

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 2, 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. Gye Taylor, Road Superintendent and Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer were in attendance. Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer, recorded the minutes.

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

GUESTS: Melanie Blain
Cheryl Burridge

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Agenda Item 9. David Deeg

MOTION: 2023-57

Moved by: Kim Middleton

Seconded by: David Deeg

THAT Council approve the Agenda for the May 2, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-58

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Roger Morrell

THAT Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2023.....carried K.N.

Fire Chief's Report

In the absence of the Fire Chief, Reeve Noland advised the pump on the firetruck does not work. Repairs will be completed to have this fixed. Roger Morrell advised he had purchased t-shirts for the Fire Department.

Road Superintendent's Report

Gye Taylor advised that patching and filling of potholes continues. The 2 ton truck has the snowplow and sanding equipment removed and has been put away. The beaver situation continues to be monitored. The Drainage Superintendent has visited Lorne Lake and advises the water levels are acceptable. No other issues to report on the drain. The Transfer Station has been cleaned up with the sale of cans and mixed tins being removed. Scott's Road and Old Mill Road has been graded. Front grader tires are required. Three quotations have been received. Further research has been requested. The Roads Committee will discuss and determine the appropriate purchase.

The Road Superintendent excused himself at 7:12 p.m.

By-law Enforcement Officer's Report

In the absence of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Reeve Noland advised that investigation had been done into the purchase of a body cam. It is possible the cost can be split between Burpee and Mills and Gordon Barrie Island Townships.

MOTION: 2023-59

Moved by: Kim Middleton

Seconded by: Roger Morrell

WHEREAS Council deems it proactive to purchase a Body Camera, Mounting Plate and Data Storage System for use by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer to provide greater insight into

service delivery and identifying good practices while reducing the risks of working alone.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-60

Moved by: David Deeg

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the Road Voucher in the amount of \$11,127.87 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-61

Moved by: Roger Morrell

Seconded by: Kim Middleton

THAT the General Voucher in the amount of \$72,790.59 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-62

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: David Deeg

THAT the Fire Voucher in the amount of \$352.89 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-63

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: David Deeg

THAT Council give By-Law 04-2023, being a bylaw to Amend Zoning Bylaw No. 80-9 to permit by Special Provision, a non-farm rural residential use in an Agricultural Zone within Part 5, Con IX surveyed as parts 1 and 2, Plan 31R-4276, Township of Burpee and Mills, be given First, Second and Third Readings and be passed.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-64

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 7:21 p.m.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-69

Moved by: David Deeg

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council return to the Regular Council Meeting at 7:37 p.m.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2023-70

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Kim Middleton

THAT Council approves the advertisement for the summer student be sent to the Manitoulin Expositor for insertion in the local newspaper for a two week period.....carried K.N.

Reports

Airport: Reeve Noland advised the contract for the helipad and the building has been awarded to Ligman from Espanola.

MMA: Kim Middleton advised the topics of discussion at the MMA were the body cam, an upcoming meeting with the MTO for the Reeves and Mayors on June 21, 2023 and the desire to have a somewhat uniform bylaw for Short Term Rentals for the entire Island.

Manitoulin Planning Board:

Reeve Noland advised that a Manitoulin Planning Board's decision to deny a residential unit adjacent to an active Pit and Quarry had been upheld by the Land Tribunal.

He also advises there may be a need for more Public Meetings regarding Natural Heritage.

POA:

David Deeg advised of the need for a new prosecutor as the present person has given notice. A letter of support had been sent to the Ministry from the POA regarding the need for additional funding for every small municipality across Ontario. The first three years had provided savings but now huge costs are being incurred.

CPAC:

Kim Middleton advised that Inspector Moriarty of the OPP has left the Island and a new inspector, Robert Walsh, is the present person holding the position. Kim advised there were no crimes reported within the community.

Recreation:

Arthur F. Hayden advised the next meeting of the Recreation Committee is scheduled for May 16th. They had received a request for a donation for the Robotics Team which was approved in the amount of \$200.00.

Library:

Kim Middleton advised the numbers have increased for library loans, etc. This may be due to a donation that had been provided where new books had been purchased.

Waste Management:

Roger Morrell advised there will be a meeting in June.

Lambac:

Reeve Noland advised of Lambac's budget request. The intention is to promote Western Manitoulin and may assist residents in accessing services.

MOTION: 2023-71

Moved by: Kim Middleton

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approves the 2023 Budget for the Western Manitoulin Economic Development Program. The municipal share for the Township of Burpee and Mills will be \$2,080.00 for 2023. Future participation will be determined annually.....
carried K.N.

Gym:

Art Hayden advised the Gym Committee was concerned about enrollment. It was suggested that pass cards be given to the members with access to the Gym only. The policy remains that a partner is required. A list will be provided to the office of gym members requiring cards.

Deer Management Meeting:

Art Hayden advised of a Deer Management Meeting where the MNR provided an update regarding the increase in antlerless deer tags available for 2023. This information will be advertised in the local newspaper soon.

MOTION: 2023-72

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: David Deeg

WHEREAS F.O.N.O.M. has requested a resolution of support for the following:

WHEREAS the cost of Policing and Emergency Services in Northern Communities is harming a community's ability to support local Social and Health issues

WHEREAS a small percentage of those affected by an Addiction in the communities of Northern Ontario are committing crimes

WHEREAS many of those committing crimes are not housed in the correctional system,

therefore, remain in our communities, often those that do require treatment for their addiction issue receive none.

WHEREAS some committing crimes become violent, but are released back into the community, due to the negative impacts of Federal Bill C75

WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) believes that more must be done by the Federal Government on Bail Reform

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the Federal Government make these legislative changes

1. Create a designation of a chronic persistent offender.
2. Allow community impact statements at bail and at bail hearings.
3. Creating reverse onus in bail for all firearms offences.
4. All bail-related gun charges go to the superior court for bail release.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Federal Justice Minister, Premier of Ontario, The Attorney General, the Solicitor General, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Northeastern MPs and MPPs, Leaders of the Opposition, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

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


A map was provided to show the effect Government Programs have on revenue taxation within the Township of Burpee and Mills. Art Hayden advised of information he had received regarding the government's intention of 30% of all municipalities would be owned by the Nature Conservancy of Canada or the Escarpment Biosphere. Reeve Noland is working on correspondence to the Ministers regarding these concerns.


MOTION: 2023-73

Moved by: Kim Middleton

Seconded by: Roger Morrell

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:27 p.m.....carried K.N.


Ken Noland, Reeve


Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer