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

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020**

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Council met for the Regular Council Meeting at the Burpee & Mills Complex. Reeve Ken Noland and Councillors, Martin Ainslie, Penny Palonen and Arthur F. Hayden were in attendance. Lynn Jackes, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, Shane Chatwell, Road Superintendant and Jeff Middleton, Acting Fire Chief were also in attendance. Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer recorded the minutes.

REGRETS: Wayne L. Bailey, Councillor

GUESTS: John Gallagher, Nancy Hammell, John Copp, Jenny Copp, Nicole Geraghty and Kevin Geraghty.

The meeting was called to Order at 7:30 p.m.

There was no conflict of interest declared.

**MOTION: 2020-112**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT Council approve the Agenda for the September 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting……………….carried KN.

A presentation was made to Council by John Gallagher and John Copp regarding their concerns over the partial opening of the road allowance on Concession 8 Mills. Mr. John Gallagher recorded the presentation.

The presenters suggested that a sign be placed on the road allowance to say “Closed” to assist in deterring traffic to the south shore beach. It was discussed and determined that signage may not act as a deterrent or a resolution and would not be enforceable. Mr. Copp asked who held the liability on the unopened portion of the road allowance and the marine allowance. Reeve Noland advised the liability would fall to the Municipality. John Copp advised that garbage was being left on the beach and broken glass was causing injury to property owners. He also stated their concern regarding ATV’s running up and down the beach destroying the natural landscape. Reeve Noland explained that the road allowance cannot be gated or blocked off in any way. He also suggested there is a group of property owners who surround the Great Lakes (their proper name unknown at this time) that may be able to provide some information and suggestions to them.

A copy of the motion 2020-108 regarding the partial opening of the road allowance on Concession 8 was provided to the group. This motion explains the conditions attached to the process. The work is being monitored by the Road Superintendent.

The presentation group has been invited back to speak with Council should they access additional information that should be considered.

**MOTION: 2020-113**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2020…………….carried KN.

**Acting Fire Chief’s Report**

Acting Fire Chief, Jeff Middleton and Council Representative, Arthur F. Hayden presented the report to Council. A meeting had been held with Jeff Middleton, Art Hayden and Wayne Bailey to review concerns regarding the Fire Department and to discuss options for moving forward. Jeff Middleton is to contact

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all firefighters to get an inventory of who has radios, pagers and apps on their phones. It was suggested that one person be responsible for paging with the possibility of an honourarium for that service. It is planned to replace the “turnout” gear but due to COVID 19 this is on hold. The Acting Fire Chief is concentrating on “training” programs on practical instruction for new recruits as well as experienced fire team members. The attendance for fire calls is low. Jeff will also investigate the availability of licensed DZ drivers with the hope of having more trained.

**Road Superintendent’s Report**

Shane Chatwell advised that Art Hayden and Ken Noland had attended at Watt’s Lake Road with him to meet some property owners there who have been involved in trying to improve the unopened road allowance. Shane advised the property owners were instructed to stop work and clean up the area.

Reeve Noland suggested that a meeting may be required to discuss the Watt’s Lake Road process as well as the Road Policy requirements. This meeting will be called at a later date.

Shane Chatwell advised the Indian Point digouts should be taking place soon. Surface Treatment issues on Union Road are to be addressed. Central Manitoulin is offering snowplow training which the roads department will participate in.

Art Hayden advised there is rain damage on Ainslie Road and Indian Point Road that should be addressed.

A driveway was missed when the Poplar Road had been rebuilt previously. Council advised this driveway should be properly installed by the Roads Department.

Shane has met with Transfer Station personnel to ensure proper sorting is being followed by users.

He also advises he is in the midst of fixing the can crusher.

**MOTION: 2020-114**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT the Road Voucher in the amount of $54,895.47 be approved for payment…………carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-115**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT the General Voucher in the amount of $50,061.47 be approved for payment……………..carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-116**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT the Fire Voucher in the amount of $205.14 be approved for payment……………..carried KN.

**Bylaw Officer’s Report**

Reeve Noland advised that a meeting had been held with Tim Bailey, Bylaw Enforcement Officer and Arthur F. Hayden to discuss some outstanding issues. Unauthorized use of sea containers was discussed. Other issues discussed included items being left on the road allowances. Legal advice is being sought to address these issues.

**MOTION: 2020-117**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

WHEREAS Bylaw 01-2018 Being a Bylaw to Govern the Proceedings of Council requires an amendment as follows:

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“Electronic Council Meetings will be allowed at Council’s Discretion. Electronic Meetings will be allowed for Open Public Meetings only. In Camera Meetings will not be held electronically.”

Council of the Township of Burpee and Mills approves this amendment to Bylaw 01-2018 and provides necessary readings and is passed…………………..carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-118**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

Council approves the “Policy for Mandatory Use of Masks or Face Coverings within the Township Building” as presented………………carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-119**

Moved By: Martin Ainslie

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

WHEREAS an Application for Consent to Sever has been received for Concession 8, Lots 31 & 32 Burpee; the proposed lot is to be together with a right-of-way along the east boundary of Lot 31, Concession 8 to the maintained township road, known as Scott’s Road.

Council has objections to this Application for Consent to Sever. Any further development needs to be through a Plan of Subdivision……………….carried KN.

**Reports**

**Airport –** Reeve Ken Noland reported the Airport Application for Infrastructure Improvements had been approved for funding. The Town of Gore Bay and Lambac are working together to ensure the proper procedures are being followed throughout this project.

**MMA –** Penny Palonen provided a report on the MMA Meeting that was held on August 19, 2020 as follows:

* United Manitoulin Transit – Johanna Berti asked for a letter of support for part of the gas tax to support the Manitoulin Island Public Transit System. The MMA supported this in principle.
* Appeal of Court Decision – the MMA supported the resolution to have the Ontario Ministry of Attorney General appeal an Ontario Court of Appeal decision that makes voluntary intoxication a legitimate defense in sexual assault and violent crime cases.
* Arena Openings – pending the decision from the local hockey association to see if there will be minor hockey this year.
* FONOM/AMO – Al McNevin reported 3 main issues were discussed:
  + Police Service Boards
  + The ineffectiveness of Broadband roll out
  + Health Units
* DSB – R. Stephens reported there had been no meetings during the summer. DSB was against aligning with the Police Services Board because they covered different areas.
* PSDH – K. Noland had advised the Health Unit is undergoing major renovations, installing HVAC, etc. Next Meeting is in September.
* Policing – There will be a meeting in September.
* Financial Report 2020- Report Accepted. Balance of $,8501.17.
* Next MMA Meeting October 21, 2020.

**Motion: 2020-119A**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

WHEREAS the United Manitoulin Islands Transit Co-Operative Inc. is requesting a letter of support for their proposal to the Ministry of Transportation to access the .02 cents per litre per capita from the Federal Gas Tax Program to support the potential of accessible mobility for all Manitoulin and area residents. The corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills supports this initiative………..carried KN.

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**Planning Board** - Reeve Noland advised that applications to the Planning Board are down.

**Library** - Martin Ainslie advised there is to be a Library Meeting on September, 14, 2020.

**Waste Management** – Penny Palonen advised the cap inspection is to be done 2 times per year. Tulloch and Richards are being used for this service. Ken Noland spoke regarding the WE Manitoulin Project Proposal submitted for Council’s review. Gagnon Renewable Resources will be contacted to determine where the technology is presently being used.

**Manor** – Art Hayden advises the admittances to the Manor have been slow. The occupancy rate is presently at 90%. COVID funding has been received in the amount of $123,000. Fund raising is very slow.

**MOTION: 2020-120**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

Whereas Melissa Witty has provided her resume for a previously advertised Janitorial Position with the Township of Burpee and Mills. Council approves the hiring of Melissa Witty effective immediately………….carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2020-121**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Ken Noland, Reeve

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Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer