

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

January 22, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors Rod Blakelock, Wendy Whitwell, Jerry Brandt and Rod Ward; Delegation: Robert Miller, Township Planner; Guests: Sandra Anderson, Shari Anderson 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 8, 2019 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Robert Miller, Township Planner made a presentation to Council about retail cannabis stores and the zoning amendment by-law the Municipality passed concerning cannabis businesses. Based on the amendment, any cannabis business requires a zoning amendment. Since retail cannabis stores are exempt from this requirement, the by-law should be amended to take out this provision. Council directed the Planner to prepare a report describing the changes to be made.

The Planner also advised Council on an expansion that is being planned at Camp Leah Rivka. Council was informed that a new scientific study from Neil Hutchinson, is coming out regarding relaxed setbacks for development around lakes. Rick Hunter from Planscape has been in contact with Bob Miller regarding this matter.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATIONS:

Council reviewed an application for an exception to By-law #12-2006, a by-law to regulate the Conservation of Woodlands within the Township of Armour. Council reviewed the application and the staff report from the By-law Enforcement Officer supporting the exception. After some discussion Council passed a resolution approving the exception with a condition.

BY-LAWS: None

REPORTS:

Council received and reviewed the 2018 Building Department Report.

Council received and reviewed the November 12, 2018 minutes from the AHHC and the report on the January 11, 2019 meeting. Council discussed supporting the creation of a walk-in clinic. A request for a resolution of support will be coming from the AHHC.

A report was provided on the last BACED meeting. Council received and discussed a letter received from the Municipality of Magnetawan asking for a consultant to create the job descriptions and to proceed with the hiring of a Director of Economic Development and an Economic Development Officer. Council did not agree with the request and passed a resolution to complete this work in-house.

Council received and reviewed the November 21, 2018 minutes from the Library Board and the November and December 2018 CEO reports.

A verbal report was given on ASHH.

Councillor Blakelock attended a council meeting at the Village of Burk's Falls and addressed concerns with their building department and offered some recommendations, including the option of sharing our Chief Building Official.

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Council discussed the appointment of a Deputy Reeve. Councillor Whitwell declined being offered the position. Councillor Blakelock accepted the appointment of Deputy Reeve.

A verbal report was given by Councillor Brandt on the Almaguin Hatchery Project.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Katrine Community Centre Club asking for Council's support for their Katrine Winter Karnival. Council passed a resolution to acknowledge the Katrine Winter Karnival as a Community Event and to approve a donation.

Council reviewed a news release advising that the Province is reviewing regional governments, which raises the prospect of future amalgamations.

Council reviewed an article on how the gas tax is allocated across Canada.

Council reviewed an article showing that black market cannabis is cheaper than legalized cannabis to purchase.

Council received a notice that the Province is lowering tuitions by 10%.

Council reviewed a notice that the province is looking at dissolving regional health agencies.

Council reviewed a news release advising that the province is reforming auto insurance.

Council reviewed a notice that the Ontario Energy Board has received a request from Enbridge Gas to increase their natural gas rates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed a report requesting that the Township look into how health notices from the Health Unit are posted and taken down. The report is asking for improved communication between the Health Unit and the Township. A public meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Environment and the Health Unit was discussed. Councillor Ward will work with the Clerk to initiate the meeting and address the public's concerns.

Council received and reviewed the 2018 year-end assessment report from MPAC.

Council discussed the proposed TRI Council meeting of February 4, 2019 and directed the Clerk to advise Ryerson that the Township of Armour would have a quorum at the meeting.

Council discussed the proposed TRI Council meeting of February 28, 2019 and directed the Clerk to advise Ryerson that the Township of Armour would have a quorum at the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

That the Council of the Township of Armour move into closed session at 8:36 p.m. as per Section 239.2 (c) of the *Municipal Act*, a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Council moved out of closed session at 9:01 p.m. and reported.

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 January 8, 2019, as circulated. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the application submitted by Thomas Platts and allow the harvesting of beech and ash trees below the prescribed diameter limits set in By-law 12-2006, a by-law to regulate the conservation of woodlands within the Township of Armour, to provide for the salvage of beech and ash before the Beech Bark Disease and the Emerald Ash Disease cause enough damage to create safety issues and loss of income and to improve the health of the forest provided the owner install proper signage for logging trucks and approved by the Road Supervisor. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, Seconded by Wendy Whitwell;

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Armour believes that their staff have the expertise to identify the qualifications for the positions of Director of Economic Development and Economic Development Officer which is supported by the fact that the position descriptions for these have already been created and evaluated by the Township of Armour;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Armour believes that staff from members municipalities and members of the ACED committee have the expertise to recruit the appropriate candidates for the positions of Director of Economic Development and Economic Development Officer;

AND WHEREAS the member municipalities have fair and transparent hiring policies;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Armour believes that the cost of hiring an outside consultant to identify the qualifications for the EDC positions and to recruit the appropriate staff would not be money well spent;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Armour supports doing this work in-house. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Wendy Whitwell, That the Council of the Township of Armour acknowledges the 24th Annual Winterfest to be held at the Burk's Falls Arena on January 19th and 20th, 2019 and the 46th Katrine Winter Carnival to be held on March 2nd and 3rd 2019 at the Katrine Community Centre, as Community Events. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation of \$650.00 to offset the cost of the horse and sleigh rides and the liquor license for the Saturday night dance to be held during the 2019 Katrine Winter Carnival. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 8:36 p.m. as per Section 239.2 (c) of the Municipal Act, a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn and move out of closed session at 9:01 p.m. and report. 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 February 12, 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