

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

June 9, 2026

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Mayor Rod Ward; Councillors Wendy Whitwell, Dorothy Haggart-Davis; and Rod Blakelock; Absent: Councillor Jerry Brandt; Delegation: Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator and CEMC; Guests: Doreen Monk, Marie Stitt, Tara Vestering, Adrian Vestering and Sarah Cooke; Staff: Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk and Charlotte Wagar, Office Administrator.

VIDEO RECORDING DISCLAIMER:

Participants were informed that the meeting will be recorded to provide a record of discussions and agreements held within the meeting. By staying in the meeting, virtually or in-person, participants consented to being recorded. Participants also agreed to recordings being posted to YouTube or other distribution services.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Council acknowledged the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe and recognized the historical and contemporary contributions of the local First Nations and the peoples of Turtle Island.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held on May 26, 2026 were approved, as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

No pecuniary interest and general nature thereof were declared.

DELEGATION:

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, presented her June 2026 Staff Report detailing the May 2026 bag counts, including comparisons to previous years. Council was advised that a Waste Committee meeting has been scheduled to review current landfill assets and traffic flow and make recommendations for improvements. The first monitoring event by DM Wills took place in early May, with a recommendation to replace aquatic plants in the constructed wetland and address the presence of invasive phragmites. Council was also informed of ongoing challenges with the provincial tire recycling program, including significant tire backlogs resulting from reduced recycling targets. Proposed provincial regulatory changes would require collection agencies to pick up tires more promptly and ensure collected tires are processed or recycled within three months. Staff will obtain more information and report back to Council. Questions were asked and answered.

Amy Tilley, CEMC, reported to Council on the Emergency Management Program Committee meeting held on April 8, 2026. The Committee reviewed updates to the draft Evacuation Plan, reception centre planning, compliance requirements, emergency operations centre arrangements, and the draft Emergency Response Plan. Members also reviewed Hazard Identification and Risk Assessments, critical infrastructure, training requirements, and the use of a virtual Emergency Operations Centre. Follow-up actions include scheduling Red Cross training, completing the McMurrich/Monteith Reception Centre Plan, consulting the Field Officer regarding the 2026 exercise, and arranging the next Committee meeting. Council passed a resolution acknowledging the minutes of the EMPC meeting of April 8, 2026..

Council reviewed the Staff Report dated June 9, 2026 from the Roads Supervisor, which outlined late spring operations, infrastructure maintenance, and capital project updates. Despite significant weather-related challenges, including a severe winter, heavy spring rainfall, localized flooding, and a recent wind storm, Roads Department staff maintained essential services, completed storm response efforts, and kept key capital projects such as dust suppression, gravel resurfacing, roadside brushing, and surface treatments on schedule. The report also highlighted recent bridge and park maintenance work, the arrival of a new excavator, ongoing traffic calming initiatives,

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and plans to manage accumulated staff banked time and vacation through staggered scheduling while maintaining service levels.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda items #30 (Staff Report: Flood Response Support Considerations) was brought forward for discussion with the Waste Management Administrator while she was in attendance.

Council reviewed a staff report from the CAO regarding potential flood response support measures for residents affected by the 2026 spring flooding. The report followed discussions at the May 26, 2026 Council meeting and requests from residents to consider assistance with flood-related demolition projects, including waiving demolition permit fees, expediting inspections, and providing support for disposal of demolition debris. Staff outlined preliminary options such as eliminating the \$190 demolition permit fee, prioritizing inspections where feasible, and offering additional waste disposal assistance through bins or waived tipping fees. The report also discussed the potential creation of an application-based relief fund with defined eligibility criteria, timelines, budget limits, and cost-sharing arrangements. Council was advised to consider the financial implications, estimated at between \$6,380 and \$15,484 depending on the level of support provided, and the importance of establishing any assistance as a one-time response to the 2026 flood event to avoid setting future precedent. Council received the report for information and discussion and directed staff to investigate matters arising from the discussion and bring forward recommendations at the June 23, 2026 meeting. Council acknowledged that relief measures had already been provided to residents affected by the flood during the initial response phase. Questions were directed to the Waste Management Administrator regarding potential additional support. Council noted that implementing and regulating further relief for flood-impacted properties could present challenges, including the risk of establishing a precedent for similar requests in future events. As a result, Council recommended that staff develop a pilot program for consideration, including two potential options as well as a "do nothing" alternative. Potential program elements discussed included requiring a demolition permit, a site plan application with a deposit for reconstruction, and the establishment of a framework similar to the Township's water monitoring grant program, with a defined maximum contribution available to eligible residents. Council also raised considerations regarding the scope of eligibility, including whether relief should be limited strictly to flood-damaged properties, and how other types of damage (e.g., wind-related) would be addressed. It was further noted that accessory structures would not be included under the proposed program.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

The list of accounts for June 2026 was approved by resolution.

APPLICATIONS: NONE

BY-LAWS:

By-law #31-2026 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its May 2026 meetings was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #32-2026 being a by-law to enter into a site plan agreement with 1000613806 Ontario Inc, Plan 199, Lot 16 and known municipally as 390 Kent Road was read in its entirety and passed by resolution. Questions were asked and answered regarding the existing sewage system. The septic has been properly maintained and North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority has approved the rebuild with an existing septic.

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REPORTS:

Council reviewed the June 2026 Planning Report.

A verbal update was given on the May 27, 2026 Planning Board meeting.

Council reviewed the agenda from the May 28, 2026 ACED Board meeting, the minutes from the April 23, 2026 meeting, the monthly Director of Economic Development Report and the discussion report on future service delivery models between ACED and the Almaguin Chamber of Commerce.

Council received a verbal report regarding the June 4, 2026 AHHC meeting. Discussion followed concerning municipal contributions toward the new hospital development. Council requested that the Treasurer investigate the feasibility of allocating dedicated local hospital reserve funds as a donation to the Hospital Foundation and report back with findings and recommendations.

Council reviewed the Township's Financial Statement dated June 4, 2026.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed a resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming requesting the provincial government provide sustainable grant funding for fire services. Council passed a supporting resolution.

Council reviewed resolutions from the Township of Puslinch and the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus requesting that the province and the Ministry of Health introduce Finlay's Law to ensure that no child in Ontario is left without timely emergency medical care in hospitals. Council passed a supporting resolution.

Council reviewed a resolution from the Township of Baldwin requesting that the Province of Ontario conduct a review of the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model and the policing funding structure for unorganized territories and implement a fair funding model and contribute appropriately. Council passed a supporting resolution.

Council reviewed a request from the National Wall of Remembrance Association to purchase an ad to support their regional Wall of Remembrance Review publication. Council did not support the purchase of an ad in the annual publication.

Council reviewed a resolution from Prince Edward County requesting the Province of Ontario redistribute a portion of the Land Transfer Tax to municipalities to help address public health funding gaps and rising municipal contributions to public health units. Council passed a supporting resolution.

Council reviewed a resolution from the Town of Northeaster Manitoulin and the Islands requesting the Province of Ontario provide immediate and sustained funding to improve hospital finances and capacity. Council passed a supporting resolution.

Council reviewed resolutions from the Township of Ryerson and the Village of Sundridge supporting the petition brought forward by Austin Toth to retain the Cancer Clinic/Oncology Clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital site.

Council reviewed the April 2026 Monthly Jobs Report and the May 2026 Labour Focus from the Labour Market Group.

Council reviewed a news release from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit advising residents and visitors to the Nipissing and Parry Sound Districts to expect to see new signage at public beaches this summer to help them make an informed decision before entering the water. After an internal assessment, the Health Unit has shifted away from monthly beach water sampling of E. coli bacteria to communicating risk and protection factors on signage at public beaches.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council reviewed a statement from Almaguin Data, proposed AI Compute Facility at the Hwy 520 Industrial Park providing notice that the project will not be moving forward.

Council reviewed a resolution from the Township of McMurrich/Monteith supporting the Township of Armour's resolution #2026-158 regarding increased rest stops along the Hwy 11 and Hwy 17 corridor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed a resolution from the Township of McMurrich/Monteith supporting the termination of the Chief Building Official shared service agreement with the Township of Armour effective June 26, 2026. Council passed a resolution acknowledging the cancellation of the agreement.

Council reviewed a resolution from the Township of Ryerson approving the rescheduling of the October TRI Council meeting from October 26, 2026 to October 5, 2026 due to the conflict with Municipal Election Voting Day. Council passed a resolution approving the rescheduling date.

Council reviewed a resolution from the Township of Ryerson supporting the draft shared services agreement for the Arena and Landfill. Council passed a resolution supporting the draft agreements as presented and directed staff to include the draft agreements on the agenda for the June 22, 2026 TRI Council meeting.

Council reviewed a staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding proposed revisions to the Recreation Coordinator job description. Discussion followed on the broader structure and staffing of the Recreation Department. Council noted that a comprehensive review of employee compensation across the organization is overdue. Subsequently, Council tabled the resolution to approve the proposed job description revisions pending further consideration.

Council reviewed a staff report from the Clerk regarding Ontario Bill 97 amendments to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) and proposed development of a Township Privacy Management Program Policy for information purposes. Additional information will be brought forward to a future meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2026-164 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on May 26, 2026, as circulated. Carried

Resolution #2026-165 - Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby acknowledges receipt of the minutes of the Emergency Management Program Committee meeting held on April 8, 2026;

And That the CEMC be directed to implement the recommendations as outlined in the minutes:

1. Discuss the 2026 Exercise with Field Officer, testing the Virtual Operations Centre;
2. Schedule Red Cross training for Arena and Community Centre Staff;
3. Complete and review the McMurrich/Monteith Reception Centre Plan; and
4. Schedule a follow up meeting for EMPC. Carried

Resolution #2026-166 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the June 2026 accounts, in the amount of \$1,006,030.37 for payment, and the Mayor and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

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Resolution #2026-167 - Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #31-2026 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its May 2026 meetings and that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Resolution #2026-168 - Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #32-2026 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Site Plan Agreement between 1000613806 Ontario Inc. and the Township of Armour with respect to Lot 16, Registered Plan 199, known municipally as 390 Kent Road, and that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Resolution #2026-169 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and calls upon the Province of Ontario to replace competitive provincial fire service grant programs with a permanent, stable, predictable, and equitable non-competitive funding model that provides annual support for the operational readiness and training costs of volunteer, composite, and full-time fire departments, with funding levels reviewed and adjusted to better align with the provincial support provided to other regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services. Carried

Resolution #2026-170 - Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Township of Puslinch and the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus and calls on the Provincial Ministry of Health and the Federal Ministry of Health to take immediate action to reduce emergency room wait times by enhancing triage protocols, increasing funding for emergency readiness, introducing Finlay's Law to establish maximum pediatric ER wait times, safe staffing ratios, independent oversight and investigations into pediatric ER deaths, improved pediatric emergency staffing, training and infrastructure, and enforcing compliance with national health standards, including the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) and new sepsis care standards under the Canada Health Act. Carried

Resolution #2026-171 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Township of Baldwin and calls upon the Province of Ontario to review the Ontario Provincial Police Municipal Policing Billing Model and the policing funding structure for unorganized territories to establish a fair and equitable funding model that ensures all communities receiving OPP services contribute appropriately to policing costs, while consulting with municipalities, particularly those in Northern Ontario, regarding the financial impacts and inequities of the current system. Carried

Resolution #2026-172 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a business card sized advertisement in their annual regional WOR Review at a cost of \$349 + HST to support the National Wall of Remembrance Association. **Defeated**

Resolution #2026-173 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the County of Prince Edward requesting that the Province of Ontario redistribute a portion of the Land Transfer Tax to municipalities to help address public health funding gaps and rising municipal contributions to public health units, and further commit to minimum annual public health funding increases tied to Ontario's Consumer Price Index (currently 2.4%) when announcing the new Ontario Public Health Standards. Carried

Resolution #2026-174 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands and requests that the Province of Ontario provide immediate and

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sustained funding to improve hospital finances and capacity, which as per the recommendations in the CCPA study, would require an immediate injection of \$3.2 billion supported by annual increases of 6% per year thereafter. Carried

Resolution #2026-175 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour acknowledges Township of McMurrich/Monteith Resolution No. 2026-124 and agrees to the mutual termination of the Shared Service Agreement for Chief Building Official Services between the Township of Armour and the Township of McMurrich/Monteith, with an effective termination date of June 26, 2026, and authorizes staff to complete all necessary administrative actions related thereto. Carried

Resolution #2026-176 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the TRI Sub Committee recommendation to change the regular October TRI Council meeting from October 26, 2026 to be October 5, 2026 due to the conflict with Municipal Election Voting Day. Carried

Resolution #2026-177 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports, in principle, the draft shared services agreements for the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Memorial Arena and the TRI R Landfill and Recycling Centre; and that staff be directed to include the draft agreements on the agenda for the TRI Council meeting scheduled for June 22, 2026, for final review and consideration by the partner municipalities. Carried

Resolution #2026-178 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Staff Report from the CAO dated June 9, 2026 regarding revisions to the Recreation Coordinator position description be received and that the Council of the Township of Armour approve the revisions to the Recreation Coordinator position description and directs staff to forward the position description to the Employment Committee for evaluation. **Tabled**

Resolution #2026-179 - Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourns this regular council meeting at 8:58 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for June 23, 2026 or at the call of the Mayor or the Clerk. Carried

Original signed by Rod Ward

Rod Ward, Mayor

Original signed by Charlene Watt

Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk