



THE VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 24, 2020

The regular meeting of The Burk's Falls Council was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 in Council Chambers at 6:00 pm. Also available to public by Zoom.

Present: Mayor Cathy Still, Councillors, Lisa Morrison, Jarvis Osborne, Rex Smith, John Wilson; Staff: Nicky Kunkel, Clerk; Graham Smith, Arena Manager (via Zoom).

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared

MINUTES

Resolution 2020-185 Moved by Lisa Morrison - Seconded by John Wilson

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby adopts the minutes of the regular Council meeting of October 27, 2020 as circulated. Carried.

DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL None.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

1. Department Report: Arena Manager Graham Smith presented his report as submitted. Also discussed at this time was the report on the Ice Surface Installation. The Manager presented an update on the hours for community rentals which are below 10 at this time. He stressed that we have been reaching out trying to get more hours but there is no feedback or new rentals. Other local arenas are doing okay but still not at regular rentals so there is capacity locally. There are several groups who would use the facility with no ice as they are not able to operate in school gyms as they are closed. Council reviewed the three budgets prepared for each scenario: ice, no ice (no rentals), no ice (rentals). It was determined that the budget with no ice but community rentals was the best scenario as it would allow for more community use of the facility. Council and staff did ensure that the plan is to have ice in for the summer and fall of 2021, just not January to March as it would mean a unnecessary loss of \$38,000 and less accommodation to non-ice community use. A resolution was passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Eastholme Ventilation Project was deferred as information was not available for the meeting.
2. Council discussed the December schedule. The traditional Christmas dinner was cancelled. A resolution was passed below for the regular year end Christmas items.
3. Council received the letter from the Integrity Commissioner stating the circumstances that Councillor Wilson would be in conflict when discussing Fire Department matters. In general, he is not in Conflict for budget or operations except when only he has benefit.
4. Council received the letter from Chairperson of the Almaguin Highlands Health Care Committee Rod Ward seeking the AHHC Boardroom be dedicated and named the Bruce Campbell Boardroom. A resolution was passed.
5. Council received the letter from the Santa Claus Parade Committee requesting financial support for Lighting/Decorating Contest. A resolution was passed.
6. Council received the email regarding Armstrong Bridge Project explaining the expected traffic delays for jacking the bridge. Signs have been made and will be posted for advance notice to the public as well as posted on the website and social media. Delays are expected for three weeks but just 15-30 minutes at a time and between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm when possible.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED

RESOLUTIONS:

2020- 186 Moved by Lisa Morrison - Seconded by John Wilson

WHEREAS the Armour Ryerson Burk's Falls Arena has a possible, and not guaranteed, request for 10-15 hours of ice rentals for adult hockey;

AND WHEREAS the cost difference between putting ice in for these three months or not is \$35,214 or \$11,738 per month;

AND WHEREAS the rentals for the ice surface without ice is at 20 hours per week for numerous community organizations including Cadets, pickleball, archery, and soccer who would normally be in a school gym but cannot as they are closed to the public due to COVID;

AND WHEREAS COVID restriction are expected to lessen in the 2nd quarter of 2021 due to a vaccine so summer and fall ice programs will continue as normal starting in July of 2021;



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NOWTHEREFORE the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby instruct staff to not install ice at the Armour Ryerson Burk's Falls Arena for January 2021 to March 2021. Carried

2020-187 Moved by Rex Smith - Seconded by Lisa Morrison
That the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$497,062.82 as presented up to and including November 24, 2020 hereby be approved for payment. Carried

2020-188 Moved by John Wilson – Seconded by Lisa Morrison
That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby supports Xplornet's Broadband Project funding application to the ICON program to increase access to internet services within the Almaguin Region. Carried.

2020-189 Moved by Lisa Morrison- Seconded by John Wilson
That By-law No. 18-2020 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation for Connecting Link Funding for the Armstrong Bridge Project be read a first, second and third time and passed this 24th day of November 2020. Carried.

2020-190 Moved by Lisa Morrison – Seconded by Rex Smith
That By-law No. 19-2020 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with the Township of Armour for the shared service of Bylaw Enforcement be read a first, second and third time and passed this 24th day of November 2020. Carried.

2020-191 Moved by Jarvis Osborne – Seconded by John Wilson
That By-law No. 20-2020 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with Mr. Norm Mason for the purchase of property known as 20 Copeland Street, Burk's Falls for a total cost of \$29,786.50 inclusive of all expenses be read a first, second and third time and passed this 24th day of November 2020. Carried

2020-192 Moved by Jarvis Osborne – Seconded by Rex Smith
That Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby contributes \$250.00 to the Santa Claus Parade Committee's Christmas Light Decorating Contest. Carried Recorded vote requested by Councillor. Morrison. Yays: Councillors; Osborne, Wilson, Smith. Nays: Councillor: Morrison.

2020-193 Moved by Lisa Morrison – Seconded by Rex Smith
That Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby names the Boardroom in the Almaguin Highlands Health Care Centre as the Bruce Campbell Boardroom effective immediately for the exceptional talent and service given to the entire community for health care services as the Chair of the Almaguin Highlands Health Care Committee. Carried

2020-194 Moved by Lisa Morrison – Seconded by John Wilson
That the Council for the Village of Burk's falls hereby cancel the Christmas Dinner due to COVID for 2020 and instead provide staff and Council members \$50.00 to go for individual dinners. Carried

2020-195 Moved by John Wilson – Seconded by Lisa Morrison
That Council approve the following year end procedures:

1. That the administration office be permitted to be closed December 29th to 31st, 2020
2. That the full and part time employee and volunteer honorariums be distributed in December
3. That the salary grid for the municipal employees be increased for 2021 by the September 2020 cost of living increase of 0.6%
4. That the office close on December 18th, 2020 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Carried

2020-196 Moved by Lisa Morrison – Seconded by Jarvis Osborne
That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby approves the funding application for the Kawartha Credit Union Market under the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund's Strategic Economic Infrastructure Program in the amount up to \$1,999,000; and

Further that any cost overruns on the project will be covered by the Village of Burk's Falls. Carried Recorded vote requested by: Councillor Smith. Yays: Councilors Osborne, Morrison, Wilson. Nays: Councillor Smith



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2020-197 Moved by Lisa Morrison – Seconded by Rex Smith

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby appoints Councillor John Wilson to the following stations/committees for the remaining term of Council:

1. Building and Theatre Liaison for the Village
2. Almaguin Community Economic Development
3. Downtown Development Committee
4. Personnel Committee Carried

2020-198 Moved by Lisa Morrison – Seconded by Rex Smith

WHEREAS Council committed to investigating the establishment of a Regional Fire Department with the municipalities of Perry, Kearney, McMurrich Monteith, Magnetawan and the Burk's Falls Department; and

WHEREAS the goal of creating a Regional Fire Department is to ensure all responding fire fighters in all departments have the same training, that Fire Department purchases be focused based on response and streamlined to reduce duplication, and to reduce administration service duplication for policies and procedures that will in the end provide a unified emergency response to all municipalities; and

WHEREAS there has been general acknowledgement of the significant benefits gained from the efforts of our current regional training officer; and

WHEREAS it has been demonstrated that a cost sharing formula based on weighted assessment places an unfair contribution burden on the larger funding partners; and

WHEREAS it has been demonstrated that a cost sharing formula based on population and/or households places an unfair contribution burden on the smaller funding partners; and

WHEREAS it has been demonstrated that cost sharing with the current training cost formula, being equal division but between 7 municipalities indicates an unfair contribution of 4 municipalities who each support one Fire Department while the other three municipalities share in the cost of one Fire Department; and

WHEREAS should a cost sharing agreement not be reached for regional training each Fire Department would provide the mandatory training service at their own costs that closely resembles the cost of the current formula; and

WHEREAS it can be argued that there is not completely fair and equitable cost sharing formula for all partners for the provision of training or regional fire services.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council for the Village of Burk's Falls agrees that we renew the training officer agreement under the existing formula for a period of three years. Carried

2020-199 Moved by Jarvis Osborne – Seconded by John Wilson

That the Council for the Village of Burk's falls hereby move the Council meeting in December to the 15th. Carried

2020-200 Moved by Jarvis Osborne – Seconded by John Wilson

That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby authorizes staff to create and maintain an Outdoor Rink for the winter season of 2020/2021 weather permitting. Deferred

COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Osborne attended the Library Board meeting and informed Council that they have interested members to sit on the committee for the expansion grant when it gets formalized by the Village. He also ensured that the Village be included in the Remembrance Day Poppy support page of the Almaguin News.

Councillor Smith attended the ARI meeting and the JBC meeting He will attend the Planning Board meeting by Zoom this month as well.

Councillor Morrison will be attending the POA Virtual meeting. All other committee meetings have been cancelled until the new year.

Councillor Wilson attended the ACED meeting which did not have quorum due to power outage and the regional fire training meeting.

Mayor Still attended meetings for AHHC (Magnetawan Council as well), Regional Fire, Doctor Recruitment, EMS and construction update meetings.



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2020-201 Moved by Lisa Morrison - Seconded by John Wilson
Council for the Village of Burk's Falls now enters into a closed meeting at 20:05, pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2)

1. Permitted by Section 239(2)(b) regarding an identifiable individual
2. Permitted by Section 239(2)(e) regarding legal matters or potential legal matters. Carried

2020-202 Moved by Rex Smith – Seconded by John Wilson
Council for the Village of Burk's Falls now reconvenes to regular open session at 21:26 pm.
Having discussed: Carried.

2020-203 Moved by Jarvis Osborne – Seconded by Rex Smith
That the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls hereby adjourns at 21:26. Carried

Cathy Still, Mayor

Nicky Kunkel, Clerk