

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

June 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt and Marina Hammond; Absent: Councillor Pat Hayes; Delegations: Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator and Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor; Guests: Albine Cook; Staff: John Theriault, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk and Charlene Watt, Senior Administrative Assistant.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held on May 23, 2017 and the TRI Council meeting of May 29, 2017, were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Councillor Jerry Brandt declared a conflict of interest on item #6, accounts, of the June 13, 2017 regular meeting as an account is being paid to his son-in-law.

DELEGATIONS:

Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor, presented his monthly report. The report was discussed and questions were asked and answered. Council was advised that the application of chlorides on our gravel roads has been delayed by the contractor. It should be starting tomorrow.

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, presented two reports:

- a) Her monthly waste management report, which Council discussed and asked some questions which were answered.
- b) A report on an opportunity to improve efficiency at the landfill by adding a compactor unit for recycling. Council approved the rental of a self-contained compaction unit for a year by resolution.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

The list of accounts for June 2017 was approved by resolution.

APPLICATIONS: None

BY-LAWS:

By-law #33-2017 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for May 2017 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Council reviewed the building report for June 2017.

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

Council discussed the last TRI Council meeting.

A verbal report was given on the last BACED meeting. The CEDO report from June 12, 2017 was distributed to Council members for their review.

Council reviewed a report on the 2017 donation to the food bank. After some discussion, Council approved a donation by resolution.

Council reviewed a report on the cost of the survey for the MTO property on Pickerel and Jack Lake Road. Council passed a resolution to award the survey to Tulloch Engineering.

Council reviewed a report on celebrating Canada's 150th and approved the closing of one lane of Chetwynd Road on July 8, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by resolution.

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REPORTS cont'd:

Council reviewed the OPP first quarter statistics and the OPP call for service report for January to March 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A resolution was received from the Town of Shelburne challenging all Ontario municipalities to purchase a "Hero Tree", in the amount of \$150, to be planted along the highway of heroes. Council accepted the challenge by resolution.

A resolution was received from the Municipality of East Ferris requesting support for the letter from Cheryl Gallant, Member of Parliament objecting to the removal of the tax-exempt portion of remuneration paid to local officials. Council passed a resolution of support.

A resolution was received from the Municipality of Brockton requesting support in opposing an amendment to the Conservation Act which would reduce the ability of municipal councils to appoint board members. Council passed a resolution of support.

A letter was received from the Women's Own Resource Centre requesting a donation to support the work they do in the community. Council passed a resolution to approve a donation.

A letter was received from the Village of Burk's Falls requesting a donation towards transportation for swimming lessons for the youths in the area. Council passed a resolution to approve a donation.

An email was received from the Almaguin Highlands Arts Council requesting the Township purchase space in their 2018/19 Culture and Heritage Directory. Council approved the purchase by resolution.

A letter was received from the East Parry Sound Veterinary Service Committee advising us of what our fees are for 2017. Council deferred this item to their next Council meeting.

A letter was received from Near North Crime Stoppers requesting a donation to support the work they do in the community. Council passed a resolution to approve a donation.

A letter was received from the Katrine Family Baseball Club requesting that their annual baseball tournament be declared a community festival. Council passed a resolution to approve the annual baseball tournament to be held at the Katrine Community Centre on July 7, 8 & 9 as a community festival.

An invitation was received from the Young at Heart Seniors to attend their Canada's 150th birthday celebration on June 17th at the Burk's Falls senior centre.

An article from Municipal World was shared with Council on the impact of Bill 68 on Ontario's municipalities.

An AMO communication was received advising that MEPCO Board supports proposals to strengthen public health.

An AMO communication was received advising that the province has announced emergency services changes including dispatch and fire-medical pilots.

An AMO communication was received advising Council that three critical matters are being discussed and need input from all municipalities. These are the proposed asset management regulations, a policy on mental stress injuries in the workplace and the *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017*.

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A letter was received from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services advising the Township that they are amending the OPP billing model to compensate for properties which do not require much policing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council discussed the proposal Council sent to their partners in shared services and reviewed the answers they received from Burk's Falls and Ryerson. Council also reviewed a history of shared services for waste management and recycling. Council directed staff to request a TRI Council meeting to discuss an extension to the present agreement.

Council reviewed and discussed the letter Robert Miller, Planner sent to Stantec concerning the Sky One Solar project. Our planner has concerns that the buffer zone for this project might affect the development of the industrial park on Highway 520. We have not received a response yet to the letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request was received from AMO for Council members to complete a survey regarding how municipal governments are going to be able to do everything that they have to do and pay for it all. The survey was distributed to Council for members to complete.

Council reviewed the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit rabies contingency plan.

Council received a letter from Dawn Corless informing them that she has resigned from the Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls Agricultural Society. Council directed staff to send her a thank you letter to acknowledge her years of volunteering.

Council reviewed the list of correspondence.

CLOSED SESSION:

Moved into closed session at 9:44 p.m. as per Section 239.2 (e)(f) of the *Municipal Act*, litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Moved out of closed session at 10:01 p.m. and reported that staff was directed to solve some zoning issues.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on May 23, 2017, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the TRI council meeting held on May 29, 2017, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the staff report from the Waste Management Administrator dated June 13, 2017 regarding the 2017 operating budget be received and that Council approve up to one (1) year rental of a self-contained compaction unit for mixed container recycling. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the staff report from the Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk dated June 13th, 2017, regarding the request for proposals for the installation of a generator at the Katrine Community Centre be received and that Council award this project to Stinson Electric for a bid price of \$34,095 plus HST. Furthermore, that the budget shortfall for this project be funded through the capital reserve. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS cont'd:

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the June 2017 accounts, in the amount of \$249,129.11 for payment, and the Reeve and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township have read and approved By-law #33-2017 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its May 2017 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 Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the staff report from the Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk dated June 13th, 2017, regarding the 2017 donation to the Food Bank be received and that Council approve a donation, in the amount of \$2,725 to the Burk's Falls and District Food Bank. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the staff report from the Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk dated June 13th, 2017, regarding the survey of the MTO property on Pickerel & Jack Lake Road be received and that Council award the survey of the MTO property to Tulloch Engineering for an amount of \$13,750 plus taxes. Furthermore, that Council approve an over expenditure to the 2017 budget for this project, in the amount of \$4,158.40 and that this amount be financed through the capital reserve. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the temporary closing of one lane in front of 813-827 Chetwynd Road from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on July 8, 2017 for the Canada Day Celebration at the Watt Century Farmhouse. Furthermore, that Council confirm their attendance to the event on that day. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Town of Shelburne to acknowledge the sacrifice made by many Canadians that died while serving our Country during conflicts abroad and that the Township of Armour would like to be champions of the #150Tree Initiative by planting a Hero Tree along the Highway of Heroes and authorize the purchase of a "Hero Tree" in the amount of \$150.00. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Municipality of East Ferris and the letter from Cheryl Gallant, Member of Parliament regarding the Trudeau Liberals removing the tax-exemption portion of remuneration paid to local officials from their 2017 Federal Deficit Budget. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt;
Whereas the provincial government has proposed to amend the Conservation Authorities Act.

Whereas the amendment will require Conservation Authority Boards to have a composition of 50% members with scientific backgrounds.

Whereas the amendment will restrict the ability of municipal councils to appoint board members.

Now Therefore, the Council of the Township of Armour supports the resolution from the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton and opposes the amendment to the Conservation Authorities Act. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation in the amount of \$424.20 to the Women's Own Resource Centre to help ensure the continuation of important services and supports to the women and families of the Almaguin Highlands. Carried

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Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour, approve a donation in the amount of \$550.00 to the Village of Burk's Falls for the financial assistance in providing free school bus transportation to and from the 2017 Red Cross Swimming Lessons commencing July 10, 2017 for a total of three consecutive weeks. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the Almaguin Highlands Art Council and authorize staff to purchase an advertisement in the 2018/19 Culture and Heritage Directory in the amount of \$225.00. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation of \$100.00 to support the Near North Crime Stoppers 21st Annual Golf Tournament and recognize the importance of the program.

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Hammond:

Councillor Rod Blakelock	Yea	
Councillor Jerry Brandt	Yea	
Councillor Marina Hammond	Nay	
Reeve Bob McPhail	Yea	Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour acknowledge the Katrine Family Baseball Tournament to be held on July 7, 8, & 9, 2017 at the Katrine Community Centre as a Community Festival. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 9:44 p.m. as per Section 239(2) (e) (f) of the *Municipal Act*, litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn and move out of closed session at 10:01 p.m. and report. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:02 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for June 27, 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