Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

Regular Council Meeting

May 7, 2018

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Council met for the Regular Council Meeting with Reeve, Ken Noland and Councillors,

Wayne Bailey, Art Hayden, Lyle Honess and P.A. Palonen in attendance. Shane Chatwell, Road Superintendent was also in attendance.   
Patsy Gilchrist, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer recorded the minutes.

No conflict of interest was declared.

No. 41

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

That Council approve the Minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held on April 4, 2018 as circulated.

Carried KN

Roads Report – Road Superintendent Chatwell and Mike Argue of the Roads Department are involved in Grader Training in Mindemoya this week. Backhoe training is being provided next week. Some patching work is being completed as well. Preparation for the Union Road Project is underway. Reeve Noland suggested that the landowners be contacted where brushing adjacent to their property is being completed to see if the landowner is interested in obtaining the wood. Shane suggested that if property owners were not interested, the logs could be skidded to a central location where limbing could occur. The road would be closed throughout this process.

A full inspection of the roads by the Road Committee is still required. A date and time will be set with Shane, Lyle and Art.

Shane noted that Bell Road requires gravel from the culvert out and will be reviewed by the Roads Committee.

A bin will be provided at the Transfer Station by Riverside. This bin will be placed on a pad.

The Roads Department will be providing quotations to Council for a laptop computer.

An update on the Union Road Capital Project was provided by Art Hayden.

The result of this project will provide a minimum 21 feet of hard top with 3 foot shoulders. The project will include complete reconstruction of a section of Union Road proceeding west and north from the intersection of Indian Point Road and Union Road for a distance of approximately 2.5 kms. The project will be completed in two phases over a two year period. The project will include: removal of deteriorating road surface, ditching on both sides of the road, removal of large trees and brush along the roadside, removal of sub grade roadbed material, removal and reinstallation of culverts, application of new road bed and new tar and chip surfacing. Funding for the project will be provided through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund in the amount of $235,569.31 with a top up of

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Municipal funds in the amount of $157,046.21. An ongoing cost review will be completed throughout this project.

Fire Department Report – Wayne Bailey provided an update on the Fire Department. A paging schedule has been set in place, however, training is required. Art Hayden and Wayne Bailey have reviewed the remuneration schedule for the Fire Department, have asked Council to review for their comments, and will meet with the Fire Chief, Colleen Bruder, for her input, then back to Council for approval.

Ken Noland noted the Fire Department attended to a grass fire this past week. A reminder will appear in the Newsletter that “Burning of Grass is not permitted in our municipality”. Individuals found to have caused grass fires may be held financially responsible for costs incurred in controlling the fires.

No. 42

Moved by: Lyle Honess

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

At 8:10 p.m.

That Council move to an In Camera Meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

Carried KN

No.43

Moved by: P.A. Palonen

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

Carried KN

At 8:40 p.m.

That Council move to the Regular Council Meeting.

Items discussed at the In Camera Meeting included the Janitor position, Chief Building Official Contract Information and Emergency Management

Co-ordinator.

No. 44

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

That Council draft a bylaw to hire a Part Time Custodian.

Carried KN

No. 45

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Lyle Honess

That Bylaw 06-2018 received its required readings and finally passed.

Carried KN

Cemetery – Wayne Bailey advised that Jessie Middleton and Kathryn Noland were interested in being on the Burpee & Mills Cemetery Board. A bylaw for their appointments to the board will be brought forward to the next Council Meeting.

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No. 46

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Lyle Honess

WHEREAS Council has deemed it necessary to establish a “Sale of Assets Policy” (excluding land which is governed by Bylaw 02-2014).

The objective of this policy is to ensure a fair, open, transparent and practical process.

The Sale of Assets Policy has been approved by Council, will come into effect at the passing of this motion, and will be attached to the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2018.

Carried KN

No. 47

Moved by: P.A. Palonen

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

That Council draft Bylaw 07-2018 for establishing 2018 Tax Ratios.

Carried KN

No. 48

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Lyle Honess

That Bylaw 07-2018 for establishing 2018 Tax Ratios receive its required readings and finally passed.

Carried KN

No. 49

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

That Council advertise in The Recorder for a Summer Student for the Municipality for 2018.

Carried KN

Main Street Revitalization Funding Ideas – Wayne Bailey suggested that possibly we could apply for “Welcome to Burpee Mills” signage at all township lines. Ken Noland suggested that contacting Gordon Barrie Island might be an idea to possibly allow for two-sided signs, Gordon on one side and Burpee & Mills on the other. Followup will be required.

Residential Tenancies Requirements – More information is required and will be brought back to council.

Airport Report – Lyle Honess updated Council regarding the meeting held on Monday, April 30th, 2018 for the proposed new terminal building. He advised that eleven letters of support have been received. Manitoulin Transport has advised it is supportive of the new building and believe it to be necessary for the continued operation of the airport. The airport is necessary for the continued operation of Manitoulin’s Head Office located in Gore Bay. The process appears to be moving forward.

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Policing – Art Hayden attended the CPAC meeting in Wayne Bailey’s absence. He advised that Staff Sgt. Webb pointed out the need and importance of cadet recruitment. They were advised the Town of Espanola will be using the Ontario Provincial Police versus the Espanola Police Department within the next year or so. A rash of break-ins has been reported in the Little Current area. The Calls for Service summary was provided to council by Wayne Bailey.

Recreation – Councillor Bailey provided an update on the Recreation events. On June 2, 2018, there will be a Dinner and Dance, Music by the Swing Band, at the Complex. The complex has been busy with funeral luncheons, anniversary parties, birthday parties. The Recreation Committee will be putting together July 1st celebrations as well as the Christmas Celebration. The Recreation Committee has been cutting back on the number of events and activities they organize but are inviting other groups to plan community activities.

Library – Wayne Bailey advised that Jennifer Ferguson will now be providing accounting for the Library. The Library Board has provided a ongoing motion to rehire the same summer student as the previous year providing that student has performed their duties satisfactorily and that student is returning to school in the fall.

Manor – Ken Noland advised he will be attending a Manor Board Meeting on May 17th to discuss the one time funding request and other concerns that may have arisen.

Deer Management – Art Hayden advised he attended a Deer Management Meeting and there will be an increase in the antlerless tags for 2018. Special tags will be issued for the areas of Gore Bay, Barrie Island, Gordon/Allen and Billings due to the increase in deer population in those areas.

Ontario Northland Bus – Reeve Noland advised that the Bus Route through Evansville has been cancelled by Ontario Northland.

No. 50

Moved by: Lyle Honess

Seconded by: P.A. Palonen

THAT we approve payment of the Fire Department accounts list in the amount of $146.25.

Carried KN

No. 51

Moved by: P.A. Palonen

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT we approve payment of the general accounts list in the amount of $39,136.70.

Carried KN

No. 52

Moved by: Lyle Honess

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT road voucher No 4 for the amount of $10,205.75 be passed for payment.

Carried KN

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No. 53

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

WHEREAS Municipal Government in Ontario do not have the right to approve landfill projects in their communities, but have the authority for making decisions on all other types of development;

AND WHEREAS this out-dated policy allows private landfill operators to consult with local residents and municipal councils, by essentially ignoring them;

AND WHEREAS municipalities already have exclusive rights for approving casinos and nuclear waste facilities within their communities, AND FURTHER that the province has recognized the value of municipal approval for the siting of power generation facilities;

AND WHEREAS the recent report from Ontario’s Environmental Commissioner has found that Ontario has a garbage problem, particularly from Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) waste generated within the City of Toronto, where diversion rates are as low as 15%;

AND WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are quietly being identified and targeted as potential landfill sites;

AND WHEREAS municipalities should be considered experts in waste management, as they are responsible for this within their own communities, and often have decades’ worth of in-house expertise in managing waste, recycling, and diversion programs;

AND WHEREAS municipalities should have the right to approve or reject these projects, and assess whether the potential economic benefits are of sufficient value to offset any negative impacts and environmental concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills supports Bill 16, Respecting Municipal Authority Over Landfilling Sites Act introduced by MPP Ernie Hardeman and calls upon the Government of Ontario, and all political parties, to formally grant municipalities the authority to approve landfill projects in or adjacent to the communities.

AND FURTHER THAT the Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills send copies of this resolution to MPP Ernie Hardeman and all municipalities.

Carried KN

No. 54

Moved by: Lyle Honess

Seconded by: P.A. Palonen

THAT we adjourn to meet at our next regular meeting on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Carried KN

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Ken Noland, Reeve Patsy Gilchrist, Deputy Clerk