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

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Monday, March 2, 2020**

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills council met for the Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Council chambers with Reeve, Ken Noland and Councillors, Martin Ainslie, Penny Palonen, Arthur F. Hayden and Wayne L. Bailey in attendance. Lynn Jackes, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer was also in attendance. Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer recorded the minutes.

The Meeting was called to order by Reeve Noland at 7:30 p.m.

No Conflict of Interest had been declared.

**MOTION: 2020-34**

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Penny Palonen

THAT Council approves the agenda for the March 2, 2020 Council Meeting with the addition of CCAC Agreement for April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023……carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-35**

Moved by: Martin Ainslie

Seconded by: Penny Palonen

THAT Council approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held on February 3, 2020 as circulated………………carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-36**

Moved by: Penny Palonen

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approve the minutes of the In Camera Council Meeting held on February 3, 2020……………carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-37**

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Martin Ainslie

THAT Council approve the minutes of the Special In Camera Council Meeting held on February 3, 2020………………carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-38**

Moved by: Martin Ainslie

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on February 24, 2020………………..carried KN.

Reeve Ken Noland and Deputy Reeve Arthur F. Hayden, members of the Roads Committee, brought forward the Roads Report in the absence of Shane Chatwell, Road Superintendent who was unable to attend the meeting.

The 911 numbering system is to be redone in the area of Ocean Point Road and Watts Lake Road. The roads crew will provide GPS co-ordinates and mapping. New civic address

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numbers will be provided in the proper order, signs will be ordered and the office will be advised so that correspondence can be provided to the property owners at these locations.

Half-loading is now in effect for the Township of Burpee and Mills. This is expected to remain in effect until approximately the long weekend in May.

No snowplowing concerns have been brought forward.

Barr’s Creek Bridge (in Central Manitoulin) is to be replaced. When the schedule for this work is provided, residents on Scott’s Road will be advised of the increased traffic in their area.

The road allowance at the Cemetery is being cleared of trees. The trees on the west side of the road allowance will be offered to the adjacent property owner. The trees on the east side of the road allowance belong to the Cemetery/Municipality.

Letters have been sent to two property owners who have been asked to remove debris/vehicles from the road allowance. The property owner on Hall Road has contacted Council to advise they are working toward getting this removed.

It was noted that fishermen are blocking private driveways on Hall Road. The fishermen approached had moved their vehicles to another location. This concern will be alleviated with winter coming to a close.

The Road Superintendent has identified areas of concern with the surface treatment. Breakage is occurring in some areas. MSO have been contacted and are to look at these areas.

**MOTION: 2020-39**

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Martin Ainslie

THAT Council approve the Roads Voucher in the amount of $9,935.14…………….carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-40**

Moved by: Penny Palonen

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT Council approve the General Voucher in the amount of $71,618.91…………..carried KN.

Wayne L. Bailey presented the Cemetery Bylaw No. 2020-4 to Council. He advised that the Bereavement Authority of Ontario had suggested the following inclusions to the bylaw. These have been included.

“Interment rights holders may first offer the interment rights to the cemetery operator either as a donation, or as a sale at the currently listed price. If the cemetery operator does not wish to re-purchase the interment rights, the interment right may be sold to a third party for no more than the current price listed on the cemetery price list, as long as the sale or transfer is conducted through the cemetery operator and the interment rights holder and the purchaser meets the qualifications and requirements in the cemetery operator’s bylaws.” And…..

“Natural burials are allowed throughout the entire cemetery. The interment rights holder of any vacant lot in the cemetery may designate that lot as a natural burial site.

Once a natural burial has occurred in a given cemetery lot, that lot will no longer be available for an additional burial of cremated human remains.

Memorial installations will be permitted on a natural burial lot. All the conditions stated above will apply to these memorial placements.”

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**MOTION: 2020-41**

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT Bylaw No. 2020-4 Being a bylaw to govern the operation of the Burpee-Mills Cemetery under the control of the Burpee-Mills Cemetery Board be given first, second and third readings and be passed……………….carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-42**

Moved by: Penny Palonen

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council appoint Martin Ainslie as the Community Safety and Wellness Plan Representative for the Township of Burpee and Mills………………….carried KN.

The Central Ambulance Communications Centre Agreement for April 1, 2020 to

March 31, 2023 was discussed. No increase in rates has occurred. The municipal insurance supplier will be contacted to ensure all insurance is in place regarding this agreement.

**MOTION: 2020-43**

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Penny Palonen

WHEREAS Council approves the signing of the Central Ambulance Communications Centre Agreement for April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023……………..carried KN.

Council discussed Municipal Insurance costs provided for the years 2015 to 2019. It was agreed that for the immediate future, insurance coverage would remain with our current supplier, however, in the future it would be good practice to request quotations for comparison.

Concerns have been brought forward regarding the Poplar School. The insurance company will be contacted to discuss these concerns and information will be brought back to council.

The Asset Management Plan has been discussed and it was determined this plan requires updating as it is one of the key components in accessing government funding.

**MOTION: 2020-44**

Moved by: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

WHEREAS the Asset Management Plan for the Township of Burpee and Mills requires updating; Council authorizes requesting quotations for the completion of that plan………..carried KN.

Donation requests received from the Manitoulin Secondary School Robotics Team and Manitoulin Fine Arts have been forwarded to the Recreation Committee for their review.

Wayne L. Bailey provided a copy of the 2020 Proposed Budget for the Gore Bay Airport. He discussed some points of interest as follows:

* There will be a live exercise in 2020 provided through Lomex.
* A letter has been forwarded to Central Manitoulin requesting they become part of the Airport Commission. They are waiting on a response.
* The audit is expected to be completed in 4 days.
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* Painting of the runways is included.
* Donations have been received from private sources.
* The traffic has decreased for the airport.
* The insurance has increased in cost. War coverage has been removed from the insurance.
* The weather station has been relocated but is still on the airport property.
* $70,139 projected in revenue includes the speculation of $4,000 from Central Mantioulin.
* The lighting problem needs to be addressed.
* There is $173,000 in reserves.

Wayne is to request a copy of the employment contract for the Airport Manager.

**MOTION: 2020-45**

Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Martin Ainslie

WHEREAS the Gore Bay Airport Commission has provided a Budget for 2020; Council approves this budget as presented…………………carried KN.

Penny Palonen provided a report from the Manitoulin Municipal Association Meeting on February 19, 2020, as follows:

Blue Sky Presentation

Mike Addison gave a presentation for the Blue Sky Economic Corporation which is an organization mandated to provide internet to the areas that they serve. It is a not for profit organization that is funded by FedNor. They have asked for a letter of support to oversee getting high speed internet to the region that will include areas from North Bay to Parry Sound including Sudbury, Nipissing, Lacloche and Manitoulin. Regional projects have more chance of getting approved. Blue Sky will be putting out RFPs to all service providers and will make a decision as to which providers will be chosen to put in the service.

It is recognized that rural Ontario is a challenging environment and therefore is more expensive. The government is providing $315 million over 5 years. There will be no cost to an area that takes part. Once the service is in place we would only pay our regular service fee to our provider.

We are encouraged to take an internet speed test by going to ConnectedNorth.ca The more information they have, the better chance of getting funding.

Glass Recycling

Richard Stephens asked for suggestions on how to recycle glass so that it doesn’t have to go into landfill, since it is not recycled anymore. Ken told them that we used to grind it and put in on our roads. Concern for recycling plastics was also discussed.

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Al McNevin will be attending some upcoming meetings.

DSSAB

Richard Stephens reported there will be a 1.5% increase in the DSSAB budget. Affordable housing and homelessness will be their big thrust.

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SDHU

Ken Noland reported that our share for SDHU costs will increase by 10% with the same budget of $25 million. The province 75/25 share will not be 70/30 with a cut in services. 35 districts will become 10 districts with a skills based board.

Financial Report for 2019 was accepted with a bank balance of $7,989.51 on Decembetr 31, 2019.

Draft Budget 2020 was accepted with additions for Travel and Luncheons (same as last year) as well as a reduction in membership dues because our reserves are in good shape.

Election of Officers

Ken Noland was re-elected as Chair and Bruce Wood was re-elected as Vice-Chair.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

**MOTION: 2020-46** Moved by: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded by: Penny Palonen

WHEREAS: access to affordable and reliable broadband networks is an important part of everyday life and key to economic, education, social and health development, and

WHEREAS: communities outside urban centres face challenges in accessing internet service levels comparable to those in cities due to factors such as low population, distance and challenging terrain and;

WHEREAS: we believe future ICT infrastructure investment in our community would benefit from a holistic model that takes into account the connectivity needs of regional community partnerships rather than just one community and;

WHEREAS: this regional partnership should begin with a comprehensive needs analysis conducted by Blue Sky Net, a publically funded non-profit development corporation using their expertise and data based mapping tool – (BAIMAP – Broadband and Association Infrastructure Mapping Analysis Project) and;

WHEREAS: from the analysis and public consultation Blue Sky Net will conduct, it will be determined where internet gaps remain while also acknowledging what may be the best technology to fill these gaps on access to the closest ICT infrastructure like fibre or other existing network infrastructure and;

WHEREAS: once we determine priority areas we propose establishing three classes of gaps;

1) Gaps in fibre/backbone infrastructure,

2) Gaps in last mile/local access to business and residents and

3) Gaps in access in remote/very isolated areas, and;

WHEREAS: the Federal and Provincial governments are proposing funding programs that will support the implementation of Broadband projects and will require this in-depth information, we would propose;

THEREFORE: be it resolved that, the Municipality of Burpee and Mills supports Blue Sky Net leading a steering committee and that Blue Sky Network with this committee during the period of analysis, funding application and any subsequent RFP engagement……………….carried KN.

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Ken Noland updated Council on the Manitoulin Planning Board, as follows:

* More revenue has been received for 2019 than expected.
* It is being questioned if Lake Kagawong is at capacity.
* In the Official Plan, the natural heritage mapping has begun.

Wayne L. Bailey advised the next CPAC meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2020.

Arthur F. Hayden provided an update on the Recreation Committee.

* A Meet and Greet had been held at G.G.’s Diner. 14 people were in attendance.
* The election of officers took place with all positions remaining the same.
* The Canada Day Festivities, the Hunter’s Breakfast and the Christmas Potluck events will take place in 2020.
* The next Recreation Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2020.

Martin Ainslie attended the Library Board Meeting. He advised the budget has not been approved as there are some questions outstanding regarding the increase in audit costs from $800 to $2,300 and questions surrounding the cost of a summer student.

The Clerk-Treasurer advised that the Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills had submitted an application for funding for a summer student for 2020.

Arthur F. Hayden advised that the waiting list for the Manitoulin Centennial Manor has gone down to approximately 16. He advised the budget was good. A presentation had taken place for the board on Assisted Living.

Art also updated council on the DSB. The revised end of the year financials show a deficit for 2019 due to WSIB increased costs. DSB are challenging the rating from WSIB as these costs would be approximately $100,000 per month.

Ken Noland and Wayne Bailey attended a Firefighters Meeting.

* The Performance Review Program was explained and reviewed with the firefighters.
* A copy of the Fire Prevention Bylaw will be forwarded to all firefighters.
* Jeff Middleton will be the Temporary Fire Chief.
* The next fire practice will focus on training – knots for example with proper signoffs.
* There was discussion regarding a possible future policy and bylaw where in one years time a request can be made for conditional reinstatement of a firefighter with Council approval.
* A letter will be forwarded to firefighters who are no longer with fire department requesting the return of gear, radios and any municipal equipment.

**MOTION: 2020-47**

Moved by: Martin Ainslie

Seconded by: Penny Palonen

THAT we adjourn to meet at the next Special Meeting of Council scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 4 p.m……………..carried KN.

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 Ken Noland, Reeve

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 Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer