Special Council Meeting
For the purpose of discussion on COVID-19 and the passing of a by-law
Tuesday March 24, 2020
10:03 a.m. Council Chambers, Fingal

PRESENT: Mayor G. Jones (Via Phone)
Deputy Mayor R. Monteith
Councillors: S. Emons
P. North
J. Pennings (Via Phone)

ALSO PRESENT: Katherine Thompson, CAO/Clerk (Via Phone)
Jeff Carswell, Treasurer
Public Works Superintendent, Paul Van Vaerenbergh (Via Phone)
Drainage Superintendent, Brent Clutterbuck
Fife Chief, Jeff McArthur
Chief Building Official, Corey Pemberton
June McLarty, Administrative Assistant

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None.

BY-LAW:

2020-102  Councillor Emons – Councillor North
          By-law 2020-20
          THAT By-law No. 2020-20 be read a first and second time.
          CARRIED

2020-103  Councillor North – Councillor Emons
          By-law 2020-20
          THAT By-laws Nos. 2020-20 be read a third time and finally passed.
          CARRIED

COVID-19 Update March 24, 2020
CAO/Clerk Katherine Thompson provided the latest update on COVID-19. Municipalities fall under the exceptions of closures.

Public Works Superintendent Paul Van Vaerenburgh reported that he is stressing the social distancing for our employees. Road maintenance is still being completed. Only one employee per truck. He is proposing a staggered start time for public works employees. The contract employees will be finished today but can be brought back if needed. A suggestion of having a morning and afternoon shift was discussed. Mr. Van Vaerenburgh reported that other municipalities are splitting employees and having them work one or two weeks and then off for a week or two. The Township personal policy allows us to use flex hours.
THAT the public works employees be split into 2 eight hours shifts so separation can be conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CARRIED

CAO/Clerk Katherine Thompson reported that the Emergency Control Group met on Tuesday and decided that the Township playground equipment will be closed to the public until further notice. A memo was received from OCWA outlining their plans dealing with COVID-19.

Fire Chief Jeff McArthur reported that since the Emergency Control Group meeting 2 medical calls have been received. One of the calls a positive screening was received. Chief McArthur reiterated that the new policies for the fire department would be used.

CAO/Clerk K. Thompson reported that there is indication the schools may be closed longer.

Treasurer Jeff Carswell reported that he is working on ways staff can access their computers from home if more orders come down from the government.

Council will need to determine how future meetings will be conducted. Treasurer Carswell is conducting some more research on how we can do this.

Councillor North asked the Chief Building Official and Drainage Superintendent how they were conducting their day to day business.

Chief Building Official Corey Pemberton responded that he is doing all inspections except for occupied homes. Drainage Superintendent Brent Clutterbuck responded that we don't have any Drainage Act activity required by Council.

AJOURNMENT:

THAT Council for the Township of Southwold adjourns this Special meeting of Council at 11:11 a.m.

CARRIED