

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

January 24, 2017

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Marina Hammond, and Pat Hayes, Councillor Brandt was absent; Delegations: Robert Miller, Planner and Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor; Guests: Judy Ransome, Andrew Mendler, Almaguin News; Staff: Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular meeting held on January 10, 2017 and the public meeting of January 10, 2017 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor discussed the 2017 roads capital program with Council. Questions were asked and answered. Council directed staff to proceed with the tendering of the projects included in the 2017 draft budget.

The Township Planner, Robert Miller, presented an update to the development of the Highway 520 industrial park. Council discussed the ideas presented and directed staff to move forward with MTO approval to open the road allowance on the west side of the industrial park and to use the concept plan #5 for design purposes for the opening of the road allowance. Council confirmed their desire to secure the MTO approval for the entrance before moving forward with marketing the property.

The Township Planner, Robert Miller, presented a report to Council on the need to make an amendment to the zoning by-law in order to accommodate the new trailer by-law which is being proposed. A resolution was passed authorizing the planner to move forward with drafting a zoning by-law amendment.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATION(S): None

BY-LAWS:

By-law #5-2017 being a by-law to approve a site plan agreement with Roderick Ward and Tammy Ellies for Lot 14 of Plan M445 and Part 4 of Plan 42R-10039 being part of Lot 19 Concession 2, known as 12 Melody Lane was passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

The December 2016 building permit report was received by Council.

Council reviewed the minutes of January 6, 2017 from the AHHC.

Council reviewed the minutes of January 16, 2017 from the Historical Society.

Regional Fire Service Committee report – A verbal report was provided.

Library meeting – A verbal report was given on current initiatives.

Council discussed the TRI Council meeting of January 23, 2017. The 2017 budgets for shared services will be on the next agenda for review and support.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from Ernie Hardeman, MPP Oxford advising that he was taking our concerns about economic development to the Premier of Ontario.

Near North District School Board, invitation to attend the North Bay Accommodation Planning meeting on February 1, 2017 at the Board office in North Bay.

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CORRESPONDENCE: CONTINUED

An information sheet was received on the labour market in our region.

An information email was received from AMO detailing the changes the Premier of Ontario made to her cabinet.

An information email was received from AMO on their 2017 budget submission to the province.

A request for donation was received from the Salvation Army. Council approved a donation by resolution.

A request was received from Town of Bancroft asking for Council's support in requesting that the Province allow municipalities to hold municipal lotteries to generate funds for infrastructure projects. No support was given.

A letter was received from the Town of Fort Frances asking for Council's support in requesting that the Province implement a new system of municipal property taxation for railroad right of ways. Council passed a resolution of support.

Municipality of Bluewater requesting support to lobby the Provincial government to halt the downloading of enforcement responsibility of the residential rental maintenance standards proposed in Schedule 5 of the Bill 7. A resolution in support was passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council passed a resolution directing staff to take the necessary steps to purchase the MTO property on Pickerel and Jack Lake Road.

Council passed a resolution approving a donation to the Katrine Winter Karnival.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council were advised that the local snowmobile club has closed the trail running into Burk's Falls from both the east and west side of Highway 11 and Katrine due to issues with the trail, lack of snow and inability to safely groom this section of trail. This will have a significant negative impact to local business and snowmobilers. Council directed staff to provide assistance were possible, to the club including looking for re-route possibilities to move trails onto road allowances and sourcing funding opportunities to reopen this trail.

A donation request was received from MA Wittick Junior Public School to help children who do not get proper nutrition. Council approved a donation by resolution.

A staff report on annual donations to the three cemeteries was discussed by Council. Council decided not to change the annual amount that is donate to the cemeteries.

A staff report on health and safety and accessibility training was discussed by Council. Council passed a resolution directing staff to organize a health and safety and accessibility training session for Township volunteers in the spring.

CLOSED SESSION: Not required

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Patrick Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on January 10, 2017, as circulated. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS: CONTINUE

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Patrick Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the public meeting for a zoning amendment to increase lot coverage in specific zones, held on January 10, 2017, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize Robert Miller, Planner to prepare a draft amendment to the Armour Township Zoning By-law to bring the trailer licensing provisions up to date and also bring the various definitions related to trailers and park model homes into line with the Planning Act as it now relates to trailers and assessment. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Patrick Hayes; That the Council of the Township approve By-law #5-2017 being a by-law to enter into a site plan agreement with Roderick Ward and Tammy Ellies for Lot 14 of Plan M445 and Part 4 of Plan 42R-10039 being part of Lot 19 Concession 2, known as 12 Melody Lane 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 Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour support in principle, the concept of two full time Regional Fire Prevention Officers for the area, subject to negotiating a satisfactory agreement. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation of \$200 to the Salvation Army-Huntsville to support their work in the community. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution of the Town of Fort Frances and request that the Province implement a new system of municipal property taxation for railroad right-of-way properties based on utilizing a per ton-mile concept. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock, That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Municipality of Bluewater and urge the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Housing to halt the download of enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards proposed in Schedule 5 of Bill 7, in light of the significant fiscal challenge each municipality will face to provide this service to the public in a cost-effective manner. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That Council of the Township of Armour direct staff to go forward with the purchase of the MTO property on Pickerel and Jack Lake Road. Carried

Moved by Patrick Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation of \$ 200.00 to the MA Wittick Junior Public School to support their efforts to provide good nutrition to their students. Carried

Moved by Patrick Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation of \$500 to the Katrine Winter Karnival. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That Council of the Township of Armour directs staff to organize a health & safety and accessibility training session for Township volunteers in the spring of 2017. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS: CONTINUED

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:50 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for February 14, 2017 or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk. Carried

Original signed by Bob MacPhail

REEVE

Original signed by Wendy Whitwell

CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR