

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

August 27, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, August 27, 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; Guests: Municipal Planner, Robert Miller, Leslie Penn, Marie Stitt and Sandra Anderson; Staff: John Theriault, Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator and Charlene Watt, Deputy-Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 13, 2019 were approved, as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS: None

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATIONS:

Council reviewed a zoning by-law amendment application from Kenneth and Jean Varcoe for Concession 10, Lot 14. After some discussion, Council passed a resolution to proceed with the drafting of the zoning amendment by-law.

Council reviewed an application from Lesley and Steven Penn to close and purchase part of a road allowance bordering on 950 and 953 Relative Road. Council did not support this application for a number of reasons but did agreed to a possible lease agreement for a section of the unopened road allowance. Site plan control may be required.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #48-2019 being a by-law to enter into a funding agreement with FedNor for Regional Economic Development was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #49-2019 being a by-law to enter into a rental agreement with Environment Canada for a hydrometric monitoring station in Doe Lake Park was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Council reviewed the Historical Society's minutes from the meeting of August 19, 2019.

Council reviewed the draft minutes from the ACED meeting of August 19, 2019.

Council reviewed the Library report on the meeting of August 21, 2019.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Historical Society requesting support for their "Cookies with Mrs. Claus" event. Council passed a resolution approving a donation and designating the event as a Community Event.

A letter was received from the County of Norfolk requesting Council's support requesting that the Province fund their cost for the leaking gas well at 1925 Forestry Farm Road. Council passed a resolution of support.

A letter was received from the Township of McKellar requesting Council's support in requesting that the Province consult with municipalities before implementing any amalgamations. Council passed a resolution of support.

A letter was received from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury requesting Council's support to develop the Never Forgotten National Memorial. Council passed a resolution of support.

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CORRESPONDENCE cont'd:

A resolution was received from the Village of Sundridge agreeing to participate in a Regional Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

An Ontario news release was received advising that the Province is protecting access to affordable legal representation.

An Ontario news release was received advising that the Province is building strong partnerships with municipalities.

A notice was received from the Municipality of Whitestone advising that Mayor Chris Armstrong passed away on August 5, 2019.

An Ontario news release was received advising that Ontario is helping municipalities protect youth and combat illegal cannabis.

An Ontario news release was received advising that Ontario is working in partnership with municipalities.

An Ontario news release was received advising that Ontario is providing stability for students and families.

An Ontario news release was received announcing the next steps Ontario is taking to improve recycling and tackle plastic waste.

Council received an invitation to the annual Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Gala to be held on October 3, 2019. Councillor Ward, Councillor Whitwell and Reeve MacPhail will represent Armour at the gala.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council had a discussion on what is to be presented at the Parry Sound Municipal Association's fall meeting. Suggestions were made as to what Armour would like to do, including the initiation of a committee and to locate interested municipalities to discuss spring flood mitigation. Reeve MacPhail has been invited to attend a meeting on September 11, 2019 in Huntsville to represent the Township of Armour and to discuss flood mitigation and raise concerns to the province.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council discussed what playground equipment they would like added to Halcyon Beach. Staff was directed to include funds in the 2020 budget to purchase and install the equipment.

Council reviewed the financial report for Heritage Day and thanked the Deputy-Clerk for her efforts in organizing this event.

Council reviewed a report from the Roads Supervisor about the possibility of purchasing a tractor and equipment for it. Some of the equipment is available right now for a reasonable price. Council passed a resolution to purchase the equipment which is available now and to include funds in the 2020 budget to purchase the tractor.

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 August 13, 2019, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for a zoning amendment, submitted by Kenneth and Jean Varcoe, Lot 14, Concession 10, 100-acre parcel of land, and request the municipal planner proceed with drafting the zoning amendment by-law. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support in principle, the application submitted by Steven and Lesley Penn to close and purchase the road allowance, 33 feet in width along the south end of Part Lot 17, Concession 5, Part 17 of Plan PSR1997, known municipally as 950 Relative Road and the road allowance, 33 feet in width along the south end of Part Lot 17, Concession 5, Part 1 of Plan PSR1997, including the shore road 33 feet in width, known municipally as 953 Relative Road on Three Mile Lake, subject to the following:

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

Defeated

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #48-2019 being a by-law to enter into a funding agreement with FedNor for regional economic development 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 #49-2019 being a by-law to enter into a rental agreement with Environment Canada for the operation and maintenance of hydrometric monitoring station #02EA016 at Doe Lake Park 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 Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour designate "Cookies with Mrs. Claus" to be held at the Armour Ryerson & Burk's Falls Memorial Arena on December 15, 2019, as a Community Event and approve a donation of \$200 to the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society to support this event. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the resolution from the County of Norfolk and request that the Province fund the costs to implement the permanent solution for the leaking gas well at 1925 Forestry Farm Road, Langton. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the resolution from the Township of McKellar and request that before the Province forces amalgamation on any Ontario municipality, our AMO organization be required 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. Allows those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement;
4. Ensures that there is no conflict of interest in the consultative process; and
5. Emphasizes the political reality of forcing amalgamation on rural and northern municipalities across Ontario.

Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour receives the resolution from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and supports efforts to develop the "Never Forgotten National Memorial", which has been established to develop commemorative programming, exhibits and monuments at a site on Cape Breton Island as a place of remembrance and thanks for those brave individuals who lost their lives so far from home. Carried

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Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the purchase of a used Votex Jumbo telescopic mower at a cost of \$16,000 plus taxes and because this is a used item, that this purchase be exempted from the Township's procurement policy. Furthermore, that staff be directed to add the purchase of a tractor with a mid-mount boom operated brushing unit (Brush Hog) to the 2020 budget. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:02 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for September 10, 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