

THE CORPORATION of THE TOWNSHIP of TARBUTT & TARBUTT ADDITIONAL

***Minutes of the Regular Meeting
March 18th 2015***

The following minutes are comprised of resolutions and the Clerk's interpretation of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: C. Burton, L. Smith, S. Flood, D. Farrar

Staff: G. Martin

Regrets: R. Wigmore, K. Barber

Res: 30-2015 S. Flood, L. Smith

Be it resolved that Council adopts the Minutes of February 18th 2015 as presented. (cd)

Res: 31-2015 D. Farrar, S. Flood

Be it resolved that Council approves the Statements for February 2015 as presented. (cd)

Res: 32-2015 L. Smith, D. Farrar

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 6-2015 being a by-law to establish and regulate the Fire Department and to replace existing by-law 5-202 in existence for the same purpose. (cd)

Res: 33-2015 S. Flood, L. Smith

WHEREAS programs offered to the seniors and disabled population in the catchment area of the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre covering nine municipalities run on a shoestring budget and have been exclusively funded through the North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) to help seniors and persons with disabilities live well and remain in their own homes; and

WHEREAS the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre has outgrown the funding currently being received from the Ministry of Health through the NE LHIN; and

WHEREAS applications have been made for increased funding to accommodate growth in order to meet client needs, only to be met with costly software and administrative requirements from other government agencies, along with increases to the cost of hydro, labour, food, fuel and the general cost of living which impede any gains from the growth of programs; and

WHEREAS Provincial funding for existing and growing services has not increased in over four years; and

WHEREAS non-urgent clients are being put on a wait list for basic daily necessities such as transportation and snow clearing; and

WHEREAS Councils in each of the municipalities in the catchment area have been approached with a request to cover the cost of existing services based on the percentage/population of seniors in their respective municipalities;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, The Council of The Township of Tarbutt & Tarbutt Additional do hereby support the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre in the delivery and expansion of its programs which meet the mandate of the Ontario Ministry of Health to keep seniors and disabled populations in their homes, independent, out of long term care facilities, enjoying better mental and physical health, and being socially supported and included in our community; and

WE THEREFORE request the Ministry of Health and the NE LHIN to increase funding levels to allow the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre to continue its work of providing transportation, home maintenance, congregate dining, meals on wheels, visitation, respite and social inclusion for a healthy senior's population. (cd)

Res: 34-2015 D. Farrar, S. Flood

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 7-2015 being a by-law to establish the annual Borrowing limits for 2015. (cd)

Res: 35-2015 D. Farrar, L. Smith

WHEREAS the current exempt flock limit of 300 broiler birds from the quota system of the Chicken Farmers of Ontario is too low to allow a viable business model for small scale producers;

AND WHEREAS other Provinces have higher exemption levels, which allow for local small agri-business economic development;

AND WHEREAS Premier Wynne promotes increased agricultural production in Ontario to enhance the local food movement;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario's economy is an excellent setting for agricultural production as diversification of the economic development in the area;

AND WHEREAS there is a growing demand in Northern Ontario for poultry and poultry products that are produced locally;

AND WHEREAS an increase in the exempt flock limit will create opportunities for interested farmers in Northern Ontario to develop a sustainable livelihood and for consumers to have access to locally produced foods;

AND WHEREAS such activity implements the vision, spirit and intent of the Northern Ontario Growth Plan, prepared and approved under the Places to Grow Act, 2005, which took effect in March of 2011;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Tarbutt and Tarbutt Additional calls for an increase in the current exempt flock limit from 300 broiler birds to 4,000 broiler birds. (cd)

Res: 36-2015 S. Flood, D. Farrar

Be it resolved that Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the extension of the current Inter-Municipal Provincial Offences Agreement for an additional five years. (cd)

Res: 37-2015 D. Farrar, L. Smith

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 8-2015 being a by-law to adopt the Over Time Policy for the Township. (DEFERRED)

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Res: 38-2015 S. Flood, D. Farrar

Be it resolved that Council approves the purchase of blinds for the office from Undercover Blinds in the amount of approximately \$775.00. (cd)

Res: 39-2015 L. Smith, S. Flood

Be it resolved that Council authorizes the purchase of two filing cabinets and two desk screens in the amount of approximately \$2000.00. (cd)

Res: 40-2015 L. Smith, S. Flood

Be it resolved that Council passes By-Law 9-2015 being a Confirming by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Council. (cd)

Res: 41-2015 D. Farrar, S. Flood

Be it resolved that Council adjourns at 7:30pm until the next regular meeting of Council or at the call of the Mayor. (cd)

Visitors: See attached list.

Date: April 15th 2015

Mayor – Chris Burton

Clerk – Glenn Martin