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

**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, October 5, 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, Arthur F. Hayden and Wayne L. Bailey were in attendance. Lynn Jackes, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer and Jeff Middleton, Acting Fire Chief were also in attendance. Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer recorded the minutes.

GUEST: Mike Jakubo, Municipal Auditor

The Meeting was called to Order at 7:25 p.m.

Mike Jakubo, Municipal Auditor, reviewed the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2019.

**MOTION: 2020-122**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT COUNCIL approves the 2019 Audited Financial Statements for the Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills…………………carried KN.

**Acting Fire Chief’s Report**

Jeff Middleton, Acting Fire Chief advised that a fire practice had been held. The attendance was low. The familiarization with equipment was the topic. Two people have come forward to Jeff stating an interest in joining the fire department. Jeff will be requesting a short resume from each for submission, review and approval by council. The next practice, scheduled for October 13th at 7 p.m., will focus on winterizing the equipment.

Wayne Bailey, Council Fire Representative, has been provided the attendance information for the fire department. Wayne will calculate the honourarium amounts to be paid.

Jeff Middleton has completed an inventory of radios and cell phone app users.

The Fire Safety Week Advertisement has been placed in the newspaper.

Jeff Middleton excused himself from the Meeting.

**MOTION: 2020-123**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT Council give By-law No. 9, 2020, Being a bylaw to provide for the Appointment of Lynn Jackes as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, be given necessary readings and be passed…………………..carried KN.

No conflict of interest has been declared on the agenda.

**MOTION: 2020-124**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT Council approve the Agenda for the October 5, 2020 Regular Council Meeting with the addition of Building System Meeting, Special Council Meeting and Campbell Bay Boat Launch…………………carried KN.

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**MOTION: 2020-125**Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Penny Palonen

THAT Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2020………….carried KN.

Penny Palonen requested the September 9, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes not be changed but wished to provide clarification on the Gore Bay Landfill Monitoring, as follows:

* The cap is inspected twice a year by members of the Waste Management Committee.
* The test wells are monitored once a year. Peter Richards who now works for Tulloch Engineering has been hired again this year.
* Stasia Carr has written out an RFP for next year. It will be posted on Biddingo to attract more firms.

**Road Superintendent’s Report**

In the absence of the Road Superintendent, the Roads Committee (Ken Noland and Arthur F. Hayden), presented the following:

* Beamish has provided their bill for the surface treatment that has been completed. Their work is covered by warranty. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of charging a penalty due to Beamish being a bit late on the contract. Council has agreed to waive any penalty charge on this account.
* Art Hayden advised that he had driven Brittainville Road and the ditching that has been completed has made a marked improvement.
* Dig outs are to begin along Indian Point Road shortly.
* Wayne Bailey advised he had received questions regarding McKinley Road. This road will be leveled and gravel provided but will not be hard topped for some time.
* Ken Noland advised of a lawn mower fire that had occurred to the 2012 John Deere that will require replacement. Quotations had been reviewed by Council and it was determined the Kabota diesel mower ZD1011-54 would be the best option.

**Motion: 2020-126**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT Council approves the purchase of a diesel powered ZD1011-3-54 Kubota lawnmower from Roberts Farm Equipment in the amount of $15,933.00 including taxes …………………….carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-127**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT the Road Voucher in the amount of $90,743.43 be approved for payment…………….carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-128**

Moved By: Penny Palonen

Seconded By: Wayne L. Bailey

THAT the General Voucher in the amount of $43,253.78 be approved for payment……………..carried KN.

**MOTION: 2020-129**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

THAT the Fire Voucher in the amount of $131.09 be approved for payment………………carried KN.

The Central Ontario Orthophotography Project (SWOOP) – 2021 has been discussed. This program provides the Township of Burpee and Mills the opportunity to participate in the leaf off, digital orthophotography that is a useful mapping tool.

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**MOTION: 2020-130**

Moved By: Wayne L. Bailey

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and forestry has brought forward a request for a Letter of Intent to Commit Funding – Area of Interest Option through the Central Ontario Orthophotography Project (SWOOP) – 2021; Council approves the signing of the Letter of Intent as the first component of organizational commitment to the project…………………..carried KN.

**Reports**

**Airport** - Reeve Noland advised the Town of Gore Bay is in consultation with the First Nations on the Airport Project. This is required before the project can move forward.

**MMA** – The next Manitoulin Municipal Association Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7 p.m.

**POA** – Martin Ainslie advised there had been a September Meeting.

* 2020 is showing a deficit of approximately $10,000
* Audio only court cases started October 1st
* Reserves show approximately $27,000 from 2018/2019
* The Bridal Veil Falls parking fines are not being processed
* Ken Noland suggested that the Clerk-Treasurer get in touch with Gore Bay to see if an application for COVID funding can be made to cover the POA costs through Phase 2

**CPAC** – Wayne Bailey advised that he is trying to set up a Roadside Meeting with the members of the Amish Community and the OPP to discuss possible options for lighting for the buggies.

Wayne advised he toured the new OPP station. He reports there was no violent crime reported for Burpee Mills but 4 property crimes have been reported. The call for service report looks good.

The OPP have done some patrols/investigations regarding harassment and drug related offences in Burpee and Mills.

To date, the status of the Police Board is unknown.

The next CPAC meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2020.

**Recreation –** Wayne L. Bailey and Arthur F. Hayden advised there had been a request for a Polling Station for Elections Canada to use the complex should it be required.

**Library –** Martin Ainslie reported the library has reduced hours. The Library Board has discussed applying for government grant funding to complete the microfilm project. The circulation of e-books is up.

**Waste Management –** The Can Crusher has been fixed as per Reeve Noland.

Penny Palonen clarified some notes for the previous minutes and are listed above.

Wayne Bailey advised that GG’s Restaurant has purchased a bin for garbage. This garbage will be picked up when the Transfer Station bins are emptied. Council advises the tipping fee will be waived for this service.

**DSB –** Art Hayden provided his report. The Municipal Share of the budget is in a surplus position. $500,000 has been applied for through the COVID funding. The demand for COVID testing by paramedics has dropped. Art asked that the quarterly report be forwarded to all of Council.

**Manor –** Art Hayden advised the Manor is being funded at the normal level. Presently the Manor is at 88% occupancy. The Tree of Lights campaign is underway and once the information is received will be put on the website and in the newsletter. There is an issue with the telephone system that may need to be addressed in the future. The approximate cost could be $30 - $50,000.

**Building System Meeting –** Penny Palonen advised she attended a September 16th Building System Committee Meeting. Other partner municipalities are reviewing their building permit fees. Penny had advised the committee that Burpee and Mills has reviewed their fee structure and do not wish to increase fees at this time. The building permits show an increase from 17% to 20% in Burpee and Mills.

Further discussion re the Building System/Building Permits will occur at a Special Meeting of Council.

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**Special Council Meeting –** A Special Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 at 9 a.m. at the Municipal Complex.

**MOTION: 2020-131**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Martin Ainslie

WHEREAS community social and economic well-being is dependent on fast, reliable, and affordable broadband connectivity and better cellular coverage;

AND WHEREAS Municipal, Provincial and Federal Governments as well as healthcare, education and other sectors will continue to depend on the internet to communicate, provide services and ensure accessibility to information;

AND WHEREAS digital literacy skills are essential to collaborate, innovate, and compete both regionally and globally and require appropriate and affordable broadband;

AND WHEREAS the availability of broadband that is on par with larger, urban areas in Canada is essential for Northern Ontario to achieve economic sustainability and social well-being;

AND WHEREAS in 2016 the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the internet be designated as an essential service and those efforts are undertaken to ensure all municipalities have access to affordable, fast and reliable broadband;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) agreed that an option to explore and hopefully support would be the Starlink Program, By SpaceX.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Burpee and Mills agrees that Broadband is an essential service, and that the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) should allow SpaceX and other private ventures to compete with those presently acting in the communication field, as they have the private financial ability to move forward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Minister of Science, Innovation, and Economic Development, the Provincial Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, the Provincial Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), Northeastern MPs and MPPs, the Leaders of the Opposition Parties, and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities………………….carried KN.

Further discussion will take place with Oceans and Fisheries regarding the Campbell Bay Boat Launch.

**MOTION: 2020-132**

Moved by: Penny Palonen

Seconded by: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the Council Meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m………………………………..carried KN.

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Ken Noland, Reeve

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Patsy Gilchrist, Clerk-Treasurer