

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
SPECIAL/TRI-COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY AUGUST 24, 2017
ARMOUR TOWNSHIP – 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A Tri-Council meeting with the Village of Burk's Falls, Township of Armour and Township of Ryerson was held at the Armour Township Council Chambers, 56 Ontario Street, Burk's Falls, Monday August 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Ryerson Township Council: Glenn Miller, Barbara Marlow, Rosalind Hall, Doug Weddel and George Sterling.

Burks Falls Council: Cathy Still, Lewis Hodgson, and Rex Smith. Absent: Jarve Osborne and Lisa Morrison.

Armour Council: Bob MacPhail, Marina Hammond, Rod Blakelock, and Jerry Brandt. Absent: Pat Hayes.

Also in attendance: Armour Clerk Wendy Whitwell, Waste Management Administrator Amy Tilley, Ryerson Deputy Clerk Leanne Fetterley, Burk's Falls Clerk Nicky Kunkel, and one member of the public.

The Township of Armour hosted the meeting and Reeve Bob McPhail called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The meeting was scheduled to discuss several items related to waste management.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None declared.

Village of Burk's Falls, Notification of Contract Award for 2018

Reeve Still provided preliminary details about the contract awarded to Waste Connection Canada this week by Burk's Falls for the removal of garbage and recycling (including commercial waste). Although the term of the contract is not confirmed Burk's Falls plans advised that they plan to pursue this option for 3 to 5 years. However, they still request access to the landfill for a small amount of both residential and commercial waste and indicated a potential cost-sharing portion of 12-15 percent.

Reeve MacPhail requested that Armour and Ryerson discuss this proposed percentage at their next meetings and provide feedback at the Tri Council meeting in September.

Future of Commercial Waste - Discussion

Armour Township indicated that a policy for commercial waste should be developed and it is recommended that user pay be considered.

Amy Tilley clarified that bulk truck-loads of waste from contractors is already subject to a tipping fee, but the 90 bag commercial cards should also be re-evaluated.

Members discussed the current tipping fees for commercial waste at the landfill and compared them to other local Municipal sites.

Reeve Miller proposed a solution using weigh scales. This would provide accurate statistics for tracking the specific use by each Municipality and would also allow for the administration of a user-pay element.

There was a discussion about the benefits and challenges of this approach. More information is required before a decision can be made regarding the potential purchase of scales and the impact of implementing a user-pay system.

Staff Report – Improvements to Efficiencies and Cost Saving Measures

Reeve Miller reported on a presentation from AMO which addressed upcoming changes to legislation that will increase the responsibility of producers in recycling. For this reason the purchase of a compactor may not be appropriate at this time because it would ultimately benefit the producers; instead direct funds to the purchase of a weigh scale.

Amy Tilley outlined the current method for the distribution of funding based on the data provided by landfills and provided an overview of the upcoming changes to the role of producers. Although the producers/stewards will be responsible for the cost of recycling, funding to individual landfills will continue to be based on the efficiency of operation. This supports the rationale for purchasing a compactor to compact the recyclables in order to increase efficiency. This represents both a cost-savings to the Municipalities and potential access to increased funding.

Reeve MacPhail suggested that more information about the role of producers in recycling is required before a decision can be made. Staff was directed to provide further clarification at the Tri Council meeting in September.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Original signed by Glenn Miller

REEVE

Original signed by Leanne Fetterley

DEPUTY CLERK