

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

February 26, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors Rod Blakelock, Wendy Whitwell and Rod Ward; Absent; Councillors Jerry Brandt; Guest: Albine Cook; Staff: John Theriault, Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator and Charlene Watt, Deputy Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 19, 2019 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS: None

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATION(S):

Council reviewed severance application B-004/19 submitted by John and Jill Leggett for Part of Lot 4 Concession 11 described as 146 Oke Drive. After some discussion, Council passed a resolution to approve the severance with conditions.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #17-2019 being a by-law to adopt a Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #18-2019 being a by-law to amend By-law #63-2017 a by-law to adopt an Emergency Management Program was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

The Library Board minutes of January 16, 2019 were reviewed by Council.

The February 18, 2019 minutes of the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society were reviewed by Council.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Municipality of Neebing requesting Council's support in asking that AMO and ROMA divide Zone 9 into two different geographical zones. Council supported this request by resolution.

A letter was received from the Municipality of Neebing requesting Council's support in asking that ROMA limit the number of votes per municipality at their annual conference to one and that it accepts proxies to representatives of other municipalities attending the annual conference to vote on their behalf. Council supported this request by resolution.

A letter was received from the Municipality of Neebing requesting Council's support in asking that the province respond to their request for funding to cover the cost of the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program and if that funding is included in the OMPF grant that the province clearly demonstrate what part of the OMPF funding covers this program. Council supported this request by resolution.

A news release was received and reviewed advising that the Province is helping job seekers and employers make Ontario open for business.

A news release was received and reviewed by Council advising that the Province is reducing the compensation for Hydro One's CEO.

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CORRESPONDENCE cont'd:

A news release was received and reviewed by Council advising that the Province is going forward with the next stage of their environmental plan.

A news release was received and reviewed by Council advising that the Province is focused on respect for taxpayers as the House resumes for the spring session.

Council received and reviewed a letter from the Burk's Falls & Area Winterfest Committee thanking them for their support and reviewed their financial statement for 2018 - 2019.

Council received and reviewed the 2019 pre-budget submission from the Ontario Public Libraries.

Council received and reviewed the Township of Ryerson's TRI Council Notes from the February 4, 2019 special meeting.

A news release was received and reviewed by Council advising that Ontario's third quarter finances show a \$1 billion reduction in the projected deficit.

Council received and reviewed resolutions from the Township of Joly supporting their inclusion and financial contribution to the Regional Economic Development initiative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council reviewed a report from the Waste Management Administrator advising them that the landfill packer will need approximately \$50,000 in repairs in 2019. Council discussed the issue and directed staff to forward this information to the TRI Council meeting of February 28, 2019 and to finance this repair over three years.

Council discussed the various shared services budgets that are proposed for the February 28, 2019 TRI Council meeting.

Council received and reviewed the announcement by the Province that the OMPF grant will be reviewed in 2019 and if any changes are needed, they will be implemented in 2020.

Council reviewed the letter that the Clerk-Treasurer sent to the Burk's Falls Country Jamboree.

Council discussed the threat that the blue-green algae poses to our lakes and what could be done about it. Communication is a concern and inquiry was expressed to determine if there are funds available to assist in lake water testing through an environmental program. The impact of blue green algae is detrimental to tourism and the economy. A summer staff person could be the key to communication between lake associations, the health unit and the community. The other option is to contract a local resident to perform the task. Testing of septic systems by the municipality was also considered. Councillor Ward will follow up with staff on the issue.

Council received and reviewed a response from the Village of Burk's Falls on their proposal to share a Chief Building Official.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council discussed dates for the 2019 budget meetings and passed a resolution approving them.

Council received and reviewed and invitation to attend the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association meeting. Members of Council will advise the Clerk if they wish to attend.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Bob MacPhail; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on February 19, 2019 as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support severance application #B-004/19 submitted by John and Jill Leggett subject to the following conditions:

- If the reference plan or other evidence discloses that the severed property contains a road deviation maintained by the municipality as a public road, then the applicant shall survey and transfer such road deviation to the municipality;
- That the applicant convey the required cash in lieu of parkland dedication to the Township of Armour as per the current by-law;
- The Township's Roads Supervisor confirm that a suitable location for a new entrance to the proposed severed lot can be properly constructed to municipal standards;
- That the applicant obtain a building permit for a single detached dwelling on the retained lot within two (2) years of the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board's date of Decision Notice and complete the construction of said single detached dwelling within three (3) years.

Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #17-2019 being a by-law to adopt a tree canopy and natural vegetation policy 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; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #18-2019 being a by-law to amend by-law #63-2017 the Emergency Management Program 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 Municipality of Neebing in requesting that the Boards of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association consider dividing Zone 9 into two different geographic zones, one for Northwestern Ontario and one for Northeastern Ontario. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the Municipality of Neebing in requesting that the Rural Ontario Municipal Association limit the number of votes per municipality to one and allow municipal councils, by resolution, to give proxies to representatives of other municipalities attending the conference, to vote on their behalf. Carried

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, Seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the Municipality of Neebing in requesting that the province respond to their request for relief to Ontario Municipalities who are bearing the cost of the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program and if this relief is included in the OMPF grant that the province clearly demonstrate which portion of the OMPF grant is intended to compensate municipalities for this program. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour set its budget meetings for March 26, 2019 and, if needed, April 9, 2019. Furthermore, that staff be directed to present a by-law to approve the draft budget at the regular meeting of April 23, 2019 and that these meeting be advertised in the local newspaper and on the Township's website. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Rod Ward, Seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:27 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for March 12, 2019 or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk. Carried

Original Signed by Bob MacPhail

REEVE

Original Signed by John Theriault

CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR