

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

**MINUTES**

May 24, 2011

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 8:35 p.m. This meeting start time was delayed due to a public information meeting held at 6:00 p.m. at the Burk's Falls Senior Centre regarding the proposed broadband tower for Doe Lake Road, Katrine. Councillors present for the 8:45 p.m. start included Councillor Rod Blakelock, who took the chair and Councillors Jerry Brandt and Marty Corcoran. Reeve Bob MacPhail and Councillor Pat Hayes; arrived at 9:00 p.m. and the Reeve took the chair. Also attending were delegates Leanne Crozier, Treasurer and Municipal Planner, Robert Miller; Staff present Karen Fraser, Deputy Clerk, and Wendy Whitwell, Clerk Administrator.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the regular meeting May 10, 2011 were approved as circulated. The minutes of the special meeting May 10, 2011 were approved as circulated.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None

**DELEGATIONS:**

Leanne Crozier, Treasurer attended to discuss the 2011 budget including a staff report dated May 19<sup>th</sup>. Leanne also presented information regarding borrowing rates and a summary of municipal reserves. The Treasurer was given the following direction:

- use the \$ 36,000 + monies required for park and community centre capital expense from the parks reserve fund
- an additional \$96,000 + will also come from a reserve fund, which reserve to be determined at a later date.
- tax rate increase will be approximately 3%
- public meeting for the budget will begin at 6:30, June 14<sup>th</sup>
- prepare the required by-laws for consideration June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Fire Board representatives to discuss defib expenses to be incorporated into the fire budget in the future.

Robert Miller, Municipal Planner attended to discuss the Armour Township zoning by-law and a concern with a permitted use in the Rural area. Council requested Bob prepare a written report for a subsequent meeting.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- resolution for support to participate in a museum committee was passed, Councillor Blakelock to be appointed

**APPLICATIONS:** Zoning Amendment: 51 Ontario Street, Schmeler

- authorization by resolution for planner, Robert Miller to prepare the amendment for circulation.

**BY-LAWS:**

- By-law # 25-2011, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council at its meetings was read a first, second and third time.

**REPORTS:**

- Arena, Jerry gave a verbal report, minutes reviewed
- Library, Rod reported
- staff report, AMCTO zone 7 meeting, support given by resolution
- staff report, office facilities tour, work verbally authorized, Rod to look at Berriedale Community Centre roof.
- Armour book, "Making the Past Visible", book sales report
- OPP, 2011, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter statistics
- OPP, 2010 performance measures statistics

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**REPORTS: Continued**

- Tri Committee meeting, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, meeting notes
- NE LHIN, May 17, forum on health care, Jerry reported
- Bob MacPhail reported on site visit re 152 Skyline Drive, water drainage from road allowance

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Almaguin Anglers Association, letter requesting a donation for 2011 event, approved by resolution.
- GrayHall Productions, Burk's Falls Country Jamboree, request for support. Council requested a delegation come to answer questions.
- Township of Armour 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Saturday, May 28, 2011, schedule of events.
- Office of the Regional Clerk, Niagara Region, to appeal to the Provincial Government to fix the arbitration system as it relates to the Police Act. No support given.
- Town of Thessalon, request for support of a resolution to petition the Government of Ontario to address the provisions of the Green Energy regarding negative impact created by installation of ground mounted solar systems. No support given.
- Town of Amherstburg, request for support of a resolution opposing the shipment of radioactive materials from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) through the Great Lakes to the St. Lawrence Seaway to Sweden. A resolution in support was passed.
- CAA and Ontario Good Roads Association, resolution in support of a proposal for municipalities to receive HST gas tax revenue dedicated to transportation infrastructure and maintenance. A resolution in support was passed.
- AMCTO, information regarding proposed changes to OMERS pension plans.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Ministry of Transportation, Raymond Hong, Sr. Project Engineer, update on the status of municipal road improvement project.
- public meeting for proposed tower, Doe Lake Road, general discussion, consider resolution at next council meeting after review of comments.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Proposal submitted by Trevor James, Groundskeeper, Doe Lake Park maintenance. No decision made, park inspection required, defer most of the work until fall.
- List of correspondence received and not on agenda.
- resolution to move into closed.
- resolution to move out of closed.

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the special budget meeting held on May10, 2011 as circulated. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 10, 2011 as circulated. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, Whereas the Council of the Townships of Armour, Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls realize the importance of the local heritage of our communities;  
And Whereas the Council of the Townships of Armour, Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls recognise the hard work of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society in the establishment and operation of the Museum located at 112 Midlothian Road;  
Now Therefore be it resolved that the Townships of Armour, Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls will participate in a Museum Committee in support of the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society to jointly share in the operation of the Museum ;  
And Further That one member from each Council will sit on the Committee and the costs of operation of the museum, including the summer student program will be shared by the cost sharing formula. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize the municipal planner, Robert Miller to prepare the required zoning by-law amendment as per the application submitted by Paul Schmeler, 51 Ontario Street. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That leave be given to introduce a bill # 25-2011, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That By-law # 25-2011 be read a second time. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That by-law # 25-2011 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support the AMCTO Zone 7 Spring 2012 training and workshop with a donation of \$ 700.00. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour support the Almaguin Anglers Association 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Kid's Fishing Derby with a donation of \$ 100.00. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution of the Town of Amherstburg and oppose the shipment of radioactive materials from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) to ship 16 radioactive steam generators through the Great Lakes to the St. Lawrence Seaway to Sweden. Carried

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- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Pat Hayes, Whereas the introduction of the Harmonized Sales Tax (H.S.T.) On July 1, 2010 and its application to gasoline and diesel sales will result in new revenue for the Government of Ontario; and Whereas based on 2010 average price levels of gasoline and diesel, and 2009 average consumption levels in Ontario, the Government of Ontario's projected new revenue will be approximately \$ 1.53 billion annually, and Whereas the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review identified a transportation infrastructure investment gap between the Government of Ontario and Ontario's municipalities of approximately \$ 3.8 billion; and Whereas a lack of sufficient funding for essential transportation infrastructure construction, maintenance and rehabilitation has created a situation where many of Ontario's municipalities do not have the financial capacity to construct new transportation infrastructure and conduct the maintenance and rehabilitation needed to sustain existing transportation infrastructure; and Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Armour requests that the Government of Ontario consider directing a portion of the revenue derived from HST charged on gasoline and diesel sales to a new predictable funding mechanism that will allow Ontario's municipalities to make the critical investments needed to be effective stewards of transportation; Further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, appropriate Ministers, OGRA and CAA. Carried
  
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 10:40 p.m. to discuss matters pursuant to Section 239 (2)(a) ( ) proposed or pending disposition of land by the municipality, litigation. Carried
  
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That we move out of closed session at 10: 45 p.m. Carried
  
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the minutes of the closed session held on May 10, 2011 as circulated. Carried
  
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular meeting at 10:50 until the next regular council meeting scheduled for June 14, 2011, or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

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CLERK