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

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 6, 2020**

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Council met for the Regular Council Meeting electronically with Reeve Ken Noland and Councillors, Martin Ainslie, Penny Palonen, Arthur F. Hayden and Wayne L. Bailey in attendance. Lynn Jackes, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, Shane Chatwell, Road Superintendent and Tom Sasvari were also in attendance. Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer recorded the minutes.

The Meeting was called to order by Reeve Noland at 7:33 p.m.

No Conflict of Interest had been declared.

**Motion: 2020-51**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT Council approves the agenda for the April 6, 2020 Regular Council Meeting with the addition of the MMA Draft Motion re public notice…………………carried K.N.

**Motion: 2020-52**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT Council approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 2, 2020 as circulated…………….carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2020-53**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approve the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of March 3, 2020 as circulated………………….carried K.N.

Shane Chatwell, Road Superintendent, provided the following roads report for the month of April, 2020:

* Grading is being attended to as the weather co-operates. Scott’s Road has been done.
* The vehicles have been washed and are ready to be oil sprayed.
* They are working on the 911 civic addressing system.
* The prime on Union Road has been looked at but there is no response from the supplier to date.
* Winter sand totals 677.28 tonnes which is about 1/3 of the total sand in the shed.
* The Lorne Lake outlet is being monitored weekly by the Road Superintendent. John Linley, Drainage Superintendent, has attended the site last week but has not provided his followup correspondence to date.

Art Hayden questioned the plan for sweeping. Shane advises this will occur approximately 2 weeks from now weather permitting.

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**MOTION: 2020-54**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT Council approve the Road Vouchers in the amount of $11,008.90……..carried K.N.

Shane Chatwell excused himself from the meeting.

**MOTION: 2020-55**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT Council approve the General Vouchers in the amount of $89,510.43………….carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2020-56**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT the Fire Department Voucher be approved for payment in the amount of $174.49………….carried K.N.

Due to computer issues, the voucher lists had not been provided to Council. The summary lists will be sent to Council for further review or questions.

Minutes of Settlement have been provided for Concession 11, Part Lot 13, RP31R1027

Part 2 for Council’s review. Council believes the revised assessment is in keeping with surrounding property values.

**MOTION: 2020-57**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

WHEREAS Minutes of Settlement have been received for Concession 11, Pt. Lot 13, RP31R1027 Part 2 Inst. 68139; Council has no objection to these Minutes of Settlement…………..carried K.N.

Information regarding the updating of the Zoning Bylaw has been provided by the Manitoulin Planning Board. Ken advised this is a work in progress wherein trailer bylaws, sea containers and other bylaws will be reviewed. At present, we have a trailer issue on the 5th concession.

Wayne Bailey asked if the Planning Board is trying to set up bylaws so they are similar for all municipalities. Ken advised that this may occur as much as possible.

Art Hayden questioned if we need to supply resources to do the zoning bylaw. Ken advised the Manitoulin Planning Board is the lead on this project. There is a possibility that consultants may need to be hired in the future.

Art was hopeful there may be grants for zoning bylaws in the future.

Council has discussed a request for a donation toward the purchase of ventilators to be used in the COVID 19 pandemic. Many other supplies are required as well, therefore Council has suggested a donation to the Manitoulin Health Centre should be provided to be used for whatever equipment or supplies that may be necessary to help combat COVID 19.

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**MOTION: 2020-58**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

WHEREAS Council approves a donation to the Manitoulin Health Centre in the amount of $5,000.00……………….carried K.N.

A request for a motion from the Manitoulin Municipal Association has been brought forward by Ken Noland for consideration. That motion has passed as follows:

**MOTION: 2020-59**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

This notice is to reinforce the federal and provincial message to restrict travel and stay at your municipal residence. Hospital capacities are built around residential numbers. Manitoulin Hospitals do not have the capacity to handle the influx of non-residents during this state of emergency. Please stay at your principal residence to avoid the spread of COVID 19. This message remains in effect for the duration of the Provincial State of Emergency.

Please show compassion to all in these difficult times.

Smelt fishing on shoreline road allowances and public property will not be permitted this year in the Township of Burpee and Mills. It will be enforced by the OPP, MNR and municipal bylaw officers…………….carried.

Ken Noland reported there is a slight increase to municipalities in the budget for the Manitoulin Planning Board.

Martin Ainslie reported there are no layoffs at the POA at this time. There is no processing of tickets at this time.

Wayne Bailey’s report for CPAC is as follows:

- CPAC will not require the cheque for secretarial services as there may be a new structure coming into play with the possibility of two committees versus one.

- He advised there were really no suggestions made regarding lights for Amish vehicles.

- Fifty 911 calls had been made where only five of those calls were legitimate. This is being investigated.

- The discussion on donations being made from Cannabis funding has been put on hold.

- Burpee Mills has had one call for service in February and one call for service in March.

Ken advised that Shane Chatwell has made a sign from a slow moving sign, with LED lights. Ken has presented this idea to the Amish community. They appear to be receptive.

Art complimented Shane on his initiative on this project. A picture of this sign will be sent to Council.

Arthur F. Hayden advised the Recreation Meeting had been postponed.

Martin Ainslie advised the Gore Bay Library is closed, however cleaning and organizing are taking place. Hours of work are at about 50% at this time.

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Penny Palonen advised she had attended the Transfer Station site to go through the procedures for staff during the COVID 19 pandemic. The hours may be altered at the Transfer Station closer to summer.

Penny has received the 2019 Landfill Monitoring Report from Gore Bay and will provide a summary to Council.

Art Hayden advised the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has not held a meeting. They are working on the bylaw to meet electronically.

The Manitoulin Centennial Manor has not had a meeting but Art advises he believes they are doing okay under the circumstances.

Wayne Bailey advised the Cemetery Bylaw has been approved by the Bereavement Authority of Ontario. The copies of this bylaw will be forwarded to the funeral homes and monument installers. Art thanked Wayne and Patsy for their work for the new bylaw.

Wayne advised the Fire Marshall’s office had contacted Jeff Middleton, Acting Fire Chief, to see if we had N95 masks available. Ken advised that Doug Wismer was to contact Jeff re extra masks they may have available to Burpee and Mills.

**MOTION: 2020-60**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board has requested a resolution of support for the following:

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Program Planning Committee has reviewed the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit – Issue Report and is recommending approval to the Board and;

WHEREAS the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB is extremely concerned that the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit does not consider the actual rent paid or utilities costs in the calculation; and

WHEREAS this is of particular concern in Northern Ontario where natural gas is not available in many communities and Hydro One rates are exorbitant and creating a Provincial Portable Housing Benefit that does not include the actual costs of heat and utilities paid by the tenant is a real concern for Northerners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board accepts the Program Planning Committees recommendation and approves the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit – Issue Report and directs staff to action the recommendations contained within the report and;

FURTHER THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB encourage the Federal and Provincial governments to reconsider the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit guidelines and create flexibility as one size fits all does not work well for Northern Ontario, particularly for small rural and remote communities whose existing resources are stretched to the maximum; and

FURTHER THAT both levels of government ensure that the actual cost of rent, heat and utilities paid by tenants is included in the calculation of the Housing Benefit; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution and Issue Report be forwarded to the Hon. Jean-Yves Ducos, Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and Minister Steve Clark Provincial Minister responsible for Housing in Ontario; and

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FURTHER THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB share this motion and supporting materials with DSB member municipalities, AMO, FONOM, NOMA, OMSSA, HSC, ONPHA, MP Carol Hughes, MP Mark Serre, MP Paul Lefebvre, MPP John Vanthof and MPP Mike Mantha.

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

**MOTION: 2020-61**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

WHEREAS The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing has requested a resolution of support for the following:

WHEREAS The Municipality of West Nipissing received resolution no. R-029-20 from the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, attached hereto; pertaining to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry’s practices and procedures when designating of Provincial Significant Westlands;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing supports the Village of Merrickville-Wolford requesting that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully provide supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of wetlands designations within their boundaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing calls upon the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respectfully review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence, to impacted municipalities, when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing , the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

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

Tom Sasvari excused himself from the meeting.

**MOTION: 2020-62**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT we go in-camera to discuss a legal issue as well as a personal 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.

Time Recorded at 20:25…………………..carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2020-63**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT we return to the regular meeting. Time recorded at 20:37………………carried K.N.

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**MOTION: 2020-64**

Moved by: Martin Ainslie

Seconded by: Wayne L. Bailey

WHEREAS Fred Arniel has submitted his resignation effective April 30, 2020; Council receives this resignation with regret…………….carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2020-65**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

That the position of Transfer Station Attendant be advertised in the newsletter……………carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2020-66**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT we adjourn to meet at our next Regular Council Meeting on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 7:30 p.m……………….carried K.N.

Meeting closed at 9 pm.

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Ken Noland, Reeve

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Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer