



THE VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2020

The regular meeting of The Burk's Falls Council was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at the Community Centre at 6:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Cathy Still, Councillors, Lewis Hodgson, Lisa Morrison, Jarvis Osborne, Rex Smith; Staff: Nicky Kunkel, Clerk; Lacey Stevens, Recreation Coordinator; Graham Smith, Arena Manager.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None Declared

MINUTES

Resolution 2020-123 Moved by Lisa Morrison - Seconded by Rex Smith

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby approves the minutes of the regular Council meeting of July 21st and August 10th, 2020. Carried.

DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL: NONE

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

1. Department Report: Arena Manager Graham Smith presented his report on reopening strategies and considerations. Five options were presented as was the revised COVID 19 User and Staff Policy. Council adopted the policy and chose reopen policy three; to reopen the facility for community hall rentals and recreation programs and postpone the install of the ice until mid-December/January. The Manager will continue to monitor the Provincial rules and regulations with a reassessment of ice creation monthly.
2. Department Report: Recreation Coordinator presented her report on the start up potential of several programs starting September 2, 2020 if Council agreed to opening the community center. A list of fall events and programs were agreed upon.
3. Department Report: Fire Department report from Chief McNay was received by Council.
4. Department Report: Waste Management Report from Amy Tilley, Manager was received.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. The Clerk presented a report on Community Safety Zones for the area in front of Land of Lakes. The Zone is frequently posted near schools, retirement homes or other increased traffic areas. The OPP enforce the Zone and the fines double within the area. The Clerk also provided information on speed radar signs that could be used as a soft launch to the Zone to educate the drivers. Council adopted the bylaw but did not approve the purchase of speed radar signage.
2. A report from Dave Gray, Director of Economic Development along with Mayor Still to bring Council up to date on the Muskoka Parry Sound Regional Broadband project. It continues to move forward to determine gaps in rural service areas. Council adopted a resolution to support the project in principal.
3. Council received the notice from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the \$64,000 awarded to the Village to recoup and recover from COVID. Council discussed the expenses eligible under the COVID scope and will continue to monitor costs moving forward.
4. Council received the resolutions from surrounding Parry Sound municipalities and support that OPP Community Boards should be housed with the Almaguin Highlands Detachment and not the Social Services Administration Board.

RESOLUTIONS:

2020- 124 Moved by Jarvis Osborne- Seconded by Lewis Hodgson

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby adopts the Armour Ryerson Burk's Falls Memorial Arena Protocols related to operations under COVID-19 as circulated. Carried

2020-125 Moved by Rex Smith - Seconded by Lisa Morrison

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby adopts the Armour Ryerson Burk's Falls Memorial Arena Manager's Report on options for consideration in reopening the facilities; and

Further that Council hereby determines to open the facilities for community rentals within the COVID-19 guidelines as presented except for ice rentals; and

Further that Council agrees to monitor the feasibility of installing the ice for the middle of December for the holiday and 2021 season. Carried



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2020-126 Moved by Jarvis Osborne – Seconded by Lewis Hodgson
That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby adopts the report from the Recreation Coordinator regarding recreation programming for the Fall of 2020. Carried.

2020-127 Moved by Lisa Morrison - Seconded by Lewis Hodgson
That the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$375, 395.62 as presented up to and including August 25, 2020 hereby be approved for payment. Carried.

2020-128 Moved by Rex Smith – Seconded by Jarvis Osborne
That By-law No. 13-2020 being a By-law to authorize newly defined Off Road Vehicles to operate on Village roadways be read a first, second and third time and passed this 25th day of August 2020. Carried

2020-129 Moved by Lewis Hodgson – Seconded by Lisa Morrison
That By-law No. 14-2020 being a By-law to designate a Community Safety Zone be read a first, second and third time and passed this 25th day of August 2020. Carried Recorded Vote Requested by C. Smith. Yays: Councilors Osborne, Hodgson and Morrison. Nays: Councillor Smith.

2020-130 Moved by Rex Smith – Seconded by Lewis Hodgson
That Council hereby received the tender submissions for the Winter Control Tenders;

Bidder	Amount
1. Derrick Johnston Construction	\$104,584
2. M.D.S.	\$ 92,350

Further that Council accepts the Treasurer's report on the impact to budget;

And further that Council accepts the submission of Derrick Johnston Construction. Carried

2020-131 Moved by Jarvis Osborne – Seconded by Lisa Morrison
That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby accepts the only submission for winter sand from Bruman Construction in the amount of \$29, 750.73. Carried

2020-132 Moved by Lewis Hodgson – Seconded by Lisa Morrison
That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby adopts the map for the Heritage River Walking Trail Signage enhancement project of the Downtown Development Team. Carried

2020-133 Moved by Lewis Hodgson – Seconded by Rex Smith
Whereas the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls understands the Federal priority of ensuring broadband access to 95% of all homes by 2026 & 100% of homes in 2030 and the Province of Ontario's priority of supporting infrastructure development projects through the recently announced Improving Connectivity in Ontario Program;

Whereas the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls recognizes that there are homes and/or businesses in the municipality that do not have access to affordable, reliable an adequate broadband internet that meets national standard of at least 50mbps download and 10mbps upload;

Whereas the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls acknowledges the availability of reliable broadband internet services to all residents and businesses throughout the municipality as critical to economic growth, social prosperity and community well-being; and

Whereas Council for the Village of Burk's Falls acknowledges recent pressures imposed by the COVID-19 Pandemic on local governments to advocate for improved broadband service availability and improvement to support functions such as: working from home, e-learning from home, remote & virtual health care service delivery and increased demand for in-home entertainment; and



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Whereas the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls is aware of the development of a Muskoka –Parry Sound Riding Cooperative Broadband Initiative focused on developing a model for a collective, multi-regional strategy for creating and deploying broadband to all residents throughout both districts; and

Whereas the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls recognizes that this initiative relies on the partnership efforts of all affected municipalities, the West Parry Sound SMART Community Network, Blue Sky Net, health agencies, education boards, DSSABs, economic development organizations and other supportive partners and/or agencies;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby declares their support in principle for the Muskoka – Parry Sound Riding Cooperative Broadband Initiative to develop and implement a riding wide strategy to ensure the availability of reliable broadband services to all residents within the Muskoka and Parry Sound Districts. Carried

2020-134 Moved by Rex Smith – Seconded by Lisa Morrison

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Village of Burk's Falls received resolutions from the Municipality of McDougall, the Town of Parry Sound and the Township of the Archipelago regarding oversight boards for OPP Detachments, and

WHEREAS correspondence dated May 14, 2020 from The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding issues discussed at their May 13th, 2020 virtual meeting brought attention to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO's) Discussion Paper "New Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Boards: Building a Framework for Better Policing Governance";

AND WHEREAS AMO's discussion paper proposes that Northern Ontario District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSAB) replace the current OPP Detachment Boards;

AND WHEREAS the FONOM Board has identified several issues with DSSAB Boards replacing the current Detachment Boards, and recognizes that Community Policing is distinctive to each Municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Village of Burk's Falls is in agreement with the opinion of FONOM, and supports the resolutions of the Municipality of McDougall and the Township of the Archipelago, and the Town of Parry Sound, that the current DSSABs would not be the best solution for overseeing the Northern OPP Detachments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to FONOM and its member municipalities, AMO, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, and Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka. Carried

Councillors Report

NOTE: Several regular meetings have been cancelled due to the to COVID 19.

Councillor Hodgson attended Downtown Development Team meeting and spoke to the Heritage Sign Project as well as visited the Watt Museum to choose pictures for the signs on the weekend. He attended the economic development committee as well.

Councillor Osborne attended the Library Board meeting and reported that Chair England has resigned because she is moving. He also reported that the Library is waiting to see the impact of COVID and the school reopening before making significant changes to operations.

Councillor Smith attended the Hazmat Day and reported that there were near 200 cars attending. He reported they had to close access as the permit is only valid from 10am to 2pm. He will be attending a zoom Planning Board meeting later this week.

Councillor Morrison informed Council she resigned as a member of the Management Group at the Almaguin Manor.



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Mayor Still attending manor meetings. She attend the EMS Board meeting and reported that they are over budget by \$450,000 due to COVID rules and that the Village will be receiving another invoice to help cover this deficit.

2020-135 Moved by Jarvis Osborne – Seconded by Rex Smith
That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby adjourns at 19:56 to meet again on September 8, 2020 at 12:30pm for a closed meeting regarding service level education within the Village. Carried

Cathy Still, Mayor

Nicky Kunkel, Clerk