

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 6, 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, Kim Middleton and Roger Morrell were in attendance along with Gye Taylor, Road Superintendent. Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, recorded the minutes.

REGRETS: Rick Graham, Fire Chief
Tim Bailey, Bylaw Enforcement Officer

GUESTS: Brent & Boushra Labovich
Melanie Blain
Cheryl Burridge

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: David Deeg, Agenda Item #10.

MOTION: 2023-84

Moved by: Kim Middleton

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approve the Agenda for the June 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-85

Moved by: Roger Morrell

Seconded by: Kim Middleton

THAT Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2023.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-86

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: David Deeg

THAT Council approve the Public Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2023.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-87

Moved by: Roger Morrell

Seconded by: David Deeg

THAT Council approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2023.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-88

Moved by: David Deeg

Seconded by: Roger Morrell

THAT Council approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2023.....carried K.N.

Fire Chief's Report

In the absence of the Fire Chief, Councillor David Deeg reported for Fire Chief, Rick Graham, that:

- Rick and the Fire Department were training tonight with the Silverwater Fire Department making sure all their connections work.
- The switch over to Northern 911 is complete and works great. Now the page will come over the radios, IMS app and text. The text is time, location, and type of call.
- The trucks must be safetied this month, but Rick would like to wait until the fire Ban has been removed. We have until the end of June to safety the trucks.

- Rick was asking about getting a key for the fuel gate. Gye would be available after hours but the trucks should be able to be filled during Gye's hours. An accurate count must be made to transfer the fuel used to the fire department from the roads department.
- Rick would like to purchase a gas-powered leaf blower for grass fires. Council agreed to this suggestion and asked for 3 quotes.

Road Superintendent's Report

Gye Taylor advised:

- The Island Superintendent's met on May 11th and awarded contracts for the calcium spraying to Pollard Brothers Calcium Ltd. The calcium is 35.5 cents per litre. We would need 2 loads of 6,000 litres for a total of approximately \$21,000.00. The road surface treatment went to MSO at \$1.72 per kg (up approx. 50 cents over 2022) liquid spray and \$30.00 per cubic meter to haul. The roads team has been patching and preparing roads to insure we are ready.
- We are low on cold patch but will use what we have on hand for now.
- There were problems with the grader overheating which have been repaired in house. One tire has arrived and as soon as the second tire is here, they will be installed.
- The transfer station is seeing more people visiting and the volume of recyclables and household garbage has been overwhelming on the dumpster. The bin was empty Saturday morning and was full that evening and needed to be compacted with the backhoe. This causes the bin to be difficult to empty by the GFL driver.
- Some suggestions from Gye are to set a bag limit, get another bin or buy a bin outright. Roger is to price and investigate the options. Gye and Roger both reported that the Transfer Station employees are doing a good job. One of the reasons for the increase in users may be the fire ban.

Art Hayden presented the findings of the annual road Inspection on May 9, 2023. (As attached)

The Gravel, HL# and Winter Sand Tenders were opened and after a short discussion, it was decided that the roads committee would meet and go through the tenders.

MOTION: 2023-89

Moved by: David Deeg

Seconded by: Roger Morrell

THAT the Road Voucher in the amount of \$12,213.85 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-90

Moved by: Roger Morrell

Seconded by: David Deeg

THAT the General Voucher in the amount of \$70,290.98 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-91

Moved by: Kim Middleton

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the Fire Voucher in the amount of \$2,861.42 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

There was a presentation by Brent and Boushra Labovich regarding a subdivision on Campbell Bay.

They wanted to discuss a funding program by the CMHC which would supply funds to the Municipality for infrastructure to support the creation of new housing units.

They are interested in creating a planned subdivision consisting of 6 waterfront and 9 backlots. The fund would give \$20,000.00 per lot per year for 4 years to help with roads, waste disposal and fire departments etc.

Brent was willing to write the application and give it to the Municipality to review and submit if they agreed. He and Boushra were asking Council for approval to start the proposal process. They handed out information about the program to all Council members.

Ken replied that our Municipality does not apply according to Lambac but he will reach out again to Lambac and will discuss it with the Council.

Robinson Encroachment Agreement. Council felt it was necessary to recoup the legal costs associated with the drawing up of the agreement. It was decided that the License would remain in place for a period of 10 years. The fees are still to be determined but Council had no other concerns about the issuing of the License.

MOTION: 2023-92

Moved by: David Deeg

Seconded by: Roger Morrell

Whereas O.Reg. 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) requires Council approval for the Asset Management Plan 2022, as prepared by PSD Citywide Inc. Council hereby approves this Plan.....carried K.N.

Reports

Airport: Roger Morrell reported that the airport had an audit with Transport Canada and passed.
Ken Noland reported that the construction contract was awarded to Lingman Bro. out of Espanola. There is a 12-month construction window. The site meeting has been held and the soil samples will start in July.

MMA: No meeting

Manitoulin Planning Board:

Reeve Nolan reported that there are still ongoing discussions with Natural Heritage regarding the need for more Public Meetings.

POA: No meeting

CPAC: Kim Middleton was unable to attend.

Recreation: Arthur F. Hayden advised the Recreation Committee are planning for the Canada Day event which will be held on June 30th instead of July 1st. There are many other Island events planned for the 1st.

Library: Kim Middleton reviewed the May 17, 2023 Minutes and the 2022 Financial Statements.

Waste Management: Items were discussed in the Road report.

Newsletter: The newsletter was approved with the request to make the Fire Ban more prominent.

Centennial Manor:

The Manor occupancy is at full capacity. The Courtyard project is ongoing with the completion estimated in late summer.

The financials look good due to unexpected funding received and the 2022 year end reconciliation brought forward extra funds to 2023. Also, there are not the extra staffing expenses that were necessary during Covid.

MOTION: 2023-93

Moved by: Kim Middleton

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Essex has requested a resolution of support for the following:

THAT Council direct Administration to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Essex County Council, MPP Anthony Leardi, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills supports this resolution.....carried K.N.

Correspondence – There was an invitation to the MHC Official Opening.

MOTION: 2023-94

Moved By: David Deeg

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

8:30 p.m.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023- 96

Moved by: Kim Middleton

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:50 p.m.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023- 97

Moved by: Roger Morrell

Seconded by: Kim Middleton


Council instructs staff to hire Ty O'Bomsawin as a summer student.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-98

Moved by: Kim Middleton

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.....carried K.N.



Ken Noland, Reeve



Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer