

# THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

## MINUTES

December 13, 2011

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:55 p.m. Those attending were Reeve Bob MacPhail, Councillors Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Marty Corcoran, Pat Hayes (arrived at 8:05); Guests, Helen Horner, Tom Moroney, Scott Henderson, Bob Turkoz, Jim Thurgood, Jordan and Debbie Duin, Karen and Herb Sutcliffe; Robert Miller, Municipal Planner; staff, Bill Stewart, Road Supervisor and Wendy Whitwell, Clerk Administrator.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None

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

The minutes of the regular meeting November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were approved as circulated.

**DELEGATIONS:**

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

- options for a licensed mechanic for truck repairs. Council reviewed staff reports from the road supervisor and clerk administrator. After discussion the consensus of council is to hire a part time mechanic. Bill to complete a detailed job description and proceed with the hiring process including advertising. Council members will participate in the interviews. The clerk will contact the insurance company to determine if specific coverage is required.
- council reviewed a staff report from Bill regarding road name signs and concerns Bill has. The clerk administrator will contact MTO for clarification.
- report provided to Town of Kearney regarding Proudfoot Road maintenance. Confirmation has not yet been received from the Town of Kearney regarding the proposal for the maintenance agreement. The clerk will follow up.
- a resolution was passed allocating gas tax funds for 2011 and 2012.
- road accounts approved by resolution

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Pickerel Lake Lodge, staff report updating council on the change of use. A number of citizens present asked questions of council and voiced their concerns. Council advised that an official plan and zoning by-law amendment is a public process and they will have an opportunity to provide written comments at that time. It was acknowledged that the Pickerel Lake Property Owners Association is on record as requesting to be circulated planning applications.

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS:**

- road accounts voucher # 12-2011, approved by resolution.
- general accounts voucher # 12-2011, approved by resolution.
- landfill accounts voucher # 12-2011, approved by resolution.

**APPLICATIONS:** Lottery

- Magnetawan Ridge Runners application to conduct a raffle was approved by resolution.

**BUSINESS FROM A LAST MEETING:**

- Joint Services, notes from the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 meeting reviewed by council. Council also reviewed correspondence from Doug Christie which will be forwarded to Ryerson and Burk' Falls. Two resolution were passed.

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- Ministry of Transportation information regarding boundary signs was reviewed and a resolution passed.
- Winterfest 2012, resolution passed to authorize the sharing of insurance costs.

#### **BY-LAWS:**

- By-law # 52-2011 to confirm the proceedings of council was read a first, second and third time.
- By-law # 53-2011 respecting remuneration and expenses for members of council and employees for 2012 was read a first, second and third time.

#### **REPORTS:**

- Steering, Jerry reported.
- AHC, Jerry reported, minutes reviewed.
- Fire, Bob reported.
- Economic Development, Rod reported.
- Tri R, Pat and Bob reported, minutes reviewed.
- Planning, Bob reported.
- Katrine Community Centre, annual general meeting, Bob reported.
- Paul Schaefer, CBCO, report on building code changes effective January, 2012.
- Leanne Crozier, Treasurer, report on sale of land by public tender.
- Ontario Provincial Police, Almaguin Detachment, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reports.
- Katrine Community Centre, rental donation in support of local cadet program.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Big Brothers and Sisters of Parry Sound Area Inc. request for support. The clerk was directed to request further information.
- Staff report, Nancy Austin request to enrol in unit 4 of the AMCTO Municipal Administration Program, approved by resolution.
- County of Huron request for support of a resolution to lobby the government to provide assistance under the ODRAP program for wood lots damaged by the August 21, 2011 tornado that struck Goderich. No support was given.
- County of Huron request for support of a resolution to oppose the direction taken by the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office to restrict the use of farm buildings for human occupation and use. No support was given.
- Town of Ingersoll request for support of a resolution to end bullying expressing a commitment to not engage in bullying behaviour and to make a stand against bullying. A resolution of support was passed.
- Town of Penetanguishene request for support of a resolution to lobby the Province of Ontario regarding Ontario Provincial Policing costs. No support was given.
- Town of East Gwillimbury request for support of a resolution to lobby the government of Ontario to establish guidelines to regulate and govern the quality of imported fill. A resolution in support was passed.
- Union Gas, notification of prices increase effective January 1, 2013.

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- AMO, and AMCTO, information regarding the Ontario Throne Speech.
- AMO, Provincial Government Fall 2012 Economic Statement.
- AMCTO, information regarding the five year review of the Municipal Act.
- AMO, Annual report released by Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, waste diversion to be among the Province's top environmental priorities.
- AMO, unpaid Provincial Offences Fines amount to \$ 1 billion in the Province. AMO implores the Province to assist in the collection of this much needed municipal revenue.
- Burk's Falls Union Public Library, notification of upcoming training session January 18, 2012.
- Ontario Provincial Police, 2012 policing costs.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- staff report, 2011 taxes to write off, approved by resolution.
- Derek Miller, request for elimination of letter of credits for Commercial Drive development. A letter will be forwarded in reply.
- 2012 Municipal Insurance renewal, approved by resolution .
- Burk's Falls Figure Skating Club request for support of an advertisement in the 2012 Near North Interclub Figure Skating Competition. Resolution in support was passed.
- discussion regarding the extension of sidewalk on Ontario Street /Highway 520.
- Ontario Provincial Police, Almaguin Highlands Detachment, invitation to attend the Business Plan Community Consultation Meeting scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Councillor Brandt will attend.
- List of correspondence received, not on agenda.

**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 November 22, 2011, as circulated. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize the use of 2011 and 2012 Gas Tax Funds for the following capital road projects to be completed in 2012:  
First Priority - Chetwynd Road  
Second Priority - First Avenue Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve Road Accounts Voucher # 12-2011, in the amount of \$ 41,685.80 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 support hiring Doug Christie to draft one agreement for shared services with a schedule for specifics regarding the Tri R services. The legal costs will be cost shared by Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls, as per the cost sharing formula. Carried

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**RESOLUTIONS: Continued**

- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Armour hereby request that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to attend a meeting to provide information and discussion on municipal restructuring. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve General Accounts Voucher # 12-2011, in the amount of \$ 281,011.62 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 the Council of the Township of Armour approve Landfill Voucher # 12-2011, in the amount of \$ 18,452.57 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 authorize the issuance of a raffle lottery licence to Magnetawan Ridge Runners, draw date April 3, 2012. Licence fee \$ 5.00. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, Whereas the Council of the Township of Armour have been provided information from the Ministry of Transportation regarding their program to provide and install "boundary signs" free of charge to qualifying municipalities; Now Therefore based on the information provided the Council of the Township of Armour is interested in a sign described as figure G315 which will include the Armour Township logo and population. Carried
- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, Whereas the Village of Burk's Falls, and the Townships of Ryerson and Armour support the community event known as Winterfest, to be held January 14 and 15, 2012;  
And Whereas we have been notified that this event will require special event insurance coverage;  
And Whereas the Councils of the Village of Burk's Falls, Township's of Ryerson and Armour have agreed to provide special event insurance coverage for Winterfest and will split the costs according to the cost sharing formula;  
Now Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Armour agree to pay their share of the special events insurance for the 2012 Winterfest.  
Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That leave be given to introduce a bill # 52-2011, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council at its meetings.
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That By-law # 52-2011 be read a second time. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That By-law # 52-2011 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011. Carried

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- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That leave be given to introduce a bill # 53-2011, being a by-law respecting remuneration and expenses for members of council and local boards, officers and employees. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That By-law # 53-2011 be read a second time. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That By-law # 53-2011 be read a third time, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize the registration of Nancy Austin for the AMCTO Municipal Administration Program Unit # 4, and agree to pay registration cost of \$ 378.55. Carried
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support the resolution from the County of Huron and request the Minister of Finance and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to conduct an immediate review and include the losses sustained by wood lot owners in the applications for eligible assistance under Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP). Defeated
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Town of Ingersol and hereby recognize and support the pledge to end bullying, expressing a commitment to not engage in bullying behaviour and to make a stand against bullying. Carried
- Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support the resolution from the Town of Penetanguishene and agree to form a joint effort with the assistance of AMO to clearly and directly communicate to the Provincial Government on policing matters and to deal directly with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services in an effort to control policing costs as they directly effect municipal tax levies. Defeated
- Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Town of East Gwillimbury and request the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Environment establish guidelines and regulations and a Provincial regulated approval process to govern the quality of fill imported to a receiving site other than for the purposes of Brownfield redevelopment. Carried

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**RESOLUTIONS: Continued**

- Moved by Marty Corcoran, Seconded by Jerry Brandt, That the Council of the Township of Armour having reviewed the report submitted by the Treasurer, authorize the write-off of the following taxes:

4919 000 002 163800	\$ 1,352.05	
4919 000 003 022000	\$ 7,201.54	Carried

- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the 2012 municipal insurance renewal submitted by MIS Insurance totalling \$ 45,815. plus PST and authorize the clerk to execute the request for policy. Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marty Corcoran, That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation to the Burk's Falls Figure Skating Club for a promotion ad in the Near North Interclub Figure Skating Competition program in the amount of \$ 50.00 . Carried
- Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:37 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for January 10, 2012, or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

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REEVE

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CLERK