

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 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 and Roger Morrell were in attendance. Gye Taylor, Road Superintendent, Tim Bailey, Bylaw Enforcement Officer and Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, were in attendance. Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer recorded the minutes.

REGRETS: Kim Middleton, Councillor
Rick Graham, Fire Chief

GUEST: Melanie Blain

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

MOTION: 2023-37

Moved by: David Deeg

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approve the Agenda for the April 4, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-38

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: David Deeg

THAT Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2023.....carried K.N.

Fire Chief's Report

David Deeg reported in the absence of the Fire Chief, the following:

- The First Aid Course will be \$160.00 per person.
- The new Captains to be appointed are: Barrett Wright, Nicole Middleton, Brian Deeg. Captains Lyle Honess, Jim Stack and Dennis Blackburn also remain.

A new bylaw to appoint will be presented at the next council meeting.

The Fire Department is requesting T shirts for each of its members. Roger is to price these out.

Road Superintendent's Report

Gye Taylor reported that the trapper has been successful. Regular maintenance is taking place on the roads including patching. Gye will check the availability of cold patch and check with Gordon/Barrie Island and Billings to co-ordinate.

The Road Superintendent excused himself from the meeting.

Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Report

Tim Bailey reported regarding actions in progress as follows:

- Property Inspections Ongoing
- Burpee and Mills Zoning Bylaw Mapping is complete
- Contact JL Richards to confirm Open House
- Emergency Response Readiness
- Hazardous Identification/Risk Assessment is being updated
- Critical Infrastructure is being updated
- A tabletop exercise is being developed.

Bylaw Contraventions: - Burpee - 28 violations, 3 resolutions in progress, 25 resolved

Mills: 29 Violations, 4 Resolutions in progress, 25 resolved

Reeve Noland has called a Special Council Meeting for April 17, 2023 at 7 p.m. to discuss the Short Term Rental Draft Bylaw and Guidelines for Site Specific Glamping within the Township of Burpee and Mills.

The Clerk-Treasurer prepared a summary for Council regarding the loss of taxation revenue when the Escarpment Biosphere and Nature Conservancy Properties are exempt from taxation. In addition taxation revenue is lost due to payment-in-lieu properties, farm tax rebate programs and the Managed Forest Program. These represent a loss of \$80,000 to \$100,000 in general municipal revenue per year.

MOTION: 2023-39

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: David Deeg

WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to request a meeting with the Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister of Finance to review concerns regarding the exempt properties, payment-in-lieu properties, Farm Tax Rebate Programs, and the Managed Forest Program. These exemptions and programs reflect a loss in general municipal taxation of \$80,000 to \$100,000 per year.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-40

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the Road Voucher in the amount of \$8,208.89 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-41

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT the General Voucher in the amount of \$106,737.42 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-42

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the Fire Voucher in the amount of \$1,598.86 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-43

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Bylaw 03-2023 being a bylaw to amend the Official Plan for the District of Manitoulin (Adoption Bylaw for Official Plan Amendment No. A-3) be given first, second and third readings and be passed.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-44

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: David Deeg

WHEREAS Council is in receipt of an Application to Amend Bylaw 80-09 regarding Concession 6, Pt. Lots 36-37 Burpee to permit 4 glamping tents. Council does not have issues or concerns regarding this application at this time.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-45

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

WHEREAS Council has received a request for the Old School House to be turned into a residential unit with all expenses to be paid by the Lessee/Purchaser. It is the decision of Council that this property is not for lease/purchase.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-46

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: David Deeg

WHEREAS Council is aware of funding through the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility. The Township of Burpee and Mills wishes to apply for funding in the amount of \$60,000.00 for parking lot and accessibility improvements.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-47

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 at 7:58 p.m.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-53

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council return to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:25 p.m.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-54

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approves the signing of the Building Systems Joint Agreement, retroactively to July 1st, 2022.....carried K.N.

Reports:

Airport: Roger Morrell advised the Airport Audit was completed and financial statements have been provided.
Reeve Noland discussed the plan for the new terminal building at the airport. Options were discussed regarding reducing the size of the building itself. An additional provision of funds from Burpee and Mills may be required for the airport project. \$60,000 as Burpee and Mills contribution was discussed.

Recreation: Art Hayden advised the new Recreation Committee name is "Recreation and Wellness Committee". Another signing authority will be added. Events are being planned for July, Christmas and a Hunters Dinner in the fall.

Manor: Art Hayden advised the Manor is in a deficit position. Funding has since been received that will cover that deficit. Any pandemic funding that had been available is completed. The Ministry removed the COVID restrictions and this has provided a cost savings. A high level of standards is still being maintained.

MOTION: 2023 - 55

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

WHEREAS the Municipality of North Perth has requested a resolution of support for the following:

WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O.Reg.424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMP) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

AND WHEREAS police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year, and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and ongoing annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial Opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

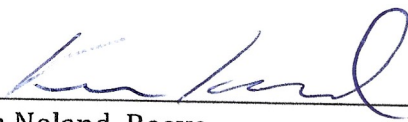
The Township of Burpee supports this resolution.....carried K.N.

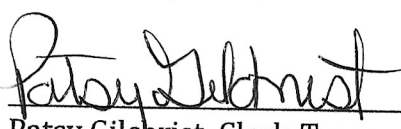
MOTION: 2023 -56

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT the Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 9:13 p.m.....carried K.N.


Ken Noland, Reeve


Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer