

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

July 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Wendy Whitwell and Rod Ward; Delegations: Anthony Rizzo, Doe Lake Campground Rizzort and Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor; Guests: Marie Stitt, Sandra Anderson, Brad Canivet, Les Eliot, and Dick Bartlett; 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 June 25, 2019 were approved, as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Jerry Brandt declared a pecuniary interest on item #4, Accounts. His son-in-law is the owner of a business for which the Township is paying an account.

DELEGATIONS:

Anthony Rizzo, from the Doe Lake Campground Rizzort, made a presentation to Council on the how the buoys in Doe Lake are managed and maintained. The lights on these buoys need to be replaced and he is asking Council for financial assistance with this project. Council passed a resolution approving a donation.

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor gave a verbal report on the work his department has completed and will be undertaking in July. Culverts have been replaced on Leggetts Road. Surface treatment will be completed in August. Questions were asked and answered.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

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

APPLICATIONS: None

BY-LAWS:

By-law #42-2019 being a by-law to amend the Township's Zoning by-law #27-95 to allow non-waterfront rural garages to locate in the front yard as long as they are set back at least 7.5 metres (25 feet) from the front lot line was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #43-2019 being a by-law to amend By-law #16-2015, the Reserve and Reserve Funds Policy By-law, to create new reserves was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #44-2019 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the month of June 2019 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Council reviewed the Building Report for July 2019.

Council reviewed the July 2019 Planning Report.

Council reviewed the financial statement of July 4, 2019.

A verbal report was given on the Planning Board meeting of July 9, 2019.

AHHC meeting will be held on July 12, 2019.

Council reviewed the minutes of the June 17, 2019 Historical Society meeting.

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REPORTS cont'd:

Council reviewed the Arena Report for June 2019 and an updated financial statement for the Arena.

Council expressed a concern for the groundskeeping around the fence line at the Chetwynd Cemetery. The groundskeeper will be asked to clean up the fence and the groundskeeping contact will be amended for 2020.

An update was given on the Evergreen Afterschool Program and the future of it.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council received a letter from the Town of Oakville requesting that the Province continue work with municipalities and the Ontario Traffic Council on the swift adoption of the regulation(s) necessary to implement automated speed enforcement and that the offences created be administered by municipalities. Council did not support this request.

Council received a letter from the City of Brantford requesting that the province give municipalities more control in deciding where retail cannabis stores may be established. Council passed a resolution of support.

Council received a letter from the Township of Warwick requesting that the Province find a better way to enforce existing laws or enact new legislation to ensure the safety of Ontario's farm families, employees and animals. Council passed a resolution of support.

Council received a letter from CN giving an update on the work they are doing and advising them that their 2019 edition of their "*CN in your Community*" publication is now available.

A news release was received from Public Health Ontario detailing the results of bacteria analysis of the lake testing at Doe Lake Municipal Beach.

A news release was received from Ontario News that the second report on improving healthcare and ending hallway medicine has been released.

A letter was received from Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare giving an update on the work they are undertaking.

A news release was received from the Ministry of the Solicitor General recognizing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day for the first time in the province's history.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport thanking the Township for bringing our concerns for library services to their attention.

A copy of a letter to Doug Ford was received from the Township of O'Connor advising that they supported our resolution against enacting legislation to allow beer and wine be sold in corner stores.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that Ontario is freezing some driver and vehicle fees.

A news release was received from Ontario News acknowledging a statement from the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks following the Canadian Council of Minister of the Environment meeting.

A news release was received from Ontario News acknowledging a statement from the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks following the Ontario Court of Appeal's decision on the federal carbon tax.

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CORRESPONDENCE cont'd:

A letter was received from the Ontario leader of the official opposition party offering an invitation to meet at the AMO conference.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing announcing a pilot program to build better infrastructure that can stand up to floods.

An invitation to decorate the front of businesses was received from the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society to promote the Tom Bishop's Wild West Show. Council agreed to participate in the invitation.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that Ontario is putting an end to the use of taxpayer dollars for tickets to events featuring politicians.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that Ontario and Quebec Ministers are working to strengthen interprovincial trade.

A news release was received from Ontario News advising that Ontario is moving forward with the next round of cannabis stores, adding 50 more stores.

Information was received on the new regulation pertaining to the community benefits authority under the Planning Act.

An article was received warning municipalities to be ready for a \$2 billion hole in municipal funding from the province over the next decade.

A news release was received from the Health Unit advising that deadly opioid carfentanil is circulating in Ontario.

An email was received from Premier Doug Ford thanking Council for their resolution about the Ontario deposit return program.

A copy of a resolution was received from the Township of Perry agreeing to the creation of a regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

A copy of a resolution was received from the Township of Strong agreeing to the creation of a regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

An email was received from AMO advising that their Executive Director is retiring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Based on a discussion at their last regular meeting, Council passed a resolution approving the donation of a landfill card to the Katrine United Church. Council requested that signage be put in place to detail hours for accepting donations at the church to prevent dumping.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council received an invitation to attend Heritage Day 2019 at the Watt Century Farm House Heritage Centre. Reeve Bob MacPhail confirmed that he would be contributing a letter to the Historical Society's 25th Anniversary's time capsule. The capsule is to be opened in 2044.

Council reviewed a report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administration on the one-time top up payment from the Gas Tax fund. Council passed a resolution allocating the payment.

Council reviewed a report from the CEDO about the Almaguin Harvest Spin Cycling Event proposal to be held next year. Council passed a resolution supporting an application for funding and the event.

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NEW BUSINESS cont'd:

Council discussed an after-action flood plan and its necessity. A summary was suggested at this point. Mitigation plans will be put in place this fall by contacting the MNRF and, with the support of local Magnetawan River municipalities, investigating the possibility of creating our own conservation authority.

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 June 25, 2019, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize a donation, in the amount of \$1,050 for the replacement of three solar buoys at the mouth of the river in Doe Lake to benefit boating safety. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the July 2019 accounts, in the amount of \$516,389.86 for payment, and the Reeve and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read By-law #42-2019 being a by-law to amend the Township of Armour's Zoning By-law #27-95 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 Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #43-2019 being a by-law to amend the Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy By-law #16-2015 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 Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #44-2019 being a by-law to confirm the proceeding of Council at its June 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 Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the City of Brantford and request that the Province give municipalities more control in deciding where retail cannabis stores can be established in their municipality. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Township of Warwick and request that the Province find a better way forward to ensure stronger enforcement of existing laws or new legislation to ensure the safety of Ontario's farm families, employees and animals. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the donation of a landfill card to the Katrine United Church to help with the disposal of unusable items donated to the church for its thrift store. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Staff Report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator dated July 9th, 2019, regarding the Gas Tax 2019 one-time top up payment be received and that Council approve the allocation of the 2019 Gas Tax top up payment to the 2019 Leggetts Road reconstruction capital project. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby agrees to be the lead/administrating municipality for the Almaguin Harvest Spin Cycling Event. Furthermore, as the lead municipality, the Township of Armour, agrees to be the lead applicant, on behalf of the Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) and other regional partners, to the Canadian Experiences Fund for financial assistance for this event. If the application is successful, the Township of Armour, through the ACED 2020 approved budget, agrees to contribute up to \$20,000 towards this project. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 8:47 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for July 23, 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