

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

## **MINUTES**

June 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Wendy Whitwell and Rod Ward; Absent: Councillor Jerry Brandt; Delegations: Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor and Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator; Guests: Marie Stitt, Sandra Anderson, Albine Cook and Judy Ransome; 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 28, 2019 were approved, as circulated.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None

### **DELEGATIONS:**

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor gave a verbal report on the work his department has completed and will be undertaking in June. Major roads in the municipality have received calcium. Roadside mowing will be completed by roads staff this year. Leggetts Road has been pulverized. Questions were asked and answered.

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator presented her June 2019 report. The report included a review of the 2019 waste management financials, updates on the work being completed at the landfill and a preliminary report from our engineer on the possibility of expanding the landfill. There is a lot of construction wood material at the landfill, quotes for a wood chipper are to be obtained. Mining could also extend the life of the landfill. The federal government announced this week that single use plastics are to be banned by 2021 and the provincial government announced that producer responsibility is to be implemented for blue box items. Questions were asked and answered.

Amy Tilley, Emergency Management Co-ordinator updated Council on the flood recovery status in Katrine. To date we have shipped and disposed of 10.39 tonnes of flood waste.

### **ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:**

The list of accounts for June 2019 was approved by resolution.

### **APPLICATIONS:**

Council reviewed an application to close and purchase the shore road allowance lying in front of 53 McManns Lane on Pickerel Lake. Council passed a resolution to support the closing and sale.

Council reviewed an application for a site plan agreement for 258 Dobbs Road. Council passed a resolution to direct the planner to prepare the site plan agreement.

### **BY-LAWS:**

By-law #38-2019 being a by-law to amend the Township's fee by-law was given first and second reading.

By-law #39-2019 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the month of May 2019 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

### **REPORTS:**

Council reviewed the Building Report for June 2019.

Council reviewed the June 2019 Planning Report.

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**REPORTS cont'd:**

Council reviewed and discussed the Arena Report for May 2019.

Council reviewed the Councillor Reports of the May 31, 2019 regular monthly AHHC meeting and the June 7, 2019 special AHHC meeting with area physicians. Questions were asked and answered.

Council reviewed the minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting of the Arena Repurposing Committee. Council discussed the various options offered and directed our representative to forward Council's wish list to the committee.

Council reviewed the June 2019 Fire Department Reports from the Fire Chief and the Fire Prevention Officer.

The Reeve reported on a meeting he and the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator attended to discuss the recent flooding and mitigation efforts that are being considered. Local area Mayors and staff met with Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Council reviewed an email they received from a ratepayer who is concerned about Bill 115, that would put alcohol sales in every corner of the Province. Council passed a resolution opposing Bill 115.

Council received a request for a donation to support the Armour Ryerson & Burk's Falls Agricultural Society's hosting of the Tom Bishop's Wild West Show. Council passed a resolution approving a donation.

Council received a request from the Historical Society for a donation to the Almaguin Gazelle Hockey Association as a thank you for attending Heritage Day and letting the Township use their equipment. Council passed a resolution approving a donation.

Council reviewed a resolution from the Township of McNab/Braeside requesting that the Province reconsider online courses until rural Ontario students have proper access to the internet. Council passed a resolution of support.

Council reviewed a letter from the Premier of Ontario asking all of their partners to find efficiencies in order to help with the provincial deficit.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that the Province had passed a budget that protects what matters most.

Council reviewed a letter from Waste Connections of Canada advising that they will be passing on the cost of getting rid of contaminated recycling.

Council received an invitation to a launch party at the near North Enviro-Education Centre.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that the Province is taking action to build a skilled workforce.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that the Province is looking to work with the Federal government to help commuters in Toronto.

A news release was received from Ontario News reporting on a statement made by the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Education regarding media reports of spending mismanagement at the Toronto District School Board.

Council reviewed the 2018 financial statements for the Almaguin Recycling Initiative.

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**CORRESPONDENCE cont'd:**

Council reviewed an AMO communication advising that Bill 108 had received Royal Assent with several amendments.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that the Province is taking new measures to protect animals by passing the OSPCA Amendment Act, 2019.

Council received an invitation from the Township of Ryerson to attend a special dedication event to recognize the generous donation made to the Fire Department by the late Ronald Stableford. Reeve MacPhail will attend.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Council reviewed the latest update on the OMB hearing for the Thompson Quarry.

Council reviewed a report from our Planner explaining the changes that Bill 108 is making to planning.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council reviewed a report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator on how the 2018 surplus is being allocated.

Council reviewed the report required by Ontario Regulation 284/09 showing the impact of fully covering the estimated amortization expenses. Council passed a resolution approving the report.

Council discussed the requirement of developing a Community Safety & Well Being Plan by January 1, 2021 and the possibility of developing an Almaguin wide plan. Council passed a resolution supporting an Almaguin wide plan.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on May 28, 2019, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the June 2019 accounts, in the amount of \$377,803.65 for payment, and the Reeve and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support in principle, the application submitted by Armands Ivsins to close and purchase the shore road allowance, lying in front of Concession 12 Part Lot 27, Plan PSR-492 Part 1, 53 McManns Lane, on Pickerel Lake, subject to the following:

- completion of the required process including payment of all applicable fees and charges.

Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for site plan approval, submitted by Susan Kathleen Martin, Part Lot 28, Concession 14, PSR408 Part 2, 42R-7515 Part 7, described as 258 Dobbs Road and request the municipal planner proceed with drafting the site plan agreement. Carried

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read By-law #38-2019 being a by-law to amend the Township of Armour's fee By-law #68-2017 and approve first and second readings of this by-law. Carried

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**RESOLUTIONS cont'd:**

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #39-2019 being a by-law to confirm the proceeding of Council at its May 2019 meetings 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;  
WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is considering approving Bill 115, which would allow beer and wine sale in corner stores;  
AND WHEREAS corner stores will not verify age and be as safe as the present system in place;  
AND WHEREAS alcohol retail outlet density has a negative effect on public health and public health costs;  
AND WHEREAS there is no clear evidence that Ontarians are asking for beer and wine at every corner;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Armour opposes Bill 115 and calls upon the Government of Ontario not to enact this legislation.  
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 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 Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize a donation, in the amount of \$1,000, to the Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls Agricultural Society's Tom Bishop's Wild West Show that is being celebrated on July 20, 2019. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize a donation, in the amount of \$200, to the Almaguin Gazelles Hockey Association for their support for Heritage Day. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Township of McNab/Braeside and request that the Province reconsider online courses until rural Ontario students can be given the same opportunity to access the internet as urban students. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the 2019 Municipal Act, 2001 Ontario Regulation 284/09 Report showing the impact of fully covering the estimated amortization expense not included in the 2019 budget. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell;  
WHEREAS the Police Services Act requires that municipalities develop and adopt a Community Safety and Well Being Plan before January 1, 2021;  
AND WHEREAS every community in Almaguin faces essentially the same issues with mental health, drug use/abuse, children services, education, etc.;  
NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Armour agree, in principle, to the following:

- to participate in the development of one Almaguin wide Community Safety and Well Being Plan;
- to give permission to share Armour's data with other municipalities for the purpose of developing the plan;
- to share equally in the cost of developing the plan; and
- that the Township of Perry and the Village of Burk's Falls be the lead municipalities on the development of the plan. Carried

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**RESOLUTIONS cont'd:**

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:15 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for June 25, 2019 or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk.  
Carried

Original signed by Bob MacPhail  
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Robert MacPhail, Reeve

Original signed by John Theriault  
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John Theriault, Clerk