

# The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Regular Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday February 6, 2024

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Council met for the Regular Council Meeting at the Municipal Complex. Reeve Ken Noland and Councillors Arthur F. Hayden, David Deeg, Roger Morrell and Kim Middleton were in attendance. Gye Taylor, Road Superintendent and Beverly MacDonald, Bylaw Officer were also in attendance. Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer recorded the minutes.

GUESTS: Cheryl Burrige and Melanie Blain

REGRETS: Rick Graham, Fire Chief

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Reeve Noland.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

**MOTION: 2024-16**

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT Council approved the Agenda for the February 6, 2024, Regular Council Meeting with the addition of an In Camera Session to discuss a personnel 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.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2024-17**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2024.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2024-18**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: David Deeg

THAT Council approve the Public Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2024.....carried K.N.

**Road Superintendent's Report**

Gye Taylor advised as of January 18, 2024, approximately 178m (195 yd) of sand has been used which is less than last year. The 2-ton transfer case has been replaced and is back in service. The roads crew are continuing to monitor weather patterns and road conditions to maintain safe travel. There is a minor issue with the plow which will be repaired when the plow is no longer needed. There are no other issues or concerns at this time.

**Bylaw Officer's Report**

Beverly MacDonald advised that she had passed the course with flying colours. She is starting the Emergency Management training. Two issues have been resolved and she is continuing to work on dog tags and trailer permits.

Gye Taylor and Beverly MacDonald were excused from the meeting.

**MOTION: 2024-19**

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

That the Road Voucher in the amount of \$11,699.05 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2024-20**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT the General Voucher in the amount of \$71,644.81 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2024-21**

Moved By: David Deeg

Seconded By: Arthur F. Hayden

THAT the Fire Voucher in the amount of \$3,880.73 be approved for payment.....carried K.N.

**MOTION: 2024-22**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: Kim Johnson

THAT Bylaw 2024-03 being a bylaw to amend the Zoning Bylaw 80-9 be given first, second and third readings and be passed.....carried K.N.

Lot 2, Con 10 Mills – Building clarifications required. Hugh McLaughlin requested discussion and decision from Council to build a non-agriculture residence on Agricultural zoned property. Council decided that the property owner must follow the proper process and apply to the Manitoulin Planning Board for a site-specific amendment to the Zoning Bylaw.

**Funding Opportunities:**

Council will not apply to the RED Funding Program. Roger Morrell will book an information session with the Ontario Trillium Foundation to explore opportunities for Township projects such as paving the parking lot or putting a roof over the rink.

**MOTION: 2024-23**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT Council move to an In Camera Meeting to discuss a personnel 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 at 7:30 p.m.....carried K.N.

Guests excused themselves from the meeting.

The guests returned to the Regular Council Meeting. Upon return at 7:54 p.m., the Reeve explained that the In Camera Session dealt with a discussion regarding a personnel matter about an identifiable individual.

**Reports:**

**Airport** – The project is on budget and coming along. A dumping station for planes is being planned and the permanent fencing requires layout changes.

**MMA** – The meeting focused on the hospital and the state of health care on the Island. Mauriane Reade and Paula Fields made presentations. The following points were raised:

- There is danger of ER closures
- The main problem is the filling of positions. For example, Gore Bay is slotted for 5 doctors but can only find 3, two of which are ready to retire.
- Services at Health Sciences North in Sudbury are very backed up which causes delays here.
- All Northern health care is struggling.
- Locum funding may end.
- Chemo is available in Mindemoya as of February 5, 2024.
- April 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a new system introduced where records can be shared with other hospitals.

- In the emergency room, numbers will be assigned to patients depending on their medical issue. Patients will be seen according to their numbers not first come, first served.

The elections for officers were held and Ken Noland declined to be nominated for election. The new Chairperson is Bryan Barker, and the Vice Chair is Dan Osborne. At FONOM Al McNevin reported that issues discussed were the lack of available housing, treatment for mental health and the need for stronger rules around, "Catch and Release" of criminals.

**MPB** – Ken reported that approximately 30 people attended the last meeting to hear the discussion about the proposed Lake Mindemoya subdivision. There were complaints about the lack of notification. There is not a good understanding of the subdivision approval process which is very lengthy. Barrie Island has been working on an application for at least 2 years.

**CPAC** – There was a guest from Victim Services to present a mobile tracking system for at risk individuals. Al Boyd talked about CamSafe a program that gives Police access to personal cameras for assistance in solving crimes. Gore Bay would like information about the funding process and other Municipalities are welcome to attend. Gore Bay is lowering the speed limit in town from 50km to 40km.

**Recreation** – Events are being planned and the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting will hold elections for officers.

**Centennial Manor** – There are still staffing issues and the use of staffing agency services. There are 28 people on the waiting list and the Manor has a 60 bed capacity. At the end of 2023 there is a healthy surplus due to unexpected funding. The Tree of Lights was a highly successful fundraiser. Some upcoming projects include a kitchen upgrade and flooring repairs.

**Boat Launch** – Roger is still working on the Townships' purchase of the Campbell Bay boat launch. The process started in 2010 and the major hold up is the province who needs to release their interest in the property.

**Newsletter** – The newsletter was approved.

**MOTION: 2024-28**

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden

Seconded By: David Deeg

WHEREAS the Municipality of Wawa has requested a resolution of support for the following:

WHEREAS Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and

WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and

WHEREAS without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and

WHEREAS in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these individuals, and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters account for 71% of Canada's total firefighting essential first responders;

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year.
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their own income from their regular jobs, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit becomes even less.
- These essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required;
- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06(2) and 118.07(2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue services from \$3,000 to \$10,000 and

FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Algoma Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.


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

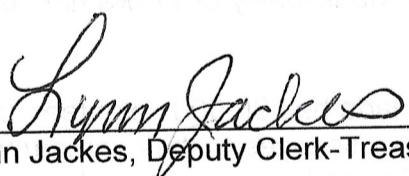
**MOTION: 2024-29**

Moved By: Kim Middleton

Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT the Regular Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:41 p.m.....carried K.N.

  
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Ken Noland, Reeve

  
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Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer