

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

August 13, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, August 13, 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: Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator and Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor; Guests: Judy Ransome, Marie Stitt, Sandra Anderson, and Gord Isbister; 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 23, 2019 were approved, as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator presented her August 2019 Waste Management report. Questions were asked and answered.

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor presented his August 2019 Roads report and made a presentation on how our asset management program works and assists in prioritizing the upkeep that needs to be accomplished on our infrastructure. Questions were asked and answered.

Council reviewed a report from the Municipal Planner, Robert Miller and a letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing concerning the draft changes to the Provincial Policy Statement. Our Planner does not believe that the changes will adversely affect the Township of Armour.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

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

APPLICATIONS: None

BY-LAWS:

By-law #47-2019 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the month of July 2019 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Council reviewed the Building Report for August 2019.

Council reviewed the August 2019 Planning Report.

Council reviewed the report on the AHHC meeting held on August 9, 2019. A resolution was passed to approve the attendance of our representative on the AHHC Committee to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine's "Recruitment Forum and Career Fair".

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council received a letter from the Township of McKellar requesting that the Province consult with AMO and municipalities before considering any amalgamations in Ontario. The resolution for this item was tabled pending some inquiries with the Township of McKellar.

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CORRESPONDENCE cont'd:

Council received a letter from the City of Stratford requesting support in opposing the upcoming changes to the Planning Act and requesting that the Province consult with municipalities on the effects of downloading onto municipal governments. Council passed a resolution of support.

Council received a letter from the City of North Bay requesting support in changing the designation of Highway 11 to a "400" series highway. Council passed a resolution to retain the present designation of Highway 11.

Council received a letter from the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society requesting that Armour designate the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls 138th Fair to be held on August 31, September 1 and 2, 2019 at the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Arena as a community event. Council passed a resolution to designate the event.

A news release was received from Ontario News about a statement from Minister Yurek on receiving the special advisor's report on recycling and plastic waste.

A news release was received from Ontario News about a major investment to renew Ontario schools and strengthen student learning.

A letter was received from the Ontario Ombudsman that his 2018-2019 report is available.

A news release was received from the Office of the Premier advising that Ontario is improving internet and cell phone service in rural and remote communities.

A letter was received from the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society thanking Council for their support of the Tom Bishop's Wild West Show.

A news release was received from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services advising that Ontario is working towards a needs-based and sustainable autism program.

A news release was received from the Ministry of the Solicitor General advising that the Ontario government is strengthening fire protection.

A report was received from the Health Unit detailing the latest results for testing Doe Lake Beach.

An email was received from the Health Unit advising that we now have access to beach water testing information on the internet.

A news release was received from the Health Unit advising that there is a reduction of emergency department oral health-related visits in North Bay.

Council received a copy of Tech-Talk for July 2019 published by Blue Sky Net.

Council received a copy of the July 2019 newsletter edition of "Burk's Falls Buzz" published by the Village of Burk's Falls.

Council received an invitation to attend a garden party meet and greet on August 18, 2019 from 1 to 3 pm from Trisha Cowie, the Liberal Candidate for Parry Sound Muskoka.

Council received a copy of "Issue at a Glance" for July 2019 published by AMCTO.

A notice was received from AMCTO advising that applications are open for the Rural Economic Development (RED) program.

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A letter was received from the Township of Nairn and Hyman supporting Council's resolution asking the government not to enact legislation to sell beer and wine in corner stores and opposes Bill 115.

A news release was received from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks advising that Ontario is taking the next steps to protect the Muskoka watershed.

A news release was received from the Ministry of the Solicitor General advising that Ontario is investing in specialized disaster search and rescue teams.

An article was received from Canadian News discussing the Ontario government reconsidering the blue box recycling program and the final report on the blue box mediation process.

An email was received from the Village of Burk's Falls advising that the work on the production of a Regional Community Safety and Well Being Plan will proceed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council passed a resolution to approve that the over expenditure for the Doe Lake Boat Launch be funded through the Parkland Trust Fund.

Council was advised that the funding application for the North Pickerel Lake Road Bridge replacement was not approved.

Council reviewed the LPAT decision on the Peggs Mountain Road quarry appeal. A telephone conference call will be held on November 8, 2019 to discuss how to proceed on this matter.

Council reviewed a request for direction from our lawyers on the transfer of the MTO property to the Village of Burk's Falls and from the Village of Burk's Falls.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed the speed limit by-law for our municipal roads and discussed speeding on municipal roads and inconsistent speed limits. Staff was directed to report back to Council with suggested speed reduction measures to implement in the municipality.

Council reviewed a report, from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator on the possibility of constructing a park with a boat launch on Three Mile Lake. Council requested the consideration of a boat washing station, the land's soil, water obstacles, etc. Council passed a resolution directing staff to study the feasibility and obtain budget projections.

Council received a request from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Board for some information on affordable housing. Council directed staff to respond to this request.

Council received an invitation to the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association 2019 fall meeting. Rod Ward, Wendy Whitwell, Jerry Brandt and Bob MacPhail will be attending.

Council reviewed an email from Blue Sky Net advising of the work they are doing to improve internet access.

Council reviewed a report, from the Deputy-Clerk, on the renewal of a license agreement for a hydrometric monitoring station in Doe Lake Park. Council did not have any special requests to be included in the agreement.

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NEW BUSINESS cont'd:

Council discussed the Firefighter Boot Drive and concerns of traffic being impacted where the emergency services stop traffic to collect donations. Suggestions are to collect donations from vehicles exiting Commercial Drive, not entering Commercial Drive.

Council discussed that parking along Commercial Drive by tractor trailers and vehicles to access Tim Horton's is becoming a safety concern. Staff was directed to report back with a draft parking by-law for municipal roads that are creating a concern for residents.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on July 23, 2019, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the August 2019 accounts, in the amount of \$621,059.66 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 and approve By-law #47-2019 being a by-law to confirm the proceeding of Council at its July 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 Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the attendance of Councillor Rod Ward to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine's "Recruitment Forum and Career Fair" to be held in Sudbury on September 19, 2019. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Township of McKellar and request that before the Province forces amalgamation on Ontario municipalities, our AMO organization be required to go beyond requesting consultation and demand that the Provincial Government (1) Hold a local referendum allowing the citizens decide to amalgamate or not; (2) Conduct an evidence-based study to confirm that amalgamation actually saves costs, jobs, lowers taxes and reduces the provincial deficit; (3) Allow those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement; (4) To ensure that there is no conflict of interest in the consultative process; and (5) To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on rural and northern municipalities across Ontario. Tabled until clarification is received from the Township of McKellar.

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the City of Stratford and opposes the upcoming changes to the Planning Act. Furthermore, the Council of the Township of Armour requests that the Province consult with municipalities on the effects of downloading onto municipal governments before implementing any funding changes or regulations that might affect municipalities. Carried

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour, after discussing the resolution from the City of North Bay on designating Highway 11 as a "400" series highway, requests that the Province retain the present designation of Highway 11. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour designate the Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls Agricultural Society's 138th Fall Fair to be held at 220 Centre Street, Burk's Falls on Labour Day Weekend, August 31, September 1 and September 2, 2019 as a Community Event. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve that the over expenditure for the construction and engineering of the Doe Lake Park boat launch be financed through the Parkland Trust Fund. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That Staff Report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator dated August 13th, 2019, regarding a proposed boat launch at Three Mile Lake be received and that Council direct staff to study the feasibility and obtain budget projections for a park with a boat launch on the Township property at the corner of Three Mile Lake Road and Sunnylea Avenue. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:13 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for August 27, 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