

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

April 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt and Marina Hammond; Absent; Councillor Pat Hayes; Delegations: Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator and Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor; Guests: Steve McGregor, Leigh and Brian Grindlay, Laura Magnifico, Bruce Mark and Judy Ransome; Staff: Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator and John Theriault, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held on March 28, 2017 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Jerry Brandt declared a pecuniary interest on the award of the groundskeeper contract. His son-in-law put in a bid on this contract. Councillor Brandt left the meeting during the discussion of the groundskeeper contract.

DELEGATIONS:

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, presented her monthly report and a revised budget for 2018. Council discussed the budget and the purchase of a garbage truck. The report included an update to the Health & Safety Program, which Council approved by resolution.

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor, presented a verbal monthly report. Questions were asked and answered. A request was made to cut the stumps at the Katrine Community Centre as low to the ground as possible.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

The list of accounts for April 2017 was approved by resolution.

APPLICATIONS:

An update was given by the Clerk-Administrator on the status of the proposed development at 1041 Skyline Drive, Bailey. The clerk was directed to set up a meeting with an OMAFRA representative and invite interested parties.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #17-2017 being a by-law to manage beavers and beaver dams was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #18-2017 being a by-law to authorize an alternative voting method for the 2018 election was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #19-2017 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for March 2017 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

A report was presented on the last BACED meeting. Council discussed the proposed sign which will be installed in front of the Township municipal office. Council is not in favour of the Township office sign not being at the top of the billboard.

Planning Board is now meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

The minutes of the March 23, 2017 Regional Fire Services Committee were reviewed. The April meeting has been canceled. The next meeting will be May 18.

The minutes of the March 27, 2017 Historical Society were reviewed by Council.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society requesting a donation to support a Monster truck event to commemorate the 150th birthday of Canada. Council requested that staff get more information before making a decision.

A letter was received from the Municipality of Port Hope requesting Council's support in requesting that the province ban incinerators.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry explaining the proposed changes to fees and royalties for pits and quarries.

Council received an invitation to the 2017 FONOM/MMA conference.

Council received a report from DSSAB on a strategy to bring Nipissing/Temiskaming Sub-region providers together to focus on the delivery of quality, people centered care.

A letter was received from the Village of Burk's Falls inviting Council to attend a TRI Council meeting to be held April 12, 2017. Council members will attend the meeting.

Council received an invitation to be part of a "Workforce Week" event to be held on April 26, 2017.

Council received an agenda for the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association meeting to be held on April 28, 2017.

The OPP provided Council with a report on the PCC CERB queue call volume and service level.

Council received a notice from AMO on the submission they presented to the province on Bill 68, Modernizing Municipal Act.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council reviewed an email from the Industrial Park Project Manager, Robert Miller requesting that a real estate broker be retained to market the park. Council do not support this request at this time. Information received from Tulloch Engineering and the traffic consultant was reviewed and will be submitted to the Ministry of Transportation to support the application for an entrance from Highway 520.

Council received an update from the Ministry of Transportation regarding the Highway 520 (Ontario Street) upgrade that will include a paved shoulder. A letter will be sent to the Ministry requesting information on the process to add a gravel walkway for pedestrians on the MTO road allowance.

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, amendment to the Environmental Compliance Approval, Number A521003 was received and reviewed.

Council was asked if they would be willing to increase their share of the cost of the 2017 Canada Day fireworks. The Treasurer will be bringing back a report on the budget for the Canada Day celebrations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council passed a resolution to participate in a Joint Compliance Committee for the 2018 election.

Council passed a resolution to support an application to NOHFC and FEDNOR to fund a strategic economic infrastructure study.

Council reviewed the bids received for the groundskeeper contract and awarded the contract by resolution.

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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 March 28, 2017, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the updated Health & Safety program, which has been amended to incorporate the legislated requirements for "Violence in the Workplace", as presented by the Health & Safety Coordinator. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the April 2017 accounts, in the amount of \$553,603.21 for payment, and the Reeve and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #17-2017 being a by-law to adopt a policy respecting the management of nuisance beavers and beaver dams and repeal By-law #21-2002 and that we 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 Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #18-2017 being a by-law to authorize vote by mail for the 2018 municipal election and that we authorize the Reeve and the Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the Seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #19-2017 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for March 2017 and that we 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 Rod Blakelock;

WHEREAS Section 88.37 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* requires a council to establish a compliance audit committee before October 1st of an election year;

AND WHEREAS economies of scale shall be realized by participating municipalities through the establishment of a Joint Compliance Audit Committee;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes the important role of the Almaguin Clerk's Group in facilitating this joint initiative and subsequent cost savings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Armour agree to enter into an agreement with other interested municipalities to appoint a Joint Compliance Committee for the 2018 election and subsequent term of Council ending on November 30th, 2022. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour support a funding application to NOHFC and FEDNOR to assist in the cost of a Burk's Falls and Area Target Sector and Business Opportunity Identification study and agrees to fund this project and any overrun on this project in conjunction with participating municipalities. Furthermore, that this project be financed through the economic development reserve. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour award the 2017 groundskeeper contract to Walsh Property Maintenance for an amount of \$16,500 plus HST. Furthermore, that this contract may be renewed every year upon a review of the work performed and approval from the Administrator. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10.39 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for April 25, 2017, or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk. Carried

Original signed by Bob MacPhail

REEVE

Original signed by Wendy Whitwell

CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR