

# **The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills**

## **Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Wednesday, July 5, 2023**

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Council met for the Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Complex. Reeve Ken Noland and Councillors Arthur F. Hayden, David Deeg, Roger Morrell and Kim Middleton were in attendance. Rick Graham, Fire Chief, Gye Taylor, Road Superintendent and Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer were also in attendance. Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer recorded the minutes.

GUEST: Cheryl Burridge

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Reeve Noland.

No conflict of interest was declared.

#### **MOTION: 2023-108**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: David Deeg

THAT Council approve the Agenda for the July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.....carried K.N.

#### **MOTION: 2023-109**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT Council approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2023.....carried K.N.

#### **MOTION: 2023-110**

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2023.....carried K.N.

#### **MOTION: 2023-111**

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

THAT Council approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023.....carried K.N.

#### **Fire Chief's Report**

Rick Graham, Fire Chief, reported the following:

- 2 firefighter applications had been received which would need to be approved by Council
- The truck is now fixed.
- Rick advised he would be applying for Legacy Certification.
- No burning is permitted.
- In September the smoke alarm campaign will be held.
- Rick asked if the fire department was to be responding to medical calls? He was asked to look into the training required. Kim Middleton questioned situations involving mental health issues; what is the responsibility and liability involved? Municipality requires guidelines to be in place. Rick is to follow up.

#### **Road Superintendent's Report**

Gye Taylor, Road Superintendent, reported the following:

- The summer student has started with the roads team and is a great addition to the team.
- Grader tires arrived and are installed also new blades were put on.
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- The outdoor arena has been looked at and some clean up work has been started but will require additional work to be done.
- Patching of the roads is ongoing. Roads being resurfaced have been patched and are ready. More cold patch is needed and will be ordered soon.
- The resurface crew should be here on July the 12<sup>th</sup> to resurface Williams Road and Indian Point Road.
- The plow truck has been cleaned and the water tank installed.
- Road edging has been done with grader on Williams and Ainslie Road.
- Roadside grass cutting has been completed for the township.
- An electrician was called in and repaired the power supply for the water treatment system.
- Council mentioned that grading the edges of Indian Point Road should be completed as well.

A discussion regarding the request for the use of the Outdoor Arena took place. The Roads Department will provide some cleanup of trees, paint the walls and build a safe ramp down to the doors.

**MOTION: 2023-112**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: David Deeg

WHEREAS Council is in receipt of a request to use the Outdoor Arena and/or lawn space at the Municipal Complex for a Wedding on Saturday, August 12, 2023.

Council approves this request based on the following: need own cords, lights and signed agreement.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2023-113**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: David Deeg

THAT the Road Voucher in the amount of \$11,851.16 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2023-114**

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

THAT the General Voucher in the amount of \$168,577.05 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2023-115**

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the Fire Voucher in the amount of \$1,490.75 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2023-116**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT Bylaw 2023-06 being a bylaw for establishing the 2023 tax ratios be given necessary readings and be passed.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2023-117**

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Bylaw 2023-07 being a bylaw for the adoption of tax rates, penalties and interest be given necessary readings and be passed.....carried K.N.

A request has been received by Council for their input previous to a rezoning application being made to the Manitoulin Planning Board from a taxpayer. Council is requesting additional information before a response can be provided.

**MOTION: 2023-118**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT Council move to an In Camera Meeting to discuss a personnel matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees of the municipality as required under section 239 (1) and (2)(b) of the Municipal Act 2001 at 7:44 p.m.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2023-121**

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

THAT Council return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:09 p.m.....carried K.N.

**Reports**

**Airport:** Reeve Noland advised the Airport Renovation Project has started.

**MMA:** Kim Middleton reported the MTO Bridge Meeting with the Reeves and Mayors had been discussed at the regular MMA Meeting. The MTO advised they are responsible for the flow of traffic across the bridge but it is the municipalities' responsibility to ensure an Emergency Plan is in place to deal with all other issues.

Chief Linda Debassige advised concerns regarding the doctor shortage and healthcare crisis situation.

Chief Debassige also requested that a fulltime drug unit be considered. Members raised concern regarding who would pay for that unit.

**Manitoulin Planning Board:**

Reeve Noland advised the Natural Heritage Information had been submitted to the Provincial Government, however no response has been received to date.

**POA:** David Deeg advised the POA is budgeting for a deficit. There is a change in prosecutor and a new POA Manager is in place.

**CPAC:** The next meeting is scheduled for September.

**Recreation:** A recreation committee meeting has been scheduled for next week.

**Library:** A summer student has been hired for the 2023 season.

**Waste Management:**

Roger Morrell advised he attended a Waste Management Meeting. The Espanola Dodge Site has 68 years of life.

A bin is needed at the Transfer Station. It has been priced at \$247.00 by GFL. Council suggested the bin be placed as soon as possible.

Roger advised he would like to provide an Electronic Waste Day for the taxpayers but was advised that he will need to speak with the Ministry of Environment to ensure that is permissible according to our Certificate of Approval.



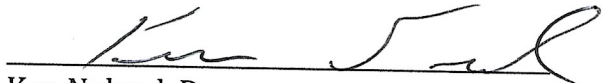
**Manor:** Arthur F. Hayden advised the Centennial Manor Financial Statements have been received. There is more COVID funding coming. The courtyard at the Manor will be complete by August or September.

**MOTION: 2023-122**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT the Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:52 p.m.....carried K.N.

  
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Ken Noland, Reeve  
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Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer