

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

July 23, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Deputy-Reeve, Rod Blakelock; Councillors Wendy Whitwell, Jerry Brandt and Rod Ward; Absent: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Delegations: Peter Marshall, OPP Detachment Commander; Guests: Judy Ransome, Sandra Anderson and Albine Cook; 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 July 9, 2019 were approved, as circulated.

The minutes of the public meeting of July 9, 2019 were approved, as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Peter Marshall, OPP Detachment Commander introduced himself to Council and updated them on the detachment administration. He asked if Council had any questions about the OPP billing to our municipality, Peter Marshall is also a contract analyst. Council had questions on billing formulas, staffing, OPP budgeting, provincial offences and ticketing. Commander Marshall answered the questions thoroughly for Council. He advised Council that Dominic Lalonde from Sudbury will be replacing him as Staff Sergeant on August 19, 2019.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATIONS: None

BY-LAWS:

By-law #41-2019 being a by-law to enter into a subdivision/condominium agreement, Application #S-02/14, Part Lot 5, Concession 6, Parts 1, 2 & 3 42R20566; Subject to an easement over Part 3 of 42R20566 As in RO208340; Township of Armour, being all of PIN 52143-0646 (LT) with Steve Ferrante was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #45-2019 being a by-law to transfer a property to the Village of Burk's Falls and to accept a property from the Village Burk's Falls was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #46-2019 being a by-law to enact load restrictions on municipal bridges was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Council reviewed the Fire Department report of July 16, 2019.

Council reviewed the report on the Arena Repurposing Committee meeting of June 27, 2019.

A verbal report was given on the last DSSAB meeting of July 11, 2019.

Council reviewed the report of the AHHC meeting of July 12, 2019.

Council reviewed the Historical Society's minutes from the meeting of July 15, 2019.

Council reviewed the draft minutes from the ACED meeting of July 15, 2019.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport advising Council that our request for a grant for a summer student was not approved.

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CORRESPONDENCE cont'd:

A notice was received from the Health Unit advising that there is blue-green algae in Lake Nipissing.

A notice was received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing giving a list of municipalities which are exempted from securing ministry approval to amend their Official Plan. The Ministry will recommend that Armour be exempted in the next round of municipal empowerment for the Minister's consideration.

A copy of a letter sent to the Federal Government from the Health Unit was received. The letter is requesting support for a national healthy school food program.

An Ontario news release was received providing an update on the wildfire situation in Northern Ontario.

A copy of a letter sent to the Provincial Government from the Health Unit was received. The letter is requesting that the Province continue the collaboration of the boards of health in Northwestern Ontario and offer its expert advice on public health functions and structures in the Northeast.

A copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Ryerson was received. The resolution supports a regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

A copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Joly was received. The resolution supports a regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

A news release was received from the Health Unit advising that there is blue-green algae in Talon lake and McQuaby Lake.

An invitation was received from the Agricultural Society to attend the Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls Fall Fair to be held on Monday, September 2, 2019.

An Ontario News release was received advising that purchasing Ontario meat products is the best way to support our farmers.

An Ontario News release was received advising that Ontario is improving crop production by fighting plant disease.

An Ontario News release was received advising that Ontario is investing in a new program to support seniors' mental health.

An AMO communication was received advising that the Attorney General is launching a consultation regarding joint and several liability, insurance costs and the impact of "liability chill" on the delivery of public services. Liability reform represents a longstanding request of municipal governments.

A public service announcement was received from the Health Unit advising that beaches were not closed, but to be careful if there is blue-green algae. It is safe to swim in a lake when the bloom is not present in the area.

A copy of a resolution passed by the Municipality of Magnetawan was received. The resolution supports a Regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

A copy of a resolution passed by the Town of Kearney was received. The resolution supports a Regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

A notice was received from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry that Ontario has named a special advisor on flooding. Mr. Doug McNeil will advise the province on ways to reduce the impacts of flooding and ensure communities can recover quickly.

A notice was received from the Ministry of the Attorney general that Ontario is cutting red tape to support jobs and growth in the construction industry. Changes will help workers and businesses resolve disputes faster and get paid on time.

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A notice was received from the Ministry of the Solicitor General advising that the government is providing police more tools to find missing persons and is detailed in the Missing Persons Act, proclaimed by the government on July 1, 2019. There is no longer a requirement to wait 24 hours to report someone missing in Ontario.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council received an update on the task Blue Sky Net is undertaking to improve broadband services in Northern Ontario. Council passed a resolution supporting the work they are doing. Council supported Blue Sky Net leading a steering committee to which a representative from Armour will be appointed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed the Terms of reference for the Almaguin Health Centre Committee and advised that they were in support of them.

Council reviewed the Fall Armour newsletter.

Council reviewed a staff report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator on the financing of the Pickerel & Jack Lake Road bridge replacement. Council passed a resolution approving the recommendation included in the report.

Requests were made to include discussions on finding a solution to speeding vehicles on municipal roads and to adding playground equipment in Halcyon Beach on a future Council agenda.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on July 9, 2019, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the public meeting held on July 9, 2019, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #41-2019 being a by-law to authorize a subdivision/condominium agreement with Steven Ferrante 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 #45-2019 being a by-law to transfer Part of Lot 6 Concession 10, Part 2 of RP 42R-20844 to the Village of Burk's Falls and accept the transfer of Part of Lot 6 Concession 10, Part 1 of RP 42R-20844 from the Village of Burk's Falls 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 Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #46-2019 being a by-law to enact load restrictions on municipal bridges 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;

WHEREAS access to affordable and reliable broadband networks is an important part of everyday life and key to economic, education, social and health development;

AND WHEREAS communities outside urban centres face challenges in accessing internet service levels comparable to those in cities due to factors such as low population, distance and challenging terrain;

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

AND WHEREAS we believe future ICT infrastructure investment in our community would benefit from a holistic model that takes into account the connectivity needs of regional community partnerships rather than just one community;

AND WHEREAS this regional partnership should begin with a comprehensive needs analysis conducted by Blue Sky Net, a publicly funded non-profit development corporation using their expertise and data-based mapping tool- (BAIMAP-- Broadband and Associated Infrastructure Mapping Analysis Project);

AND WHEREAS from the analysis and public consultation Blue Sky Net will conduct, it will be determined where internet gaps remain while also acknowledging what may be the best technology to fill these gaps based on access to the closest ICT infrastructure like fibre or other existing network infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS once we determine priority areas, we propose establishing three classes of gaps;

- 1) gaps in fibre/backbone infrastructure,
- 2) gaps in last mile/local access to business and residents and
- 3) gaps in access in remote/very isolated area;

AND WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial governments are proposing funding programs that will support the implementation of Broadband projects and will require this in-depth information, we would propose;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that, the Council of the Township of Armour supports Blue Sky Net leading a steering committee to which a representative from Armour will be appointed and that Blue Sky Network with this committee during the period of analysis, funding application and any subsequent RFP engagement. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That Staff Report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator dated July 23rd, 2019, regarding the financing of the Pickerel & Jack Lake Road Bridge replacement be received and that Council approve the financing of the Township's share through the capital reserve. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 8:45 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for August 13, 2019 or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk. Carried

Original signed by Rod Blakelock

Rod Blakelock, Deputy-Reeve

Original signed by John Theriault

John Theriault, Clerk