

**The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

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 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: Cheryl Burridge, Melanie Blain and Greg Hayden

REGRETS: Arthur F. Hayden, Councillor

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

**MOTION: 2024-47**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: David Deeg

THAT Council approve the Agenda for the April 3, 2024 Regular Council Meeting with the addition of Doctor shortage discussion.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2024-48**

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: David Deeg

THAT Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2024.....carried K.N.

**Fire Chief's Report**

Rick Graham advised that two fires had occurred this week. The fire department requires new hoses (minimum 4 inch) which Silverwater Fire Department will provide. New batteries are required for radios. The Northern 9-1-1 enhanced system is working well.

Rick requested that information be included in the newsletter regarding NO GRASS FIRES. Any costs associated with grass fires can be charged back to the property owner. Also information should be included that shovels and water should be readily available for any type of fire. All homeowners require a driveway so that fire protection and emergency services can be provided if required.

Rick Graham excused himself from the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**Road Superintendent's Report**

Gye Taylor advised that the ½ ton has new summer tires and fluid changes have been done. Repairs to the cemetery road due to washout have been dealt with. Patching potholes is occurring as required. Culverts are being cleared

to allow proper water flow. The Road Superintendent's Meeting is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> and calcium orders and surface treatment quantities will be submitted for tender.

David Deeg, Roads Committee, advised that someone is coming to look at the excavator. Two companies are also putting quotes together for a backhoe/brusher combination. Once this information is available, it will be presented to council.

Gye Taylor excused himself at 7:20 p.m.

**MOTION: 2024-49**

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT Council approve the Road Voucher in the amount of \$10,368.77.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2024-50**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT Council approve the General Vouchers in the amount of \$130,695.89.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2024-51**

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT Council approve the Fire Vouchers in the amount of \$946.74.....carried K.N.

Melanie Blain presented ideas on a Searchable Video Recording System that she recommended be implemented by Council. Her suggestion included electronic zoom meetings be recorded. This would provide a historical record and be a searchable data base. She believes this would promote transparency and accessibility and make it easier for residents. Her research provided that Assiginack posted their meetings through facebook, while Markstay-Warren's meetings could be viewed on television. The associated costs were not provided as part of her presentation.

**MOTION: 2024-52**

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

WHEREAS Council approves the Encroachment Policy License Agreement as presented.....carried K.N.

The Procedural Bylaw will be brought to final draft and presented at the next Council Meeting.



**MOTION: 2024-53**

Moved By: Roger Morell

Seconded By: David Deeg

WHEREAS Council approves the signing of the Building Systems Agreement dated July 1, 2022 as presented.....carried K.N.

Reeve Noland advised he had a discussion with the engineer regarding the Honess Drain. This drain will be constructed over a 2 year period. He requested the engineer tender using day labour rates, however, the engineering firm does not have that capability. Reeve Noland is to speak with the Engineering Firm again.

**MOTION: 2024-54**

Moved By: Roger Morrell

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

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 7:54 pm.....carried K.N.

All guests excused themselves from the meeting.

Council returned to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:04 p.m.

The guests returned to the meeting.

Reeve Noland advised the In Camera session was 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. No motions were required as a result in the Regular Council Meeting.

**REPORTS:**

Airport: Roger Morrell advised the Airport budget had shown a 5% increase to the Municipality of Burpee and Mills for 2024. NAV Canada is in the process of installing fibre optic cable to the Airport. The Airport Commission may ask for a rebate from Nav Canada. Private donations are down this year. The terminal building is on schedule with the hope of no overruns. The hangar is ready and requires a taxiway. This would only be accessed by Manitoulin Transport. The Township does not wish to financially participate.

MMA: Kim Middleton advised the OPP presented their billing model at the last meeting. The Roma Conference was attended and a meeting with the Minister of Health was held regarding the Doctor Shortage concern. There was discussion re "Save Georgian Bay" wherein municipalities could contribute if they wished. The next MMA Meeting is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>.

MPB: Reeve Noland advised the 39 lot subdivision on Lake Mindemoya is in process.

POA: David Deeg advised there will be a meeting in April.

CPAC: Kim Middleton advised the Police Services Board come into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Recreation and Wellness:

Reeve Noland advised the hall rental rates require review. Inventory from the kitchen is missing and needs to be checked after each rental. It was suggested the deposit amount be increased.

May 11<sup>th</sup> there is a scheduled Women's Mind, Body and Soul Event at the complex.

Library: Kim Middleton advised that Joanna Allison is retiring and the board is considering naming the computer room in her honour.

Waste Management:

Roger Morrell advised there is a meeting with regard to the monitoring of the old dump site.

Newsletter: The newsletter has been approved with the addition of Fire Prevention.

Dr. Recruitment Meeting:

Reeve Noland advised he met with the Reeve for Gordon/Barrie Island and the Dr. candidate for Gore Bay.

**MOTION: 2024-58**

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

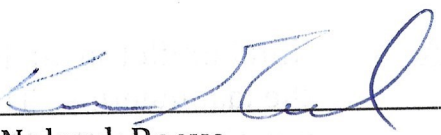
The Municipality of Burpee and Mills supports the original formula for the Doctor Recruitment Incentive Program that is based on population as set out in the original agreement.....carried K.N.

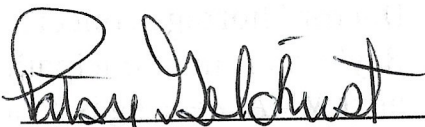
**MOTION: 2024-59**

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded By: Kim Middleton

THAT the Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:41 p.m.....carried K.N.

  
Ken Noland, Reeve

  
Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer