

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

February 23, 2016

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Reeve, Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Rod Blakelock, Marina Hammond, and Pat Hayes; Absent; Councillor Jerry Brandt; Delegations: Linda Maurer, Burk's Falls & District Historical Society, Barb Marlow, Winterfest and Willy Hollett, Almaguin Campground and Chamber of Commerce; Guests: Rebecca Zanussi, Bruce Mark and Charlene Watt; Staff: Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator; John Theriault, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 9, 2016 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Linda Maurer, representing the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society, presented their 2016 budget and requested a contribution of \$5,000 from the Township. Council passed a resolution to approve a donation.

Barb Marlow thanked Council for their support of Winterfest, presented their statement for the event and gave a report on its activities.

Willy Hollett gave an update on the work the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce is doing and is looking for a partnership with Council to hire an intern to help with Chamber work promoting tourism and business in the Almaguin area. Willy will provide further details regarding this at a future council meeting. He also presented Council with a letter from the Almaguin Campground he wishes Council to support. The letter will be added to the next agenda.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATION(S): None

BY-LAWS:

By-law #8-2016 being a by-law to enter into an animal shelter and pound keeper agreement with the Ontario Humane Society was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #9-2016 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for January 2016 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

The February 2016 building permit report was received by Council.

The minutes of the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society were reviewed by Council.

Library – no meeting was held this month.

Regional Fire Service Committee report – Reeve MacPhail provided a verbal report.

The Katrine Community Centre – Councillor Hammond reported they are ready for the Katrine Winter Karnival.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Manitoulin Centennial Manor requesting support of a resolution asking the Province to increase funding to long-term care facilities in order to maintain and improve services to the people who use it. Council passed a resolution to support the request.

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A letter was received from the Town of Aurora requesting support of a resolution asking that the Ontario government limit the jurisdiction of the OMB to questions of law or process and require the OMB to uphold any planning decisions of municipal Councils unless they are contrary to the processes and rules set out in legislation. Council passed a resolution to support the request.

An invitation was received to attend the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association spring meeting.

A letter was received from the Town of Carleton Place requesting that Minister Jeff Leal discontinue the use of current evaluation criteria to award infrastructure grants which penalizes municipalities that plan to maintain their infrastructure and instead distribute all future infrastructure grants to all municipalities utilizing a fair and equitable formula. Council passed a resolution to support the request.

A letter was received from MPAC updating municipalities on the changes they are making to the Ontario's property assessment system.

A letter was received from the Township of Machar expressing their disappointment and objection with the Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee and the Town of Parry Sound in not issuing an RFP for the renewal of the land ambulance contract and requesting assurances that taxpayers in the East side of the Parry Sound District will receive the same level of service as the West side of the District. Council passed a resolution to support the request.

A resolution was received from the Town of Parry Sound requesting support for the efforts related to creating public bodies and supportive environments that promote a healthy, sustainable food system within the region. Council passed a resolution to support the request.

A request for support was received from the Salvation Army for their efforts to help the community. Council approved a donation by resolution.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council passed a resolution to approve the final draft of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment report for the replacement of three bridges and to direct staff to move forward on the work to make the North Pickerel and Jake Lake Road bridge construction ready.

Council passed a resolution asking the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to review the Township's existing Official Plan and comment on it.

Council was given an update on the work that is being done to develop an industrial park in Armour. Council advised staff that they are willing to cover any shortfall between the cost of the study and the funding. This has been included in the 2016 budget.

Council discussed the possibility of installing sidewalks on Ontario Street/Highway 520 from Commercial Street to the limits of Burk's Falls. Staff was directed to look into having a gravel sidewalk.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council passed a resolution to receive and file the Treasurer's report on Council's 2015 remuneration and expenses.

Council discussed the operating portion of the 2016 draft budget.

CLOSED SESSION:

Moved into closed session at 10:37 p.m. as per Section 239(2)(b)(e) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees; litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality.

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Moved out of closed session at 10:58 p.m. and reported.

CONFIRMATION OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

The minutes of the closed meetings held on February 9, 2016 were approved as circulated.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on February 9, 2016 as circulated. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township have read and approved By-law #8-2016 being a by-law to authorize an agreement between the Township of Armour and the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Ontario Humane Society) 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 Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township have read and approved By-law #9-2016 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its January 2016 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 Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Manitoulin Centennial Manor and request that the Province increase funding to long-term care facilities in order to maintain and improve services to the people who use it. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Town of Aurora and request that the Ontario government limit the jurisdiction of the OMB to questions of law or process and require the OMB to uphold any planning decisions of municipal Councils unless they are contrary to the processes and rules set out in legislation. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Town of Carleton Place and request that Minister Jeff Leal discontinue the use of current evaluation criteria to award infrastructure grants which penalizes municipalities that plan to maintain their infrastructure and instead distribute all future infrastructure grants to all municipalities utilizing a fair and equitable formula. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Township of Machar and express their disappointment and objection with the Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee and the Town of Parry Sound in not issuing an RFP for the renewal of the land ambulance contract and hereby requests assurances that taxpayers in the East side of the Parry Sound District will receive the same level of service as the West side of the District. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the resolution from the Town of Parry Sound and support the efforts related to creating public bodies and supportive environments that promote a healthy, sustainable food system within the region. Carried

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

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour, having reviewed the budget presented by the Burk's Falls District Historical Society, approve a 2016 contribution of \$4,700 to the Burk's Falls District

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Historical Society. Furthermore, that Council direct staff to include this donation in the Township's 2016 budget. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the final draft of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment report for the replacement of three municipal bridges prepared by Tulloch Engineering and the recommendations of replacing the Pickerel and Jack Lake Road and the South Horn Lake Road bridges with box culverts and the North Pickerel Lake Road Bridge with a prefabricated bridge. Furthermore, that staff be directed to move forward with the work needed to make the Pickerel and Jack Lake Road bridge ready for construction (tender), based on the proposal received from Tulloch Engineering on February 12, 2016. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock;

WHEREAS a review of the Township's Official Plan is required under the Planning Act;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Armour has approved a review of the Township's Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Armour does not wish to make any changes to its Official Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED That the Council of the Township of Armour request that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing review the Township of Armour's existing Official Plan and circulate it to their partner ministries for their comments and then prepare a summary for Council outlining any changes they would like made to the plan. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council statement of remuneration and expenses presented by the Treasurer be received and filed. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Pat Hayes; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby move into closed session at 10:37 p.m. as per Section 239(2)(b)(e) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees; litigation including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby adjourn and move out of closed session at 10:58 p.m. and report. Carried

Moved by Pat Hayes, Seconded by Marina Hammond; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minute of the closed session held on February 9, 2016, as circulated. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 10:59 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for March 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