

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

May 28, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt and Rod Ward; Absent: Councillor Wendy Whitwell; Delegations: Judy Kleinhuis, Grant Thornton; Guests: Marie Stitt and Sandra Anderson; Staff: Charlene Watt, Deputy-Clerk and John Theriault, Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 14, 2019 were approved, as circulated.

The minutes of the public meeting of May 14, 2019 were approved, as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Judy Kleinhuis, CPA, CA, Grant Thornton presented the 2018 Consolidated Financial Statements, Trust Funds Financial Statements, Tri R Waste Management Financial Statement and the Representation Letters for the Township of Armour. Questions were asked and answered. Council approved the statements by resolution and directed the Treasurer to sign the representation letters.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATIONS:

Council received a request, from Tim Hortons, 27 Commercial Drive, to update the exterior of their building. After some discussion, Council passed a resolution agreeing that the updates did not require a site plan amendment.

Council received a site plan application from Ward's Variety, 1358 Katrine Road, to demolish and replace one of their outdoor buildings. Council passed a resolution to accept the application and forward it to the Planner to draft a site plan agreement.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #34-2019 being a by-law sell the shore road allowance in front of 219 Dobbs Road was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #35-2019 being a by-law to amend the mileage rates in the Township of Armour's employment policy was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #36-2019 being a by-law to enter into an agreement for regional economic development services was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #37-2019 being a by-law to approve Terms of Reference for the Almaguin Community Development Board (ACEDDB) was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Council reviewed the Library Board minutes of April 17, 2019 and the report from the meeting of May 15, 2019.

Council reviewed the Historical Society minutes from May 20, 2019.

Council reviewed and discussed the report on the Katrine Community Centre's May 20, 2019 meeting.

A verbal report was given on the meeting that was held on May 21, 2019 between representatives from the Township of Armour, Lofthouse, Union Gas, AMP, Hydro One and Lakeland Power to try and get services to Lofthouse and the Highway 520 Industrial Park.

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REPORTS cont'd:

A verbal report was given on the ACED meeting of May 27, 2019. The proposed Terms of Reference and the EDC Shared Services Agreement were reviewed and discussed. Questions were asked and answered. Council enacted by-laws to approve both documents.

Council reviewed the May 23, 2019 financial statements for the Township of Armour.

A verbal report was given on the POA meeting held on May 23, 2019.

Council reviewed and discussed the report on the May 27, 2019 arena repurposing meeting.

A verbal report was given on the last DSSAB meeting. A new CAO has been hired.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Women's Own Resource Centre requesting financial support for their organization. Council passed a resolution to approve a donation to support the work they do in our community.

A letter was received from the Salvation Army-Huntsville requesting financial support for their organization. Council passed a resolution to approve a donation to support the work they do in our community.

A letter was received from Near North Crime Stoppers requesting financial support for their organization. Council passed a resolution to approve a donation to support the work they do in our community.

Letters were received from the Township of Archipelago, The Town of Oakville and the Town of Aurora requesting Council's support in opposing Bill 108. Council passed a resolution of support.

Council received an invitation to attend the grand opening of Perry Township's new fire hall. Reeve MacPhail will attend.

Council reviewed an article thanking our Waste Management Administrator, Amy Tilley for the presentation on waste management she made at the Land of Lakes School.

A news release was received from the Ministry of the Solicitor General advising that Ontario is taking the next steps to improve animal protection.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that Ontario employment grew by 47,100 in April, 2019.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that Ontario is putting people first by reviewing flood mitigation.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that Ontario is introducing speed limit pilots and consultation on this matter.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that Ontario is taking action to better plan and reduce the impacts of flooding.

Council received an invitation from the 3133 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps to join them at their 21st Annual Ceremonial Review to take place at the Burk's Falls Arena on May 30, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

A newsletter was received from AMCTO giving Council some details on Bill 108.

An AMO communication was received giving Council an update on how the provincial budget is impacting municipalities.

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CORRESPONDENCE cont'd:

An email was received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing advising that the Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians Program has been activated in Armour Township as a result of the flooding.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that Premier Ford is asking partners to find 4% savings and help protect front-line services.

A letter was received from the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) introducing themselves and requesting that Council connect with them and implement changes to accommodate cottagers.

A letter was received from the Health Unit supporting the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit in their bid to convince the province not to change the present boundaries of health units in the north.

A memo was received from the Health Unit giving Council an update on the public health transformation proposed by the province.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council reviewed and discussed the report from the Municipal Planner on the MMAH approval of the Official Plan update and the notice of decision on the Official Plan review we received from the Province. After some discussion Council reiterated that they were not in agreement with the decision.

NEW BUSINESS:

A staff report on cyber insurance was reviewed by Council. After some discussion, Council passed a resolution directing staff to purchase cyber insurance.

Council reviewed a resolution which calls upon the Government of Ontario to implement regulations that would enact that any retail outlet which sells wine, beer and spirits be required to accept and refund bottle returns under the Ontario Deposit Return Program. After some discussion Council passed the resolution.

Council reviewed the advertising leaflets for Heritage Day to be held on July 13, 2019. Council passed a resolution to designate Heritage Day as a Community Event.

Council reviewed a quote for a sign to be added to the back of the pylon in front of the Township office. Council passed a resolution approving the installation of the sign.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on May 14, 2019, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the public meeting held on May 14, 2019, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve 2018 consolidated financial statements, the 2018 Trust Funds financial statements, the 2018 Tri R Waste Management financial statement for the Township of Armour as presented by our auditors, Grant Thornton. Furthermore, the Council authorize the Treasurer to sign the representation letters as presented by our Auditors, Grant Thornton. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour agree that the upgrades proposed for the property at 27 Commercial Drive, Tim Hortons, do not require a site plan amendment. Carried

RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for site plan approval, submitted by Ward's Variety (Burk's Falls) Limited, Part of Lot 6 and 7, Concession 6, described as 1358 Katrine Road, and request the municipal planner proceed with drafting the site plan agreement. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #34-2019 being a by-law to stop up, close and convey the original shore road allowance in front of 219 Dobbs Road 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 Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #35-2019 being a by-law to amend by-law #53-2015, the Employment Policy for the Township of Armour 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 Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #36-2019 being a by-law to enter into an agreement for the provision of Regional Economic Development Services 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 Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #37-2019 being a by-law to approve Terms of Reference for the Almaguin Community Economic Development Department Board (ACEDDB) 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 Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation, in the amount of \$424.20, to the Women's Own Resource Centre to support the work they do in our community. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation, in the amount of \$200, to the Salvation Army- Huntsville to support their annual campaign and the work they do in our community. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation, in the amount of \$150, to the Near North Crime Stoppers to support the work they do in our community. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolutions from the Township of The Archipelago, the Town of Oakville and the Town of Aurora and oppose Bill 108, requests that the Province halt the passing of Bill 108 and if the Province is intent on enacting Bill 108 that they properly engage and consult with municipalities before considering this proposed legislation. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That Staff Report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator dated May 28, 2019, regarding cyber insurance be received and that Council direct staff to purchase cyber insurance for the Township of Armour at an estimated yearly cost of \$5,250 plus taxes. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward;
Whereas the Province of Ontario has instituted the Ontario Deposit Return Program for wine, beer and spirit containers;

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

And Whereas some of the organizations collecting deposits required by the Ontario Deposit Return Program do not accept and refund deposits for wine, beer and spirit containers;

And Whereas many small Ontario municipalities do not have locations which accept and refund wine, beer and spirit containers returns;

And Whereas municipalities without these locations are often requested by their residents to find a solution to this problem;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Armour calls upon the Government of Ontario to implement regulations that would enact that any retail outlet which sells wine, beer and spirits be required to accept and refund these returns.

Furthermore, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Norm Miller, MPP Parry Sound - Muskoka and Andrea Horwath, MPP, Leader of the New Democratic Party.

And Furthermore, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.
Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour designate Heritage Day to be held at the Watt Century Farm House on July 13, 2019 as a Community Event. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour approved the addition of a sign, as per the design and quote received from Peacock Signs, on the back of the pylon situated in front of the municipal office at a cost of \$480 plus HST. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:37 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for June 11, 2019 or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk. Carried

Original Signed by Bob MacPhail

Robert MacPhail, Reeve

Original Signed by John Theriault

John Theriault, Clerk