

**THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR**

**MINUTES**

March 10, 2011

A special meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. Those attending were Reeve Bob MacPhail, Councillors Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Marty Corcoran and Pat Hayes. Staff present included Bill Stewart, Road Supervisor, and Karen Fraser, Deputy Clerk, Delegates in attendance were Darin Roy, Sales Representative, and Doug Vardy, Dealer Principal, both from Freightliner.

This special meeting was called to discuss Armour's concerns with the tendered plow truck. Reeve MacPhail requested that two additional items be placed on the agenda, as follows:

- Burk's Falls Family Health Team Request for Funding
- Tri Committee Meeting Agenda Items

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None

**DELEGATIONS:**

Darin Roy, and Doug Vardy from Freightliner attended the meeting to discuss the truck tender.

Bob opened the meeting by expressing Armour Township's concern over the condition and delay in the truck delivery. Bill's last visit to Gin-Cor did not go well. Key concerns are:

- quality of work;
- placement of components for function and safety;
- history of the harness, as it appears used;
- our service and warranty expectations have been compromised based on recent meeting with Gin-Cor;
- delay in delivery;
- overall relationship with Gin-Cor has deteriorated;
- chassis is acceptable, components are not.

Bill spoke about the following:

- Darin Roy attended with Bill at the last meeting with Gin-Cor;
- Bill felt there was no accountability on the part of Gin-Cor;
- disappointed with explanations and attitude;
- Bill provided photos on his laptop for Darin and Doug to view.

Doug Vardy, Freightliner, responded with the following:

- Freightliner does a lot of business in North Bay and area, using different local companies, including Gin-Cor, and haven't had problems like this;
- Doug agrees that workmanship is a problem, but some of our issues are with features that are standard by the supplier's design;
- Doug indicated that his company has already lost money over this tender, but confirmed that Freightliner stands behind all their work, and will do so in this case;

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Through discussion it was discovered that Freightliner wasn't consulted on issues involving changes to the style of box, which had a major impact on some of the associated components, and overall fit. This was the main reason for the delay in delivery.

Darin read a list of items which Gin-Cor has agreed to remedy. Bill was directed to prepare a list of all items he would like rectified, and provide it to Doug Vardy. Doug will meet with Gin-Cor next week to have deficiencies corrected. He feels that additional warranty is appropriate in light of the circumstances, and if not provided by Gin-Cor, Freightliner will provide it.

Council feels that this matter is best left for Bill to work out with Freightliner.

Doug and Darin were thanked for their attendance. Bill excused himself from the meeting.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Burk's Falls Family Health Team Request for Funding

Bob has discovered that the need for funds for the family health team is urgent and cannot wait for discussion at the Tri Committee meeting in May. If not provided immediately, we are at risk of losing government portion of funds. Council was asked for their thoughts on providing a firm commitment, by resolution, immediately.

Bob also initiated discussion on the implications of providing funding for various joint services, such as the health centre, and showing significant expenditures on our books, without realizing any tangible asset. We should be realizing some equity with jointly funded expenses. Bob proposed that this should be reflected in our resolution, should council commit to the funding at this time.

A resolution was passed to commit the funds, providing that equity in the off-setting asset would be realized.

Tri Committee Meeting Agenda Items

Council would like to see the following items included on the upcoming Tri Committee agenda:

- Family Health Team - all relevant issues
- mandatory recycling - what is the political will?

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby amend the agenda of the special meeting of March 10, 2011, to include the following items:

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And in so doing, have agreed by majority vote to waive section 4.2 of the Township of Armour procedural By-law #42-2007, as permitted under section 2.1 of same. Carried.

- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour agrees to provide a proportionate share of the required \$250,000.00 to fund the Burk's Falls Family Health Team contingent upon proportionate legal ownership of any assets realized. Carried.
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this special meeting at 12:45 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for March 22, 2011, or at the call of the Reeve. Carried.

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Reeve

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Clerk