

**THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR**

**MINUTES**

April 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors Rod Blakelock, Wendy Whitwell and Rod Ward (left at 8:30 pm); Absent; Councillor Jerry Brandt; Delegations: Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator and Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor; Guests: Sandra Anderson, Marie Stitt and 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 Council meeting held on March 26, 2019 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the public meeting held on March 26, 2019 were approved as circulated.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

Councillor Rod Blakelock, Accounts, Item #5 - He works for a contractor for which the Township is paying an account.

**DELEGATIONS:**

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

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor, presented a verbal monthly report. The new grader operator, Dave McCann started on April 8, 2019. Questions were asked and answered.

**ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:**

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

**APPLICATIONS:** None

**BY-LAWS:**

By-law #23-2019 being a by-law to establish a Fire Department was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #24-2019 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for its March 2019 meetings was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #25-2019 being a by-law to establish Site Plan Control in the Township of Armour was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

**REPORTS:**

Council reviewed the April 2019 building report.

Council reviewed the April 2019 planning report.

A verbal report was given on the last Planning Board meeting.

Council reviewed a written report on the last AHHC meeting. Questions were asked and answered.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter was received from the Ontario Public Works Association (OPWA) requesting that the Township of Armour declare May 19 to 25, 2019 as 2019 National Public Works Week. Council supported the declaration by resolution.

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### **CORRESPONDENCE cont'd:**

A letter was received from the Katrine Family Baseball Club requesting that the Township of Armour designate their annual tournament, to be held on July 5, 6 and 7, 2019, as a community event. Council passed a resolution to designate this event as a community event.

A letter was received from the Burk's Falls and District Food Bank requesting a donation to help them defray the cost of their rent. Council passed a resolution approving a donation.

Council reviewed a release from Ontario News advising that the Province is investing \$1.3 billion in highway infrastructure.

Council reviewed a release from Ontario News advising that the 2018 Ontario public sector salary disclosure reveals an unsustainable trend across the public sector.

Council reviewed the resolution the previous council passed last year reducing the fee for a minor variance for shipping containers. Council discussed this issue and decided to let the reduction lapse.

Council reviewed a release from Ontario News advising that the Province is launching consultations on industrial electricity pricing and programs.

Council reviewed a release from Ontario News advising that the Province passed legislation to cut red tape and create jobs. The Act will reduce regulatory burdens in 12 sectors.

Council received a letter from the Town of Huntsville inviting them to participate in a meeting between the Regional Director of the Northeastern Region of the Ministry of Transportation and our surrounding municipalities to see if we can expedite requests made to the MTO. The Regional Director has a solutions-oriented approach in provincial/municipal dealings. The Reeve and the Clerk will attend the meeting.

Council received a letter from the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities advising that there will be a one-time top up gas tax payment to municipalities in 2019.

A notice was received from the OPP that Stacey Whaley will not be returning as Detachment Commander of the Almaguin Highlands OPP. A response will be sent to the OPP to request that when a new Staff Sergeant is assigned to advise Council.

Council received a letter from the East District of Parry Sound Home for the Aged advising them of who their representatives are on the Board of Management for the term beginning on April 1, 2019.

Council reviewed a release from Ontario News advising that the Province is launching a consultation on public sector compensation.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council received a request from the Township of Ryerson to create a sub-committee to discuss the future of the East Road Bridge. Council discussed this issue and directed staff to contact Ryerson and request a meeting between the two councils to discuss this issue.

Council reviewed an amendment to the 2019 budget. After some discussion Council agreed to include the amendment in the draft budget to be brought back for approval at the April 23, 2019 meeting.

Council reviewed the quote that was received for the repairs of the arena washrooms.

Council was advised that there is a possibility to partner with Lofthouse to bring natural gas to the Highway 520 industrial park. This partnership could help with getting funding

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS cont'd:**

from FedNor and NOHFC to install this service and could assist with the installation of a conduit for internet fiber. Council passed a resolution to support this project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council reviewed a request to give permission to build a set of stairs from Skyline Drive to the shore of Three Mile Lake, part of which would be on township property. Council passed a resolution to approve the request with conditions.

**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 March 26, 2019, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the public meeting held on March 26, 2019, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the April 2019 accounts, in the amount of \$473,543.04 for payment, and the Reeve and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #23-2019 being a by-law to establish and regulate a Fire Department 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 Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #24-2019 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its March 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 Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #25-2019 being a by-law to establish Site Plan Control in the Township of Armour and to repeal By-law # 22-2016 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 Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell;  
WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Ontario;  
AND WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees from provincial and municipal governments and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens;  
AND WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in Canada to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities;  
AND WHEREAS, the year 2018 marks the 58th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association and Canadian Public Works Association  
BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Council of the Township of Armour do hereby designate the week May 19–25, 2019 as National Public Works Week and I urge all

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our people to join with representatives of the Canadian Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour designate the annual baseball tournament held by the Katrine Family Baseball Club at the Katrine Community Centre on July 5, 6 and 7, 2019 as a community event. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation in the amount of \$2,725.00 to the Burk's Falls and District Food Bank to assist in covering the 2019 rent of the building. Carried

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock;  
WHEREAS the Township of Armour has committed to ensuring the availability of natural gas services for future development(s) to be located at the Highway 520/ East Road employment lands;  
AND WHEREAS Lofthouse Manufacturing has indicated a need for natural gas service enhancements to accommodate the addition of new equipment;  
AND WHEREAS natural gas infrastructure improvements are required in the Village of Burk's Falls to accommodate an increased level of service for both of these developments, as well as any potential future growth;  
NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Township of Armour agrees to partner, in principle, with Lofthouse Manufacturing to complete the service enhancements. Further, should the project be eligible for Federal or Provincial funding support, the Township of Armour agrees to be the lead applicant and lead administrator for the project and any associated funding agreements. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour give permission, in principle, to build a set of stairs from Skyline Drive to the shore of Three Mile Lake, part of which would be on township property under the following conditions:

1. that the stairs be part of the site plan agreement for the properties on both sides of Skyline Drive, described as Con. 2 Pt Lot 21, RP 42R-17381 Part 1 and RP 42R-15098 Part 1;
2. that a building permit be issued for the construction of the stairs;
3. that there be a \$2,000,000 liability insurance covering the stairs;
4. and that a minimum of trees be cut down to accommodate the construction of the stairs. Carried

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:30 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for April 23, 2019, or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk. Carried

*Original signed by Bob MacPhail*

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Robert MacPhail, Reeve

*Original Signed by John Theriault*

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John Theriault, Clerk