

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

August 25, 2015

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Jerry Brandt, Marina Hammond, and Pat Hayes; Councillor Blakelock was absent; Delegations: Stephen Tunks, Abundant Solar Energy, and Rod Ward, Three Mile Lake Association; Guests, Jeff Allen and Gordon Isbister; Staff, Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator, and John Theriault, Treasurer.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular meeting held on August 11, 2015 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: NONE

DELEGATIONS:

Rod Ward, representing the Three Mile Lake Association, requested that Council look into the logging operation on Skyline Drive. The focus of the complaint is lack of a requirement to permit the logging operation which would include pertinent information, lack of road signage to warn the public of the logging operation, and reasonable hours of operation that will control noise related concerns. The association is requesting the Township review the Woodland By-law to include more protection for the surrounding properties. The Reeve advised that our By-law Enforcement Officer has been investigating the complaint and has requested some direction from Council. A copy of the by-law officer's report will be provided to Rod Ward. The Township will make arrangements to sign the road to improve public safety. The clerk will follow up with the By-law Enforcement Officer as directed by council.

Stephen Tunks of Abundant Solar Energy made a presentation to Council regarding the benefits of solar projects. Council was provided with a map to indicate the location of the nine applications that Abundant is currently looking for resolutions of support for. Municipal resolutions will provide the applicant with a better chance of approval from the EISO. Council indicated their support in principle and the required resolutions will be included on the next agenda.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: NONE

APPLICATION(S):

Application for site plan approval, Lot 20, Plan M101 submitted by Deborah Mary Allen was approved by resolution.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #33-2015, being a by-law to enter into a lease agreement for 232 North Pickerel Lake Road with Hans and Eleanor Junger was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #34-2015, being a by-law to prescribe times and conditions for setting fires and precautions to be taken and to rescind By-law #16-2004 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #35-2015, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

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REPORTS:

August 2015 Building report was provided for review.

Library - Rod Blakelock provided a written report for review.

Brad Laking, from Tulloch Engineering, provided a report reviewing the tenders the Township received for the Doe Lake Road Bridge replacement and recommended the tender be awarded to MTM-2 Contracting Inc. for a total tender price of \$2,131,972 excluding HST, which was approved by resolution.

John Theriault, Treasurer, provided a written report on the replacement of a retiring employee. A resolution was supported by Council to approve the Treasurer's recommendations.

A report was submitted to fulfill the requirements of Ontario Regulation 284/09, which requires the Township to disclose expenses not included in the 2015 budget. Council approved a resolution to receive and file the report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society was received inviting Council to attend the opening ceremonies of their Fall Fair to be held September 7, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

A letter from the Canadian Mental Health Association was received inviting representatives from Township to attend the Addiction & Mental Health Annual Recovery Breakfast Celebration being held on September 24 2105 at the Ridge Golf Club in Sundridge.

An update was received on the new Ontario Retirement Pension Plan.

A letter and a resolution from the Township of Ryerson was received requesting more help from the Provincial Government to control renewable energy projects.

An email from the Canada Post Corporation was received advising us that the community mailboxes at the Katrine Community Centre will be moved on September 19, 2015 to the Katrine General Store.

We received a copy of a letter from MPAC advising the Town of Parry Sound that the MPAC office in Parry Sound would be closing at the end of 2015 and the services will be consolidated in Gravenhurst in 2016. A copy of the response letter the Town of Parry Sound forwarded to MPAC was included.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Staff Report, Zoning Certificates for Solar Projects and Municipal Support Resolutions.

Staff Report, Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Funding Program Application. A resolution was passed.

Staff Report, Ontario Trillium Foundation Funding Application. A resolution was passed.

Staff Report, Employee Benefit Plan – Consultant & Renewal. A resolution was passed.

Written 90 day notice of the Township of Ryerson's desire to amend the existing Regional Fire Training Agreement as of November 11, 2015 and that their goal is to have a new Municipal Agreement finalized and signed by all Parties by this date. The clerk was directed to forward a letter stating Armour council's position.

List of correspondence received and not on agenda was provided for review.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on August 11, 2015, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for site plan approval, submitted by Deborah Mary Allen, regarding Plan Number M101 Lot 20, 157 Sunnylea Avenue and request the municipal planner proceed with drafting the site plan agreement. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approved by-law #33-2015 being a by-law to enter into a lease agreement for 232 North Pickerel Lake Road with Hans and Eleanor Junger and authorize the Reeve and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approved by-law #34-2015 being a by-law prescribing times and conditions for setting fires and precautions to be taken and to rescind By-law #16-2004 and authorize the Reeve and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto.. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approved by-law #35-2015 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its July meetings, and authorize the Reeve and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Marina Hammond; That staff report from the Treasurer dated August 25th, 2015, regarding the tenders for the Doe Lake Bridge replacement be received and that Council award the contract to the low bidder, MTM-2 Contracting Inc., for a total price of \$2,409,128.36 including HST. Carried.

Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Marina Hammond; That staff report from the Treasurer dated August 25th, 2015, regarding the replacement of a retiring employee be received and that Council approve the creation of two seasonal positions of equipment operator. One position would be from April 1 to September 30 and the other would be from October 1 to March 31. Furthermore, that the April 1 to September 30 seasonal position be awarded to David McIntyre with the same salary privileges and year round group insurance, adjusted for the change in salary, he had before his retirement from his permanent full-time position. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Jerry Brandt That the report required under the *Municipal Act, 2001 Ontario Regulation 284/09* concerning expenses excluded from the 2015 budget be received and filed. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, seconded by Marina Hammond; That staff report from the Treasurer dated August 25th, 2015, regarding an application for funding be received and that Council support the application, which will be submitted for funding under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, for the Katrine Community Centre renovations and equipment replacement. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That staff report from the Treasurer dated August 25th, 2015, regarding an application for funding be received and that Council support the application, which will be submitted for funding under the Ontario Trillium Foundation, for the Katrine Community Centre renovations and equipment replacement. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt seconded by Pat Hayes; That staff report from the Treasurer dated August 25th, 2015, regarding the Township's employee benefit plan and the consultant we use be received and that Council approve the recommendation of staff and agree to a five (5) year service contract with Dibrina Sure Benefits Consulting Inc., represented by Shawn Findall, as our consulting firm for our employee benefit plan. Furthermore, that Council approve the transfer of our employee benefit plan from

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Green Shield to Sure Solutions as of October 1st 2015 with an upgrade for the life insurance from 1 times the salary plus \$10,000 to 2 times the salary. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:28 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for September 8, 2015, or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk. Carried

Original Signed by Bob MacPhail

REEVE

Original Signed by Wendy Whitwell

CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR