- OGRA/ROMA, Jerry gave a verbal report
- Bob MacPhail advised that he'd like to provide Hon. Tony Clement with updated information about the Commercial Drive development, and will pursue a meeting with Derek Miller, after discussing with Ryerson, and Burk's Falls.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- AMO update on status of Bill 153, Private Members' Bill reducing time frame for completion of vote recounts.
- Request for donation from Burk's Falls Figure Skating Club. Resolution to provide a copy of "Making the Past Visible" was passed.
- Registration information for AMCTO Zone 7 Spring Workshop, May 4-6, 2011. Resolution for Wendy Whitwell to attend was passed.
- Lyle Thorne, President of COPAA, provided a copy of letter sent to Gerry McNeilly, Director Office of the Independent Review Director, in support of improvements to the public complaints system for alleged police misconduct.
- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, The Price of Eating Well Report 2010.
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Letter inviting comments on proposed amendments to the Ontario Building Code.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Job description and tender package for Groundkeeper position for 2011 season approved by resolution.

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- Staff report in support of Meeker's Magic, a fertilizer product which apparently acts as a goose deterrent. Council authorized a trial purchase.
- Letter and brochure from Almaguin-Nipissing Travel Association (Ontario's Near North), requesting financial support. No support was given.
- Letter from Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, thanking Armour Township for compliance with 2010 requirements.
- EMS 5 year forecast outlining budget/levy options for discussion. Further discussion will be pursued at the TRI Committee meeting in May.

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 February 22, 2011. Carried.
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the closed session held on February 8, 2011 as circulated. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve Roads Voucher # 3-2011, in the amount of \$32,807.79 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 hereby move into closed session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss matters pursuant to Section 239 (2) (e) (c) of the Municipal Act; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, and disposal of land. Carried.
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move out of closed session at 7:50 p.m. Carried.
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour accept in principal, the application to close and purchase shore road allowance submitted by John and Donna Luck, 32 Melody Crescent, Three Mile Lake, subject to the following:
 - completion of the required process
 - payment of all applications fees and chargesCarried.
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, Whereas a public meeting was held on March 8, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining opinion regarding the future of property at 1212 Chetwynd Road,

And Whereas no public opposition was received with respect to the disposal of property at 1212 Chetwynd Road,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Armour declares the lands at 1212 Chetwynd Road to be surplus to its needs, and authorizes the Clerk to commence preparation of the necessary by-law to for disposition of same. Carried.

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- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve General Voucher # 3-2011, in the amount of \$88,322.38 for payment, and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried.
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve Landfill/Recycling Voucher # 3-2011, in the amount of \$15,982.74 for payment, and the Reeve and Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried.
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That leave be given to introduce a bill # 17-2011, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council at its meetings. Carried.
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That By-law # 17-2011 be read a second time. Carried.
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That by-law # 17-2011 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 8th day of March, 2011. Carried.
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the following donation to the Burks Falls Figure Skating Club: A copy of "Making the Past Visible". Carried.
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the registration of Wendy Whitwell, Clerk Administrator, to attend the AMCTO Zone 7 Workshop, May 4 - 6, 2011, and agree to cover out of pocket expenses related to same. Carried.
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the proposed groundskeeper duties and authorize the advertising of this contract position. Carried.
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular meeting at 8:56 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for March 22, 2011, or at the call of the Reeve. Carried.

Reeve

Clerk