The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills **Special Council Meeting Minutes** Monday, February 26, 2024

The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills Council met for the Special Council Meeting at the Municipal Complex. Reeve Ken Noland and Councillors Arthur F. Hayden, David Deeg, Roger Morrell and Kim Middleton were in attendance. Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer recorded the minutes.

GUESTS: Cheryl Burridge, Greg Hayden

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

MOTION: 2024-30

Moved By: Arthur F. Hayden Seconded By: David Deeg

THAT Council approved the Agenda for the February 26, 2024 Special Council

Meeting......carried K.N.

Councillor Roger Morrell explained the basics of the Trillium Grant.

3 options were discussed: a roof over the rink, paving the parking lot and renovating the old Poplar School.

The Poplar School was ruled out because the renovation would be too costly and there was not a need for two recreation buildings in the Township. Also the school has only sentimental value.

The parking lot was ruled out because it may fit the funding criteria but the rink roof would be more beneficial to the Township.

The rink roof would be more beneficial to the Community because of the following:

- The space could be used for social events such as dances, weddings, children's events, and farmers markets.
- Also, it could be utilized for sports such as pickleball, hockey, basketball, and skating.
- It may also benefit our Amish community as they currently travel to Gore Bay in a horse and buggy to become involved in some of the above events.
- There is a need for funding to accomplish this because we have lost a percentage of our tax base to non-profit organizations.

Included in the grant would be a request for the tarp roof (approx. \$100,000), the base and electrical work and an accessible ramp (Approx. \$20,000) Council decided to request up to a \$150,000 grant. There will be a better idea of costs once the quotes come in.

Roger and David will look at the rink and measure as well as determine placement of the ramp.

The tarp should go to 8' from the ground on the sides and both ends.

David will request quotes for the tarps, electrical and concrete for the ramp.

Ken will look up his contact for storage structures.

Roger will submit the application with the assistance of an OTF Program Manager.

The application is due March 6, 2024 at 5:00 pm so time is of the essence.

MOTION: 2024-31

Moved By: Kim Middleton Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT Council has reviewed funding opportunities and the decision is to apply for

Trillium grant for outdoor rink renos in the amount up to \$150,000 through the Ontario

Trillium Foundation.....carried K.N.

MOTION: 2024-32

Moved By: Kim Middleton Seconded By: Roger Morrell

THAT the Special Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:43 p.m.....carried K.N.

Ken Noland, Reeve

Lynn Jackes, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer