

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

October 25, 2016

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt and Marina Hammond; Absent: Councillor Pat Hayes; Guests: Andrew Mendler, Almaguin News and Albine Cook; Staff: Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator and John Theriault, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular meeting held on October 11, 2016 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the special meeting held on October 13, 2016 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS: None

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATION(S):

Council received consent application B-015/16 from George and Lynn Smith, Concession 6, Part Lot 8, Part 1 of reference plan 42R-10477. Council reviewed the application and planning reports and supported the application by resolution.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #50-2016 being a by-law to authorize a licensing agreement with Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

The October 2016 building permit report was received and reviewed by Council.

Council received and reviewed the October 13, 2016 minutes of the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society.

Council received and reviewed the last meeting report and the 2016 annual report from the Library Board.

Council received and reviewed the October 6, 2016 minutes from the Energy Audit Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council received a notice from MPAC concerning the 2016 assessment update for farm and business properties.

A letter from the Ontario Goods Roads Association was received advising Council of the candidates up for election for their board of directors and asking for nominations.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry advising Council that legislation has been introduced to amend the Aggregate Resources Act.

A request for support was received from the Township of Madawaska Valley concerning the safety of victims of sexual and/or domestic violence. Council passed a resolution supporting changes to the parole system.

A letter was received from the Municipality of Magnetawan maintaining its position that the Regional Fire Services Committee should suspend its operations until the shared services between Ryerson, Burk's Falls and Armour are settled.

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CORRESPONDENCE: CONTINUED

A request for support was received from Grey County concerning the unfair practice of charging more for hydro delivery to rural residents. Council passed a resolution of support.

A request for support was received from the Municipality of Grey Highlands asking that the Minister of Education initiate a moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process until the impact on small rural communities is studied. Council passed a resolution of support.

Council received a copy of a resolution passed by the District of Parry Sound advising the Ministry of Community and Social Services to engage directly with municipalities on matters related to governance and accountability. Council requested that a supporting resolution be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting.

A copy of a letter sent to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport from the Ontario Library Association was received which concerns the recent decision to reduce broadband funding for public libraries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A verbal report was given regarding the tax sale of 1318 Katrine Road. Council was asked to give the Treasurer permission to vest this property to the Township if no bids are received. Council approved the request by resolution.

A verbal report was given regarding a Phase II Environmental Assessment on the MTO property the Township is considering purchasing for a future industrial park. Council approved the lower quote by resolution. Staff was given direction to ensure that an entrance to the property and a land use permit will be approved by MTO before the Phase II is done.

Council had a discussion regarding shared services. The Clerk was directed to contact the Village of Burk's Falls to schedule a meeting. Council also discussed an email from Ryerson asking if we are interested in participating in a public forum about shared services. Council directed staff to advise Ryerson that, at this time, we do not have sufficient information to participate in a public forum with them on shared services.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council received and reviewed a staff report on the administration of the landfill site. Council support the concepts included in the report and will consider how best to proceed with implementation once we have received a commitment from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change on our application for expansion.

Based on some previous requests, Council discussed the possibility of developing the public beach at the south end of Pickerel Lake. Council supported the development of the beach. This item will be decided during our budget discussions.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on October 11, 2016, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the special council meeting held on October 13, 2016, as circulated. Carried

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Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby support the severance application B-015/16 submitted by George and Lynn Smith 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 conveys the required cash in lieu of parkland dedication to the Township of Armour as per the current by-law.

Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township have read and approved By-law #50-2016 being a by-law to authorize a licensing agreement between the Township of Armour and Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation 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 Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Township of Madawaska Valley and support the changes to the parole system proposed in the Private Member's Bill put forward by the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke and submitted as Bill 21, an Act to amend the Ministry of Correctional Services Act in respect to parole. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the County of Grey and request the Province re-evaluate the structure of hydro in terms of access and delivery and implement structural changes to address the unfair practice of charging more for delivery to rural residents. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Municipality of Grey Highlands and request that the Minister of Education initiate an immediate moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process until such time as a review of the impacts on small rural communities are studied, completed and the results and recommendations are considered. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour authorize the vesting of 1318 Katrine Road, Armour to the Township of Armour if no viable bids are received from the tax sale process, which will close on October 27, 2016. Furthermore, that the cost of vesting this property be financed through the capital reserve. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the quote from Pinchin Limited to complete a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment for the property described as Part of Lot 6, Concession 10, Part 1 Reference Plan 42R-5346 as in R0173231 and R0194567, except Part 1 Reference Plan R0193003, Township of Armour, in the amount of \$18,500 plus HST. Furthermore, that this project be financed through the capital reserve. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS: CONTINUED

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:20 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for November 8, 2016 or at the call of the Reeve or the Clerk. Carried

Original signed by Bob MacPhail

REEVE

Original signed by Wendy Whitwell

CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR