

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

February 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors Rod Blakelock and Jerry Brandt; Absent: Councillors Wendy Whitwell and Rod Ward; Delegations: Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator and Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor; Guests: George Dingman 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 January 22, 2019 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the Special TRI Council meeting held on February 4, 2019 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Rod Blakelock declared a pecuniary interest on Item #6 - Accounts, he works for a contractor for which the Township is paying an account.

DELEGATIONS:

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor, presented his monthly report. Council discussed his report, questions were asked and answered.

Council received and reviewed a report on the 2019 capital works including surface treatment and pulverization tenders. A resolution was passed to award the tenders.

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, presented her monthly report. Council discussed her report, questions were asked and answered.

George Dingman expressed concern over the lack of maintenance and the ice build-up on the municipal roads this winter. He indicated that the strategies being used to sand and plow the roads and the use of the grader is not being completed properly. Council indicated that the concerns will be addressed with the Roads Supervisor and informed Mr. Dingman that a grader operator is to be hired in the coming weeks.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

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

APPLICATIONS:

Council received consent application #B-048/18 from Trevor and Marina Hammond requesting their merged properties be returned to the same state they were in before the title merger of Part of Lot 9, Concession 12, known municipally as 227 Berriedale Road and 273 Berriedale Road. Council discussed the request and passed a resolution supporting the application without conditions.

Council received a site plan application from Lynda Anne Allen, Part Lot 6, Concession 4, described as 21B Shady Lane. Council passed a resolution requesting the municipal planner proceed with drafting the site plan agreement.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #13-2019 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its January 2019 meetings was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #14-2019 being a by-law to adopt a Council Code of Conduct Policy and to rescind By-law #37-2016 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #15-2019 being a by-law to adopt a Council-Staff Relations Policy was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

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BY-LAWS cont'd:

By-law #16-2019 being a by-law to adopt a Council Member Pregnancy, Birth and/or Adoption of Child Leave Policy was read in its entirety as passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Council reviewed the January 11, 2019 Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee meeting minutes. The Clerk/Treasurer-Administrator provided a verbal report on the February 1, 2019 AHHC meeting as submitted by Councillor Ward.

Council reviewed the January 24, 2019 Almaguin Recycling Initiative Board meeting minutes.

Council reviewed the February 2019 building report.

Council reviewed the February 2019 planning report.

Council reviewed the January 21, 2019 Historical Society Committee meeting minutes.

A verbal report was given on the February 11, 2019 BACED meeting. We now have 10 municipalities and the Chamber of Commerce supporting the Regional Economic Development proposal. The CIINO grant application has been received by FedNor and is being reviewed. There will be an initial meeting of the ACED Interim Board on March 11, 2019.

The Almaguin Saving Huntsville Hospital Committee meeting of February 11, 2019 was cancelled due to inclement weather.

A verbal report was given on the last Planning Board meeting. There were 48 consent applications in 2018. There are already 6 consent applications in 2019. The Planning Board finished their yearend with approximately \$28,000 in the bank.

A verbal report was given on the Burk's Falls Winterfest. It was successful for 2019 and the bank balance after the event was \$2,207. Attendance was down this year; however, a raffle for prizes raised over \$300.

A verbal report was given on the February 18, 2019 Katrine Community Centre meeting. A new President has been elected, Richard "Dick" Bartlett. The Clerk/Treasurer-Administrator has arranged for our municipal office cleaner to clean the senior's room in the basement of the Katrine Community Centre and to pick up their garbage. Councillor Brandt suggested the promotion of the community centre as a warming/cooling station for Armour Township.

A verbal report was given on the DSSAB meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council received and reviewed a request from the Canadian Red Cross for a donation to assist with disasters that occur around the world. Council passed a resolution to approve a donation.

Council received and reviewed a request from the Burk's Falls Skating Club for a donation to their Annual Year End Carnival. Council passed a resolution to approve a donation.

Council received and reviewed an Ontario News Release from the Ministry of Attorney General advising that Ontario is making it easier for people to support charities with new online raffle options.

Council received and reviewed an Ontario News Release from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks advising that Ontario is taking steps to improve the Endangered Species Act as outlined in the Ontario Environmental Plan.

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CORRESPONDENCE cont'd:

Council received and reviewed a resolution from the Village of South River supporting the Almaguin Community Economic development proposal.

Council received and reviewed a news article from the Brock Citizen dated January 22, 2019 stating that Brock Township wants answers from Health Canada before issuing building permits for new marijuana grow operations.

Council received and reviewed a news release from the Ministry of Finance advising that the second payment for the cannabis grant will be received by municipalities who have opted in.

Council received and reviewed an Ontario News Release from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care stating that Ontario has signed two health funding agreements with Health Canada.

Council received and reviewed an invitation from DSSAB to join a Homelessness Objective Maximizing Efforts (H.O.M.E.) network meeting on February 26, 2019.

Council received and reviewed a news article from the Globe and Mail dated January 23, 2019 stating the Ontario has reversed course on Bill 66 that could have opened the Greenbelt for development and sidestepped laws protecting drinking water. Premier Doug Ford has cancelled the "open for business" zoning bylaws.

Council received and reviewed an invitation to attend the introductory ACED Board Meeting.

Council received and reviewed an Ontario News Release from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs advising that they are reducing red tape for farmers and simplifying farm business regulations to save time and reduce paperwork.

Council received and reviewed a request from DPSMA requesting copies of all appointments for the 2018-2022 term. Norm Hofstetter has been appointed for our Ward 4.

Council received and reviewed an email from the Economic Development Officer advising that he has been looking into the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot Program through the Government of Canada.

Council received and reviewed a notice to participate in a survey to name the theatre at Land of Lakes Public School, the M.A. Wittick Theatre.

Council received and reviewed a notice from the Province that they are reviewing eight regional governments in Ontario and are asking for participation in the consultations in the spring of 2019.

Council received and reviewed a letter from the President of AMO addressing joint and several liability obligations by municipal government and the impact on municipal insurance choices.

Council received and reviewed a letter from Connex Ontario, an organization that is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care offering free promotion material to support access points to addictions, mental health and problem gambling services.

Council received and reviewed a notice from Hydro One advising that Hydro One Forestry will be working on their 44Kv Distribution Line – Muskoka M10. This is projected to start in the first quarter of 2019. Right of ways that will receive the vegetation maintenance includes Three Mile Lake Road, Chetwynd Road and Leggetts Road.

Council received and reviewed a letter from the Ombudsman of Ontario detailing open meetings and received the latest edition of the Open Meeting Guide detailing the rules for open meetings.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council received and reviewed a report from Robert Miller, Municipal Planner regarding the required Zoning By-law amendments under the Cannabis License Act, 2018. Council passed a resolution requesting that the amendments be completed to bring the Zoning By-law into compliance with the changes to the Planning Act resulting from Bill 36.

Council postponed the discussion on Blue-Green Algae to the next regular Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council received and reviewed an invitation to attend a Council training and meet the Integrity Commissioner to take place on February 21, 2019. The Reeve will attend.

Council received and reviewed the Spring 2019 Newsletter that will be circulated with the interim tax bills in March 2019.

Council reviewed the Council Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2018 and passed a resolution to approve it.

Council reviewed a Notice of Project Change from Northland Power Solar Burk's Falls East and West that is being circulated to neighbouring property owners proposing to install small diesel storage tanks with a maximum capacity of 1,200 L on both the East and West project sites. The Burk's Falls Fire Department has reached out to Northland Power to confirm compliance with the Fire Code as a Fire Safety Plan may be required.

Council received and reviewed a draft tree canopy and natural vegetation policy. This policy is required by the *Municipal Act*. Council directed staff to bring back the policy for formal approval.

CLOSED MEETING

Moved into a closed meeting at 9:20 p.m. as per Section 239.2 (b) and (c) of the *Municipal Act*, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Moved out of closed session at 9:42 p.m. and reported.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on January 22, 2019 as circulated. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the Special TRI council meeting held on February 4, 2019, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock That the staff report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator dated February 12, 2019, regarding the 2019 pulverization and surface treatment tenders be received and that Council award tender 2019-01, the surface treatment contract, to Duncor Enterprises Inc. for a bid price of \$316,036 plus HST and tender 2019-02, the pulverization contract, to Miller Paving Inc. for a bid price of \$54,390 plus HST.

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Bob MacPhail; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the February 2019 accounts, in the amount of \$282,877.33 for payment, and the Reeve and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support the unmerging of title consent application B-048/18, 227 - 273 Berriedale Road, Part of Lot 9, Concession 12, Plan 42R-12318 Parts 1 and 2, submitted by Trevor and Marina Hammond, without attaching any municipal conditions or cash in lieu requirement as no new development is involved in the application. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for site plan approval, submitted by Lynda Anne Allen, Part Lot 6, Concession 4, described as 21B Shady Lane, and request the municipal planner proceed with drafting the site plan agreement. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #13-2019 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its January 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 Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #14-2019 being a by-law to adopt a Council Code of Conduct 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 Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #15-2019 being a by-law to adopt a Council-Staff Relations 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 Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #16-2019 being a by-law to adopt a Council Member Pregnancy, Birth and/or Adoption of Child Leave 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 Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation in the amount of \$500 to the Canadian Red Cross to support their Disaster Relief Program. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation in the amount of \$100 to the Burk's Falls Skating Club. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the recommendations by the Municipal Planner regarding the proposed adjustments to By-law 32-2018, Cannabis Provisions and direct the Municipal Planner to proceed with the Zoning By-law Amendment to bring it into conformity with the changes to the Planning Act resulting from Bill 36. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the Council 2018 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses, as presented by the Deputy-Treasurer. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 9:20 p.m. as per Section 239.2 (b) and (c) of the *Municipal Act*, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn and move out of closed session at 9:42 p.m. and report. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the regular council meeting be adjourned at 9:43 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for February 26, 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