

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

## **Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Tuesday, October 3, 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. Gye Taylor, Road Superintendent, Rick Graham, Fire Chief and Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer were also in attendance. Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer recorded the minutes.

GUESTS: Nikki Middleton, Chuck Bailey, Melanie Blain, Rob Thirkill, C. Burridge, G. Hayden and a Guest who refused to sign in or identify himself.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Roger Morrell – Agenda Item #13.

#### **MOTION: 2023-168**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approve the Agenda for the October 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.....carried K.N.

#### **MOTION: 2023-169**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: David Deeg

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

#### **MOTION: 2023-170**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

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

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

Rick Graham, Fire Chief, presented his report as follows:

- Work is 95% complete on the truck. The pump has been inspected but still requires repair. Rick will provide 3 quotations for the completion of this work.
- A mock disaster had been set up for fire department training. The training went well.
- Auto extrication training will be coming. Additional time is required for this.
- 10 sets of gear & boots have been received from the Robinson Volunteer Fire Department. This is very much appreciated.

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

Gye Taylor advised that gravel has been put on Scott's Road and Brittainville Road.

- The 2 ton has been repaired.
- The Cemetery Parking Expansion of 200 ft is in progress.
- Road Repairs have been done to Poplar Rd. South
- Beaver dam has been dug out east of McKinley Road
- Some brushing has been done with more to follow in the foreseeable future.
- The Plow truck is in need of three tires. All three quotes have come in at \$730.00 per tire.

**MOTION: 2023-171**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: David Deeg

Council approves the purchase of 3 new tires for the plow truck at \$730.00 each.....carried K.N.

At 7:11 p.m. Gye Taylor and Rick Graham excused themselves from the Meeting.

**MOTION: 2023-172**

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: David Deeg

The Road Voucher in the amount of \$47,290.03 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2023-173**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the General Voucher in the amount of \$85,372.74 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2023-174**

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT the Fire Voucher in the amount of \$2,934.36 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2023-175**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

WHEREAS Bylaw 2020-04 Being a Bylaw to Govern the Operation of the Burpee-Mills Cemetery under the Control of the Burpee-Mills Cemetery Board requires an update to Appendix A of that bylaw as follows:

Cemetery Board Trustees: Wayne Bailey, Jesse Middleton, Kathryn Noland,  
Donna Pearson, Lyle Honess

Public Works Foreman: Gye Taylor

Council appoints the Cemetery Board Trustee as listed above.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2023-176**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: David Deeg

WHEREAS Bylaw 2020-04 Being a Bylaw to Govern the Operation of the Burpee-Mills Cemetery under the Control of the Burpee-Mills Cemetery Board requires an update to Appendix D of that bylaw, as follows:

Cemetery Services Fees Schedule

Lot Prices: Resident.....Single Grave.....\$500 (includes \$290 C & M)  
Non-Resident.....Single Grave.....\$700 (includes \$290 C & M)

The Cemetery Board shall deposit the greater of 40% of the price or \$290 into the Care and Maintenance Fund within sixty days after selling an interment right to a purchaser or after an interment takes place.

Flat Marker: 173 sq. inches or more \$150.00 (includes \$100 Care and Maintenance).  
This price includes placement of flat marker if done immediately after burial.

\$200 (includes \$100 C & M)  
This price includes placement of marker at a time other than during burial.

An Upright Marker measuring 4 X 4 ft. placed by a monument dealer \$250 (includes \$200 C & M).

Extra for Placement of Upright Marker by Cemetery Staff in lieu of a contractor \$500  
(includes \$200 C & M).

All other fees included in Appendix D remain the same.....carried K.N.

Councillor Morrel excused himself from the meeting. He had declared a conflict of interest on the next agenda item.

**MOTION: 2023-177**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: David Deeg

WHEREAS L.Charles Bailey has provided confirmation the Drainage Plan for Concession 6, Part of Lots 33 and 34, Burpee; has been completed.

Council is satisfied the implementation of this drainage plan meets the requirements and gives their approval.....carried K.N.

Councillor Morrel returned to the meeting.

Council has reviewed a Draft Encroachment Agreement as presented. Clarification will be requested and the information will be provided to Council.

**MOTION: 2023-178**

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: David Deeg

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa has requested a resolution of support for the following:

WHEREAS the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons has made a decision that will lead more people who suffer from chronic pain to turn to opioids to alleviate their pain and  
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WHEREAS the College is targeting community pain clinics by requiring the use of ultrasound technology in the administration of nerve block injections by licensed physicians. This requirement will increase the time it takes to administer the nerve block and, therefore, reduce the number of patients a physician can see in a day and;

WHEREAS the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) is proposing to reduce coverage for several vital healthcare services, including a drastic reduction in the number and frequency of nerve block injections a patient can receive and;

WHEREAS these changes have been proposed without any consultation with pain management medical professionals or with their patients and;

WHEREAS this cut will force chronic pain clinics to shut down, putting a greater strain on family physicians and emergency rooms and;

WHEREAS with the reduction in the number of nerve blocks being administered, many patients, looking for pain relief, will turn to overcrowded emergency rooms, opioid prescriptions from doctors or opioid street drugs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa is requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much-needed care for the people of Ontario;

AND FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities of Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

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

**MOTION: 2023-179**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

WHEREAS the Township of Billings has requested a resolution of support for the following:

WHEREAS the Township of Billings recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians

WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate

WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous and Francophone communities

WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Billings strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and all the Municipalities on Manitoulin and further directs the Mayor to also include the letter to the premier on behalf of the Township of Billings.

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

**MOTION: 2023-180**

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 7:36 p.m.....carried K.N.

The Guests were asked by Reeve Noland to exit the building so the In Camera Meeting could proceed. All guests exited except for the Guest who chose not to identify himself. The In Camera Meeting was moved to another location within the Municipal Complex.

**MOTION: 2023-186**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

THAT Council return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:35 p.m.....carried K.N.

Reeve Noland summarized the In Camera Meeting included discussions regarding a personnel matter about an identifiable individual.

A motion resulting from that In Camera Session is as follows:

**MOTION: 2023-187**

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

THAT Council hire Beverly McDonald as a permanent part-time Bylaw Officer on a 3 month probation.....carried K.N.

**REPORTS:**

**Airport:** Roger Morrell reported the Audit has been completed.

- A financial update has been provided – fuel sales are low
- The new building is to begin soon.

**CPAC:** Kim Middleton reported that Robert Walsh is the new Detachment Commander.

The calls for service report will be provided to Council.

**Recreation:** Arthur F. Hayden reported there are some events planned; a Halloween Dinner/Dance, Hunters Dinner and a Christmas Dinner/Dance

**Library;** Kim Middleton reported the Library is on budget for 2023. They are seeking a new Part Time person.

**Waste Management:** Roger Morrell advised the bins are still needed at the Transfer Station. Recycling has not slowed as of yet.

**Manor:** Arthur F. Hayden reported the occupancy rate is up and full funding is Being received.

The Service Provider Contract is being reviewed.

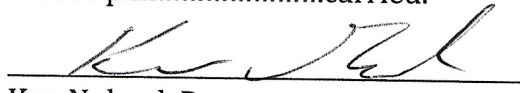
The financials look good. There is a surplus year-to-date.

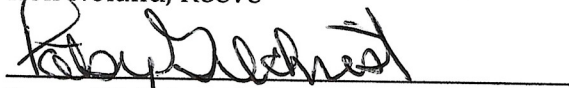
**MOTION: 2023-188**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

THAT the Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:46 p.m.....carried.

  
Ken Noland, Reeve

  
Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer