

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

January 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Wendy Whitwell, and Rod Ward; Absent: Councillor Jerry Brandt; Delegations: Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor - January Report; and Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator - January Report; Guests: Albine Cook and Judy Ransome; 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 December 11, 2018 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor presented his January Report. Questions were asked and answered.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council received and reviewed a report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator on the creation of an Equipment Operator I Position for the Roads Department. Council passed a resolution to approve the recommendation included in the report.

Council received and reviewed a report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator on the 2019 Roads Department's Capital Program. Council passed a resolution to approve the recommendation included in the report and directed staff to send out the appropriate tender documents.

DELEGATIONS cont'd:

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator presented her January Report. Questions were asked and answered.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

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

APPLICATIONS:

Council reviewed severance application B-046/18 submitted by Sharon and David Gosbee for Part of Lot 20 Concession 12 described as 90 Ely Side Road. Council passed a resolution to approve the severance with conditions.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #1-2019 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #2-2019 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, the payment of interim taxes for the year 2019, to establish penalty charges for non-payment of current taxes and to provide for interest to be added to tax arrears was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #3-2019 being a by-law to authorize the appointment of Armour representatives on different municipal committees was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #4-2019 being a by-law to update the Municipal Accessibility Plan was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #5-2019 being a by-law to adopt a Strategic Asset Management Policy was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

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BY-LAWS cont'd:

By-law #6-2019 being a by-law to prohibit the smoking of tobacco/cannabis in buildings and vehicles owned or leased by the Township of Armour and within nine (9) metres of the entrance or exit of those buildings was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #7-2019 being a by-law respecting remuneration and expenses for Members of Council and repeal By-law #21-2018 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #8-2019 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its December meeting was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #9-2019 being a by-law to enter into an agreement for animal shelter services with the SPCA was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #10-2019 being a by-law to authorize the purchase of 827 Chetwynd Road, the Watt Century Farm House Heritage Centre, being Part 1 of Registered Plan 42R-21031 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #11-2019 being a by-law to establish a public highway over lands described as Part Lot 23, Concession 7 and fronting Chetwynd Road was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #12-2019 being a by-law to enter into a funding agreement with the Continuous Improvement Fund was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Council reviewed the Building Department's Permit Report for January 2019.

Council reviewed the Planning Department's January 2019 Report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A request was received from the Katrine Community Centre asking for Council's support in acknowledging their 2019 Jamborees. Council passed a resolution of support.

Council received a request from the Burk's Falls Country Jamboree requesting a donation to support the annual event. After some discussion, Council passed a resolution approving a donation.

Council reviewed a resolution from the Township of Joly supporting the submission of a Phase 2 CIINO application with FedNor with the understanding that the municipal contributions can be further negotiated with participating municipalities.

Council received and reviewed an AMO Policy Update on financial risks for property taxpayers and municipal budgets due to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) cuts. AMO's advice to the provincial government is to take a comprehensive approach rather than a Ministry funding line review.

Council received and reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that the Province had scrapped the Green Energy Act.

Council received and reviewed a letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting input by January 25, 2019 on how to increase the supply and mix of housing, speed up development timelines and drive down costs. Feedback will inform their Housing Supply Action Plan which is to be released in the spring.

Council received and reviewed a news article from the Canadian Press dated January 3, 2019 advising that the lottery for Ontario retail cannabis licences are to take place on Friday, January 11, 2019. AGCO will post the results within 24 hours on their website.

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CORRESPONDENCE cont'd:

Council received and reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that Premier Ford and Premier Legault are calling for federal compensation for the cost of illegal border crossings by migrants.

Council received and reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that Ontario is supporting economic development in Burk's Falls. Ontario is investing \$144,000 in the launch of Missing Link Adventure Tours and \$46,890 to the Village of Burk's Falls to support the Almaguin Regional Economic Development Plan.

Council received and reviewed a news article from the Waterloo Region Record dated December 7, 2018 expressing concern of Bill 66 and that municipalities could by-pass provincial safeguards under the new Bill.

Council received and reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that the Province was announcing new accountability measures on government spending.

Council received and reviewed a news article from the Waterloo Region Record dated December 6, 2018 advising that the province is to change the municipal tendering rules and open bidding to non-union contractors for municipal construction projects.

Council received and reviewed a news release dated December 6, 2018 advising that cities are not receiving their share of taxes that are being collected by the provincial governments from legal marijuana sales.

Council received and reviewed a letter from Union Gas advising that Enbridge Gas Distribution and Union Gas have amalgamated. The legal name of the company effective January 1, 2019 is Enbridge Gas Inc.

Council received an Ontario News Release informing that Ontario will take a phased in approach to cannabis retail licencing due to national supply shortages.

Council received a letter from the Burk's Falls, Armour and Ryerson Union Public Library congratulating council on their successful municipal election and that the library looks forward to working with the new council.

Council received a letter from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services sharing the DSSAB Governance and Accountability Review Final Report.

Council received and reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that the Province is freezing more driver and vehicle fees.

Council reviewed and reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that the Province is standing up to the federal government for Ontario families that will be hurt by the combined impact of the federal government's carbon tax and Canada Pension Plan enhancement that came into force on January 1, 2019.

Council received a letter from the Ministry of Finance providing an update on the 2019 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund. The Ministry is seeking municipal input on how to renew the program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council reviewed and discussed a report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator on the East Road Bridge and the recommendation to close the bridge upon the termination of its serviceable life. After some discussion, Council passed a resolution to approve the recommendation included in the report.

Council received and reviewed a report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator on the review of the fire department's establishing by-law. Council passed a resolution to approve the recommendation included in the report.

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NEW BUSINESS cont'd:

Council received and reviewed a letter from the Municipal Planner, Robert Miller on Bill 66 – Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018. The Planner recommends that Council not take a negative position on the proposed Bill.

Council reviewed the quote the Township received for the renovations needed in the Township office basement to accommodate the Economic Development Department. Council passed a resolution approving the project.

Council reviewed an application to the Northern Communities Investment Readiness Fund to fund a Downtown Assessment Project that would give the ACED municipalities the tools to market their downtown/village centres. Council passed a resolution to support the application in principle and to recognize the Municipality of Powassan as the lead applicant for this funding.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on December 11, 2018, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Staff Report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator dated January 8th, 2019, regarding the creation of an Equipment Operator I position be received and that Council approve the creation of an Equipment Operator I position based on the job description attached to this report and direct staff to forward the task description to the Employment Management Committee for evaluation and inclusion into the Township of Armour's salary grid. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Staff Report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator dated January 8th, 2019, regarding the 2019 roads capital program be received and that Council approve, in principle, the program and direct staff to send out the appropriate tender documents. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the January 2019 accounts, in the amount of \$443,595.58 for payment, and the Reeve and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support the severance application B-046/18 submitted by David and Sharon Gosbee 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. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #1-2019 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 and that we authorize the Reeve and 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 #2-2019 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, the payment of interim taxes for the year 2019, to establish penalty charges for non-payment of current taxes and to provide for interest to be added to tax arrears and that we authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

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Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #3-2019 being a by-law to authorize the appointment of Armour representatives on different municipal committees and that we authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #4-2019 being a by-law to update the Municipal Accessibility Plan and that we authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #5-2019 being a by-law to adopt a Strategic Asset Management Policy and that we authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #6-2019 being a by-law to prohibit the smoking of tobacco/cannabis in buildings and vehicles owned or leased by the Township of Armour and within nine (9) metres of the entrance or exit of those buildings and that we authorize the Reeve and 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 #7-2019 being a by-law respecting remuneration and expenses for Members of Council and repeal By-law #21-2018 and that we authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #8-2019 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its December meeting and that we authorize the Reeve and 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 #9-2019 being a by-law to enter into an agreement for animal shelter services with the SPCA and that we authorize the Reeve and 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 #10-2019 being a by-law to authorize the purchase of 827 Chetwynd Road, the Watt Century Farm House Heritage Centre, being Part 1 of Registered Plan 42R-21031 and that we authorize the Reeve and 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 #11-2019 being a by-law to establish a public highway over lands described as Part Lot 23, Concession 7 and fronting Chetwynd Road and that we authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #12-2019 being a by-law to enter into a funding agreement with the Continuous Improvement Fund and that we authorize the Reeve and 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 acknowledges the Jamborees to be held on January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, October 12, November 9, and December 14, 2019 at the Katrine Community Centre, as Community Events. Carried

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Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation, in the amount of \$2,000 to River Run Productions to support the August Annual Country Jamboree. Carried

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Staff Report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator dated January 8th, 2019, regarding the East Road Bridge be received and that Council approve the permanent closure of the East Road Bridge upon termination of its serviceable life. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Staff Report from the Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator dated January 8th, 2019, regarding the review of the by-law to establish a fire department be received and that Council direct staff to forward the report to the Township of Ryerson for their review and inclusion in the Tri Council meeting of February 2019. Carried

Moved by Rod Ward, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That Council approve the Township office basement renovation project up to a maximum of \$20,000 and direct staff to proceed with getting the work done. Carried

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby supports, in principle, the Almaguin Downtown Assessment Project and the associated application to the Northern Communities Investment Readiness Program offered by the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines. Further, we recognize the Municipality of Powassan as the lead applicant on this project. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Rod Ward; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:40 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for January 22, 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