

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

March 7, 2017

The special meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Marina Hammond and Pat Hayes (arrived at 7:10); Guests: Diane Brandt, Albina Cooke, Amy Tilley, Judy Ransome & Charlene Watt; Staff: Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator, John Theriault, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Mayor Norm Hofstetter of the Township of Perry discussed the possibility of having a shared fire department with the Township of Armour.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Shared Services

Reeve MacPhail posed two questions to council:

- Can Armour provide services covered by our shared services agreement on our own? Council agreed that we do not need a shared services agreement to provide the services.
- Can we still be an active community participant without being in shared services? Council believe they can still participate in the community without being in shared services.

Council discussed the proposal submitted by the Village of Burk's Falls and will provide a response.

Council discussed giving three options to be considered by Burk's Falls and Ryerson:

1. Have a Joint Municipal Service Board which would run the shared services. We would fund the board at 33% or 51% and votes would be based on financial contribution.
2. Council will put forward a counter proposal based on population for fire and waste management, equal shares for arena and economic development and usage for library.
3. We are out of the shared services agreement, but continue to participate in the community by providing financial support by donation.

Industrial Park

Council was given a verbal update on the Highway 520 Industrial Park.

The discussion included requesting our engineers to design a municipal road on the allowance, intersection with Highway 520 and possibly an internal road. The design would include turning lanes on Highway 520 and illumination. By doing this we would be ready if Ministry of Transportation insists on asking for an enhanced intersection. From the discussions we have had with our engineers, it would not increase the cost significantly to include the design of the intersection and it would assist us to be prepared for the future.

Staff recently attended a teleconference meeting to receive information regarding possible funding for this development. If we can attract a business that will generate new employment there maybe funding opportunities for a target market study, traffic impact study, intersection, entrance and road design and construction. Staff have scheduled a meeting with the Ministry of Transportation to confirm what is required to secure an entrance approval.

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Council confirmed their commitment to sell the first lot in this development for a reasonable fee.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Pat Hayes, That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn at 9:59 a.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Reeve. Carried

Original signed by Bob MacPhail

REEVE

Original signed by Wendy Whitwell

CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR