

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

Agenda

May 26, 2026

VIDEO RECORDING DISCLAIMER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.:

- Confirmation of the minutes of the public meeting of May 12, 2026 (1)
- Confirmation of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2026 (2)
- List of proposed resolutions (3)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

DELEGATIONS:

- Austin Toth – Retention of Cancer Clinic at Huntsville District Memorial Hospital (*Resolution*) (4)
- Danika McCann, Recreation Co-ordinator – May 2026 Report with Annual Report (5)

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: NONE

APPLICATIONS:

- Site Plan Agreement: 390 Kent Road, 1000613806 Ontario Inc (Vestering) (6)

BY-LAW(S): NONE

REPORTS:

- AHHC – Meeting minutes of April 2, 2026 (7)
- Arena – May 2026 Report, Capital Purchase Report, No Charge/Reduced Rate Report (8)
- Historical Society – Meeting minutes of May 18, 2026 (9)
- Easthome, Home for the Aged – Spring 2026 Newsletter (10)
- TRI Sub Committee
- ACED Housing Task Force – Meeting of May 19, 2026
- Library Board – Meeting of May 20, 2026
- Agricultural Society – Meeting of May 21, 2026
- HazMat Day – May 23, 2026
- Almaguin Community Hatchery Program
- Any other reports?

CORRESPONDENCE:

#11 TO #18

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Robert Miller: Zoning By-law Amendment 30-2026 (19)
- Resolution: Town of Kearney – Retention of Cancer Clinic in Huntsville (20)
- OLT: Oral Decision & Order of the Tribunal – April 29, 2026 (21)
- Staff Report: Spring Flood Update & Draft After Action Report (22)
- MMAH: Notice of Land Division Authority - Empowerment to Town of Kearney (23)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Councillor Report: Highway 11 and 17 Rest Stops and Traveller Services (*Resolution*) (24)
- Resolutions: Townships of Ryerson & Perry – Appointment – Eastholme Rep (*Resolution*) (25)
- East Parry Sound Community Support Services – New Website (26)
- Draft TRI Council Agenda (27)

CLOSED SESSION: IF REQUIRED

ADJOURNMENT:

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 23, 2026 – HazMat Day – Strong Landfill
- May 27, 2026 – Planning Board
- May 28, 2026 – ACED Board
- May 29, 2026 – DPSMA – Town of Kearney
- June 1, 2026 – Armour Recreation Advisory Committee (KCC)
- June 4, 2026 – AHHC
- June 9, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting



Any member of the public who wishes to attend the virtual Council meeting may contact the Clerk by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 by email at clerk@armourtownship.ca

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2026

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Armour held a hybrid virtual public meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:32 p.m., in the Armour Township Council Chambers to consider an amendment to By-Law #27-95, as amended, the Armour Township Comprehensive Zoning.

Those in attendance were: Mayor Rod Ward; Councillors Jerry Brandt and Rod Blakelock; Absent: Councillors Dorothy Haggart-Davis and Wendy Whitwell; Guest: Vern Rumford; Staff: Dave Gray, CAO and Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk.

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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.

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT:

A public meeting was held with respect to consideration of the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act to amend By-Law No. 27-95, as amended by By-Law No. 23-2010. This By-law applies to Part Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, Concessions 3, 4 and 5 and a condition of Consent Application B-049/25. The purpose of this By-law is to rezone the subject lands to a Rural Exception to recognize the minimum frontages and minimum areas as a result of a lot line adjustment approved by the Planning Board on January 28, 2026. The By-law will continue to prohibit new backlot development around Three Mile Lake. This Amendment will rezone the subject lands to Rural Exception to recognize new lot configurations and repeal Rural Exception No. 107 (Ru-107) and implement Rural Exception No. 111 (Ru-111). This Zoning By-law Amendment conforms with the Armour Official Plan and creates no changes to the land use mapping designations.

Notice of the public meeting was given by prepaid first-class mail and email on April 8, 2026 to the ministries and agencies as required by the Planning Act. Notice was also published in the digital Almaguin News for 30 days, commencing on April 8, 2026 and on the Township of Armour website.

No written submissions were received. No one spoke in support of the amendment. No one spoke in opposition to the amendment.

Vern Rumford confirmed that he did not oppose the amendment.

The public meeting for the proposed zoning by-law amendment to amend the zoning by-law to rezone the subject lands to a Rural Exception to recognize the minimum frontages and minimum areas as a result of a lot line adjustment approved by the Planning Board on January 28, 2026. The By-law will continue to prohibit new backlot development around Three Mile Lake, repeal Rural Exception No. 107 (Ru-107) and implement Rural Exception No. 111 (Ru-111) in the Armour Township comprehensive Zoning By-law adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Rod Ward, Mayor

Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk

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The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Mayor Rod Ward; Councillors Jerry Brandt, Wendy Whitwell and Rod Blakelock; Absent: Dorothy Haggart-Davis; Delegations: Dave Creasor, Roads Supervisor and Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator and Health and Safety Co-ordinator; Guests: Nieves Guijarro and Alice Hewitt; Staff: Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk and Dave Gray, CAO.

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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 public emergency management meeting held on April 18, 2026 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the public meeting held on April 28, 2026 were approved as circulated.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held on April 28, 2026 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

No pecuniary interest and general nature thereof were declared.

DELEGATIONS:

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, presented her May 2026 Staff Report detailing the April 2026 bag counts, including comparisons to previous years. Questions were asked and answered.

Amy Tilley, Health and Safety Co-ordinator, also presented a Staff Report advising Council that she had successfully completed the Workplace Health and Safety Centre Instructor Training Course and is now certified to provide in-house training to staff. Council congratulated the Health and Safety Co-ordinator on her achievement. Questions were asked and answered.

Dave Creasor, Roads Supervisor, presented his May 2026 Staff Report. The Roads Supervisor reported that April 2026 presented significant operational challenges due to above-average rainfall and rapid snowmelt, resulting in widespread washouts and localized flooding across the Township. A "Significant Weather Event" was declared from April 13–17 to support emergency response efforts. Multiple roads were impacted, including Ferguson Road, Doe Lake Road, Horseshoe Lane, Cherry Hill Road, Chetwynd Road, Colbourne Road, North Pickerel Lake Road, Stoney Road, and areas of Skyline Drive, with extended closures required on several key routes. Temporary emergency access was provided via West Point Road through Duins Pineridge Resort property, and sand depots were established to assist residents during flood conditions. Recovery efforts are ongoing, with all municipal roads reopened and repair work continuing on shoulders, culverts, and remaining damaged areas. Spring operations have since transitioned to routine maintenance, including grading, gravel placement, surface treatment, dust control, and completion of street sweeping, while culvert inspections and repairs continue at priority locations. Equipment updates include the expected arrival of a new rubber-tire excavator in May and ongoing diagnostics on grader DPF (exhaust) issues. The Supervisor also recognized staff for

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DELEGATIONS: cont'd.

their extensive efforts during the flooding response and requested continued public patience as recovery work progresses. Questions were asked and answered.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

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

APPLICATIONS: NONE

BY-LAWS:

By-law #25-2026 being a by-law to establish fees & charges for the Township of Armour and repeal By-law 57-2025 was read a third time and passed by resolution.

By-law #29-2026 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its April 2026 meetings was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #30-2026 being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 27-95, as amended, with respect to lands described as Part of Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, Concessions 3, 4 and 5 (723 Skyline Drive), in order to fulfill a condition of approved Consent File B-049/25 (Armstrong) was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Council reviewed the May 2026 Planning Report.

Council reviewed the April 21, 2026 TRI Council Sub-Committee meeting minutes. Council discussed the draft Arena and Landfill shared services agreements. Recommendations will be brought forward to the Sub-Committee. The intent is to have these agreements approved at the June 2026 TRI Council meeting.

Council reviewed the draft April 8, 2026 Almaguin Highlands O.P.P. Detachment Board meeting minutes and the approved 2026 budget.

Council reviewed the 2025 audited financial statements and financial information return from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit.

Council reviewed the 2025 financial statements from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

Council reviewed the draft minutes from the April 23, 2026 Southeast Almaguin Highlands Regional Fire Services Committee meeting.

Council received an infographic update from the Almaguin Highlands Health Council outlining recent healthcare initiatives, partnerships, and strategic priorities across the Almaguin Highlands region. The update highlighted over \$12 million in healthcare investments, the securing of \$600,000 in annual provincial primary care funding, ongoing efforts to reduce primary care waitlists, expanded virtual care services, and continued collaboration with regional healthcare partners to improve access to integrated rural healthcare services. A verbal update was given on the May 7, 2026 AHHC meeting.

A verbal update was given on the May 7, 2026 Almaguin Mayors' meeting. This meeting was the last for this term of Council.

A verbal update was given on the Almaguin Community Hatchery Program and all of this year's successes and activities. Attending community events will be a focus throughout the summer.

A verbal report was given on the BlueSky May 2026 meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed a letter from the Municipality of Huron Shores supporting the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands petitioning the Province to reconsider the use of lighter-grade oils for chip-and-tar surface treatment. Council tabled a supporting resolution pending input from the Township's Roads Supervisor.

Council reviewed a resolution from the Township of Perry supporting the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors petitioning the Province and requested provincial legislation amendments to enhance protections for municipal workers and contractors. Council passed a supporting resolution.

Council reviewed a donation request from Women's Own Resource Centre to support their continued initiatives in 2026/2027 at a requested amount of \$0.50 per capita. Council passed a resolution approving a donation.

Council reviewed a request from the Royal Canadian Legion asking for the Township to purchase an ad to support the Veterans Transition Programs in the Military Service Recognition Book. Council passed a resolution approving the purchase of an ad.

Council reviewed a request from MADD asking for the Township to purchase an ad to support their 2026 Campaign. Council passed a resolution approving the purchase of an ad in the annual publication.

Council reviewed a resolution from the Municipality of Shuniah requesting support in petitioning the province to extend the annual OCIF envelope with recommendations. Council passed a supporting resolution.

Council reviewed correspondence from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit providing the Medical Officer's April 2026 report.

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

Council reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that the province is investing \$15 million to protect and support northern communities with annual funding to repair roads, bridges and build long-term resilience.

Council reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that the province is introducing legislation to support implementation of HST relief on new homes.

Council reviewed a news release from North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit extending the drug alert a second time as overdose activity exceeds pandemic levels.

Council reviewed a FONOM media release advising that Northeastern and Northwestern Ontario leaders and industry partners have joined forces to call on the provincial and federal governments to accelerate investment in Highways 11 and 17.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council reviewed the Notice of Passing for Zoning By-law Amendment By-law No. 26-2026, respecting provisions related to shipping containers.

Council reviewed a public notice from the Recreation Co-ordinator advising that Heritage Festival 2026 has been cancelled.

Council reviewed a staff report from the CAO regarding the entrance at the Industrial Park. The Township's Highway 520 industrial park entrance project was originally intended to support shovel-ready industrial lands and future economic development through anticipated NOHFC funding; however, the Township's request to redirect funding for the project was denied. As completing the paving component would have exceeded the approved 2026 budget and required additional Capital Reserve funding, Council determined that leaving the entrance as gravel would reduce costs while maintaining flexibility for future development and lot creation. Council therefore passed

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: cont'd.

a resolution directing staff to stop work prior to paving, subject to agreement with the contractor.

Council reviewed a letter from the Mayor addressed to the public regarding the PowerBank OLT Appeal for the battery energy storage system OPA/ZBA, outlining Council's prior denial based on safety and environmental concerns, the provincial context and appeal process, recent legal and expert advice indicating limited prospects of success and significant taxpayer cost to continue opposition, and the Township's intention to instead pursue good-faith negotiations to address remaining operational concerns while protecting the community and environment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed public notices advising that the Municipal Office and Garage will be closed on May 18, 2026, in recognition of Victoria Day and May 20, 2026 for staff training.

Council reviewed a proclamation request to designate May 17 – 23, 2026 as National Public Works Week. Council passed a proclamation resolution to honour the contribution public works services make in our communities.

Council reviewed a resolution from the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board advising all active consent/subdivision files require comments from the Township of Armour effective May 1, 2026 as the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority no longer has jurisdiction.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2026-135 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the emergency management public meeting held on April 18, 2026, as circulated. Carried

Resolution #2026-136 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the public meeting held on April 28, 2026, as circulated. Carried

Resolution #2026-137 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on April 28, 2026, as circulated. Carried

Resolution #2026-138 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the May 2026 accounts, in the amount of \$388,508.33 for payment, and the Mayor and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same. Carried

Resolution #2026-139 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read a third time and approve By-law #25-2026 being a by-law to update the fees or charges for services provided by the Township of Armour and to repeal By-law #57-2025 and that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Resolution #2026-140 – Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #29-2026 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its April 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 #2026-141 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve By-law #30-2026, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 27-95, as amended, with respect to lands described as Part of Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, Concessions 3, 4 and 5 (723 Skyline Drive), in order to fulfill a condition of approved Consent File B-049/25 (Armstrong); and further that the Mayor

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and Clerk be authorized to sign the by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.
Carried

Resolution #2026-142 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour support the Municipality of Huron Shores and the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider the use of lighter-grade oils for chip-and-tar surface treatment, or develop a suitable alternative, in recognition of the reduced durability and increased maintenance costs experienced by municipalities. **Tabled**

Resolution #2026-143 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Township of Perry and the Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors and request provincial legislation amendments to enhance protections for municipal workers and contractors;
And That the Province of Ontario be urged to:

- Implement stronger legislative measures addressing interference with municipal workers;
- Enhance protections during declared Significant Weather Events; and
- Improve enforcement and co-ordination with police services. Carried

Resolution #2026-144 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation to the Women's Own Resource Centre in the amount of \$750 to support their core programming and initiatives in our community. Carried

Resolution #2026-145 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a 1/4 page advertisement in the Annual Military Service Recognition Book at a cost of \$650 to support the Veterans Transition Program. Carried

Resolution #2026-146 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour support MADD Canada by approving a 1/4 page advertisement in the MADD Message Yearbook at a cost of \$699 plus HST to support the work they do in our community. Carried

Resolution #2026-147 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Municipality of Shuniah's resolution #167-26 in calling upon the Government of Ontario to extend the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) beyond 2026 at a minimum of \$400 million annually, indexed to inflation, with a renewed multi-year funding framework, regular formula reviews, a contingency reserve, and transparent annual reporting to ensure sustainable infrastructure funding for small and rural municipalities. Carried

Resolution #2026-148 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the May 12, 2026 Staff Report from the CAO regarding the Highway 520 Industrial Park entrance be received;

And That Council direct staff to pursue an amendment to the existing contract to remove the paving component of the Highway 520 Industrial Park entrance, subject to contractor agreement;

And Further That any outstanding project costs be funded through the Capital Reserve.
Carried

Resolution #2026-149 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 66th annual National Public Works Week;

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RESOLUTIONS: cont'd.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Township of Armour hereby designate the week of May 17–23, 2026, as National Public Works Week and urges all citizens to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees, and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and advancing quality of life for all. Carried

Resolution #2026-150 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourns this regular council meeting at 8:23 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for May 26, 2026 or at the call of the Mayor or the Clerk. Carried

Rod Ward, Mayor

Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk

LIST OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS FOR MAY 26, 2026

ITEM # ON AGENDA

(1)

That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the public meeting held on May 12, 2026, as circulated.

ITEM # ON AGENDA

(2)

That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on May 12, 2026, as circulated.

ITEM # ON AGENDA

(4)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Armour wishes to thank Austin Toth for his delegation and presentation to Council;

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the retention of the Cancer Clinic / Oncology Clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital site;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to allow the collection of signatures via a copy of the petition available to the public at the municipal office;

AND FURTHER THAT Council send a letter of support to MPP Graydon Smith and appropriate members.

ITEM # ON AGENDA

(6)

That the Council of the Township of Armour accepts the application for site plan approval, submitted by 1000613806 Ontario Inc. (Vestering), Plan #199, Lot 16, described as 390 Kent Road, and requests the municipal planner proceed with drafting the site plan agreement.

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(11)

That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Municipality of Huron Shores and the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider the use of lighter-grade oils for chip-and-tar surface treatment, or develop a suitable alternative, in recognition of the reduced durability and increased maintenance costs experienced by municipalities.

ITEM # ON AGENDA

(12)

WHEREAS seniors make valuable contributions to the Township of Armour through their experience, volunteerism, leadership, and involvement in the community; and

WHEREAS June is recognized across Ontario as Seniors Month to celebrate and honour older adults;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour hereby proclaims June 2026 as "Seniors Month" in the Township of Armour and encourages all residents to recognize and celebrate the contributions of seniors in our community.

ITEM # ON AGENDA

(13)

That the Council of the Township of Armour supports The County of Prince Edward and requests that the Government of Ontario amend the Municipal Act, 2001 to grant Ontario municipalities the permissive authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax" or similar levy to encourage the productive use of long-term vacant retail properties.

ITEM # ON AGENDA

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WHEREAS Highways 11 and 17 are critical transportation corridors connecting Northern Ontario communities and supporting national trade, tourism, emergency response, and economic development; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario residents, travellers, commercial drivers, and emergency services rely on safe and accessible year-round highway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS many stretches of Highways 11 and 17 lack sufficient rest areas, washroom facilities, truck parking, warming centres, fuel access, and safe pull-off locations, particularly in remote areas of Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS inadequate rest stop infrastructure contributes to driver fatigue, safety concerns, limited accessibility, and challenges for tourism and commercial transportation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour calls upon the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to prioritize the development of new and upgraded highway rest stops and traveller infrastructure along Highways 11 and 17 across Northern Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such infrastructure include year-round washrooms, safe parking areas, commercial truck parking, warming shelters, electric vehicle charging stations, fuel access, tourism information, and improved emergency communication services where feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario work collaboratively with Northern municipalities, FONOM, NOMA, Indigenous communities, and industry stakeholders to identify priority locations for investment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to FONOM, NOMA, AMO, local MPPs and MPs, the Premier of Ontario, and Ontario municipalities.

ITEM # ON AGENDA

(34)

That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the appointment of Deputy Mayor, Glenn Miller to the Eastholme Board of Management for Area 4 comprised of the Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson, Town of Kearney and Township of Perry.

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That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourns this regular council meeting at _____ p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for June 9, 2026 or at the call of the Mayor or the Clerk.

Charlene Watt (Deputy Clerk)

From: Austin Toth <tothau60@gmail.com>
Sent: May 8, 2026 9:51 AM
To: Charlene Watt
Subject: Re: Delegation - Petition to keep the Cancer Clinic in Huntsville Hospital

Good morning/afternoon, I regret that I am not able to be present to speak with you today and answer your questions. My name is Jody MacPherson and I have been an employee at Huntsville District Memorial hospital for nearly 36 years. For the past 27 years I have worked in our chemo/oncology/ambulatory care unit. When I began working in the unit, it was staffed by a single nurse and was only open 4 hours twice a week. Today the unit is open 5 days per week 8-4 and is staffed by 4-5 nurse daily. This tremendous growth was supported by Dr Sanjay Jindal who has covered clinic patients since the early 1990"s. Also, by Dr Allison Small who has assisted covering oncology patients for the last 20 years. Another big contributor to growth was Dr Brian Murat. He established his Remicade treatment clinic over 20 years ago. These additional patient visits allowed to increase nurse staffing and secured safe care for oncology/cancer patients. Together with the help of other staff nurses, managers and leaders, the clinic has developed into a caring compassionate service that supports many members of our community. The clinic has alleviated the burden imposed by living many hours' drive from either the Sudbury or Barrie cancer centre. It has lessened travel times and associated expenses, eliminated the need for overnight stays in communities far from home, decreased missed hours of work for family and caregivers and has allowed development of better patient care networks locally. The availability of a local doctor in clinic has decreased the number of emergency room visits needed by local oncology patients and greatly improved the quality of life for our community members with a cancer diagnosis. It has allowed for equitable access to supportive care for our community members north of Huntsville.

Historically, chemotherapy was offered at both the Huntsville and Bracebridge sites. It was determined approximately 13 years ago that maintaining 2 sites in our area diluted nursing staff experience and expertise too much. Also, maintaining two chemotherapy pharmacies was too costly as a special biological safety hood is required to mix chemotherapy drugs safely. Again, the pharmacy staff requires special training and expertise as well. Huntsville site also has dedicated medical staff covering clinic consistently for nearly 30 years and plans and recruitment for future medical coverage is in place. Huntsville was chosen as the logical site as it serviced our community to the north better and ensured equitable access. During Co-Vid , the Bracebridge ambulatory care site was closed related to staffing and planning issues. The site was re-opened approximately 2 years ago as it was deemed that a single site did not service the district well enough. Chemotherapy remained exclusively at the Huntsville site.

I personally have great concerns with the current plans to single site all oncology/chemo and ambulatory care to the Bracebridge site. This is shown in the current architectural drawings. It has already been proven that a single site does not work , in fact failed to meet the needs of the community. I also have concern over the concentration of services to the southern region of our district. This would mean an increase of 30 minutes driving for our northern residents who already drive 45 minutes or an hour to Huntsville in good weather. The residents of Bracebridge and Gravenhurst have a second option for chemotherapy, Orillia. Orillia hospital offers outpatient chemotherapy within a 30 minute drive for both these communities. The Barrie cancer center is also much closer for the residents of Bracebridge and Gravenhurst.

I feel that there is a wonderful opportunity to create 2 properly serviced ambulatory care clinics at each site with the planned hospitable rebuilds. We could maintain cancer care and oncology care in Huntsville creating equitable access for all our residents. We would have two properly outfitted units with access to

planned supportive infrastructure: wall oxygen and suction, proper access to utilities and hygiene spaces for patients and staff, decreased crowding and improved confidentiality for patients. Currently, both units work out of retro fitted spaces which are workable but certainly have limitations and drawbacks. Our northern community populations are only going to continue to grow and will need access within reason distance. Now is the time to ensure proper planning and implementation occurs. This will only happen if we petition in a clear and direct manner for accessible services for our communities. I am happy to answer any questions and provide clarity as best I can as needed. Please bring you questions to Austin or Leah and they can email me. Thank you for your time.

Jody MacPherson

From: Austin Toth <tothau60@gmail.com>

Sent: May 7, 2026 6:02 PM

To: Charlene Watt <clerk@armourtownship.ca>

Subject: Delegation - Petition to keep the Cancer Clinic in Huntsville Hospital

Good Day Clerk Charlene Watt - I would like to request time to speak to Armour Township council about the move of the Huntsville Cancer Clinic to Bracebridge. I have spoken to Mayor Rod Ward and Councillor Jerry Brandt about this issue. Please let me know when I can speak to the Council.

I will send the full Petition upon request.

Sincerely,

Austin Toth

Cancer Clinic Petition Huntsville

Petition Mission Statement - We the undersigned would like to ensure the Cancer Clinic remains in the Huntsville District Memorial Site. We affirm the strategic and equitable treatment option of the Huntsville cancer clinic and its continuing operation".

A person diagnosed with cancer is assessed at a major cancer treatment centre located in Barrie or Sudbury, and provided certain criteria are met can be referred for ongoing treatment at home or if required, to an oncology treatment centre staffed by registered nurses such as is in Huntsville Memorial Hospital Site. For the Almaguin Area, most patients attend Royal Victoria Hospital – Hutson Regional Cancer Centre in Barrie, Ontario, which has an association with Huntsville Memorial Hospital. The type of cancer, treatment required, available resources and individual patient needs as it relates to the need for treatment closer to home to maximize results are the criteria for admission into the satellite programs.

The East Parry Sound Area (including Almaguin Highlands) is in a unique position depending on your address. People diagnosed with cancer are typically referred to Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, located 146 to 187 km away, for assessment and initial treatment. If the patient is fortunate they can receive treatment at an Oncology treatment centre like the one located in Huntsville. These centres require specialized staff, and resources to meet the treatment needs of Cancer patients. Huntsville Memorial Site has that kind of specialize, dedicated medical staff and services which Cancer Patients consider as excellent.

For those residing in the Almaguin Area, attending the Huntsville Oncology Clinic can be from 26 km to 80 km from their residence.

We have heard with concern of the possibility of the Cancer Clinic being moved to Bracebridge. For those residing in the Almaguin Area this would be a significant increase driving for treatment. The extra distance would have more impact during winter months.

It should be noted that the Cancer Clinic was originally located in the Bracebridge Hospital location many years ago. At that time, it was decided to move it Huntsville due to location being one of the rationales.

A further obstacle for many Cancer patients is that they should not drive right after treatment, and someone needs to attend with them.

Cancer Patients in Bracebridge have access to both the Orillia Cancer Clinic (56 km) and the Huntsville Clinic (37km).

While there is apparent discussion of providing "public transportation" from Huntsville to Bracebridge, there are concerns which include but are not limited to:

- 1) Having compromised immunity system(Cancer patients) being on public transportation is risky
- 2) The side effects of treatment include nausea and Gastrointestinal issues, which would put patients at further risk on public transportation, not to mention the embarrassment for the patients involved.
- 3) Having to wait around for public transport would be difficult for the same reasons listed above.

In Summary, the current situation is working well *and equitably for cancer patients. It would be unfortunate to change that.*

Below are the one-way distances as per Google Maps from communities in Almaguin Highland area and the Hospitals that have Cancer services.

To Royal Victoria Hospital

South River – 187 km, Sundridge – 178 km, Burks Falls – 159 km, Magnetawan – 181 km, Emsdale/Perry – 146 km, Kearney – 155 km, Dunchurch – 169 km.

To Huntsville Memorial Site

South River – 68 km, Sundridge – 58 km, Burks Falls – 38 km, Magnetawan – 62 km, Emsdale/Perry – 26 km, Kearney – 35 km, Dunchurch – 81km.

To Bracebridge Hospital – South Muskoka Memorial Site

South River – 103 km, Sundridge – 94 km, Burks Falls – 74 km, Magnetawan – 97 km, Emsdale/Perry – 61 km, Kearney – 70 km, Dunchurch – 116 km

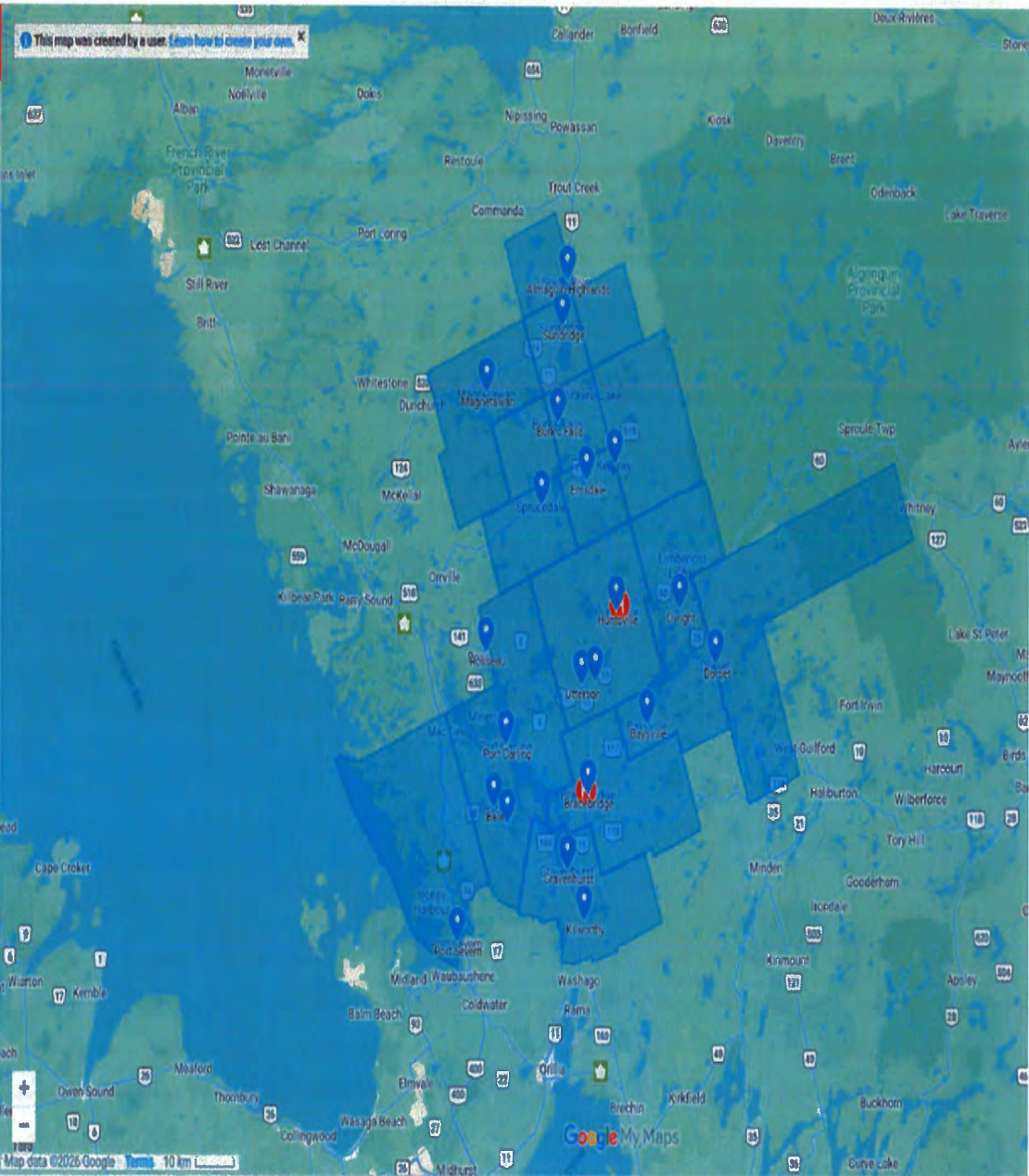
Bracebridge to Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital – 56 km

Bracebridge to Huntsville Memorial Site – 37 km

Please see map on pages below for visual reference.

Catchment areas of Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare
14,306 views
Published on November 14, 2024
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- Hospitals**
 - South Muskoka Memorial Hospital Site
 - Huntsville District Memorial Hospital Site
- Towns**
 - All items
- District of Muskoka**
 - Township of Muskoka Lakes
 - Town of Gravenhurst
 - Township of Georgian Bay
 - Town of Bracebridge
 - Township of Lake of Bays
 - Town of Huntsville
- East Parry Sound District**
 - Township of Armour
 - Township of McMurrich/Monteith
 - Township of Ryerson
 - Township of Joly
 - ... 7 more



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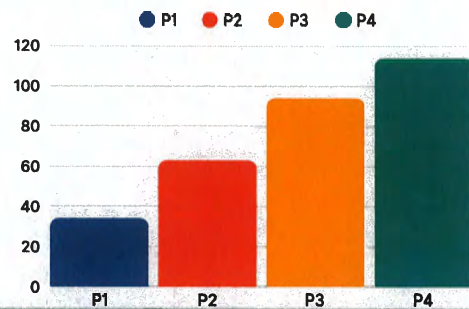
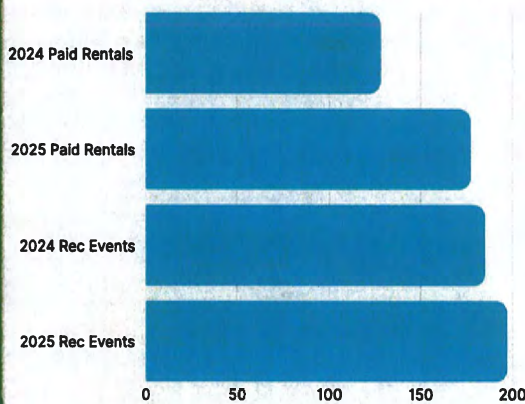
Total Event/Program Impression
4,193k

Total Days KCC Used in 2025
289

Rentals

● Upstairs 2024	34	
● Upstairs 2025	63	▲ 85%
● Downstairs 2024	234	
● Downstairs 2025	270	▲ 15.4

Building Usage



Building Occupied with Rentals 2025

Weekday	36%	Weekend	64%
Short Term	91%	Over 4 Hours	9%

Building Occupied with KCC Events 2025

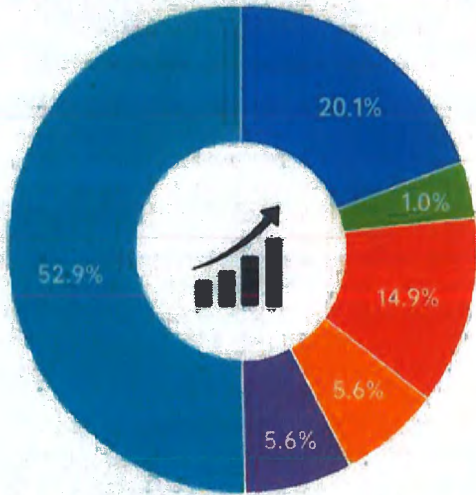
Weekday	97%	Weekend	3%
Short Term	79%	Over 4 Hours	21%

Conclusion :

The Katrine Community Centre continues to serve as a well-used and valued community hub, supporting a strong mix of rentals and Recreation programming. A wide range of programs and events continue to draw steady participation, with key initiatives playing an important role in community engagement. Overall, the Recreation Department is successfully delivering accessible, consistent programming while maintaining an active and welcoming space for residents.

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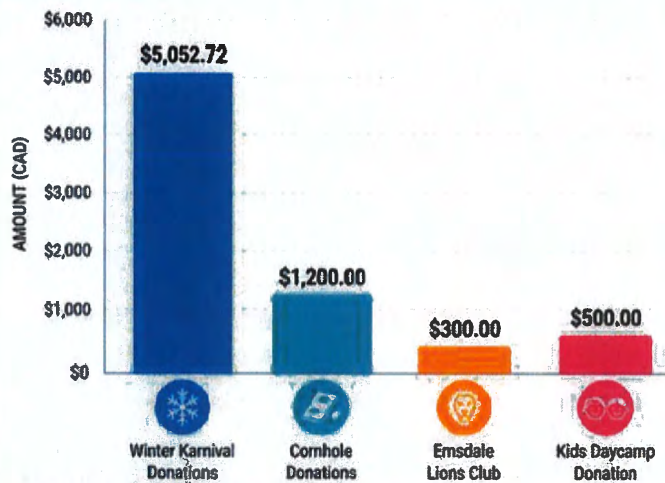
Overall Revenue



 Rentals	\$6,987.34
 Fundraising	\$25,458.45
 Literacy	\$1,270.00
 Programs	\$18,800.94
 Day camp	\$66,887.22
 Donations	\$7,052.72

TOTAL REVENUE \$126,456.67

Donations Revenue



DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (CAD)
 Winter Karnival Donations	\$5,052.72
 Cornhole Donations	\$1,200.00
 Emsdale Lions Club	\$300.00
 Kids Daycamp Donation	\$500.00

TOTAL FUNDRAISING REVENUE \$7052.72

Program Contributions & Highlights

Volunteer Engagement

- 726 total volunteer hours contributed

Athletics Support

- 66 soccer jerseys distributed

Event Prizes (Karnival)

- \$2,137 in article prizes secured

Fall Fashion Frenzy

- 34 bags of clothing collected

Day Camp Programming

- Art supplies provided to support activities

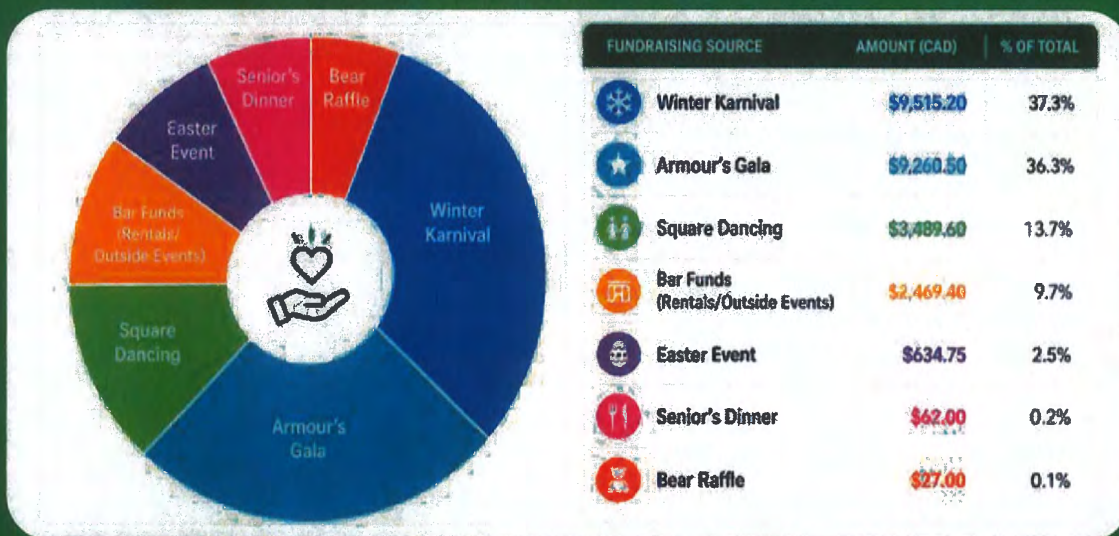
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Event/Programs Revenue

	Adult Fitness	\$2,123.98		Halloween	\$124.00
	Ball Hockey	\$730.00		Jamboree	\$603.50
	Bar Revenue	\$82.00		Kids Paint	\$80.00
	Baseball Tournament	\$3,217.05		Soccer	\$3,360.00
	Christmas Market	\$550.00		Snowglobe Workshop	\$60.00
	Cornhole	\$6,155.41		Wreath Workshop	\$300.00
	Fall Fashion Frenzy	\$1,390.00			

TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE \$18,776.94

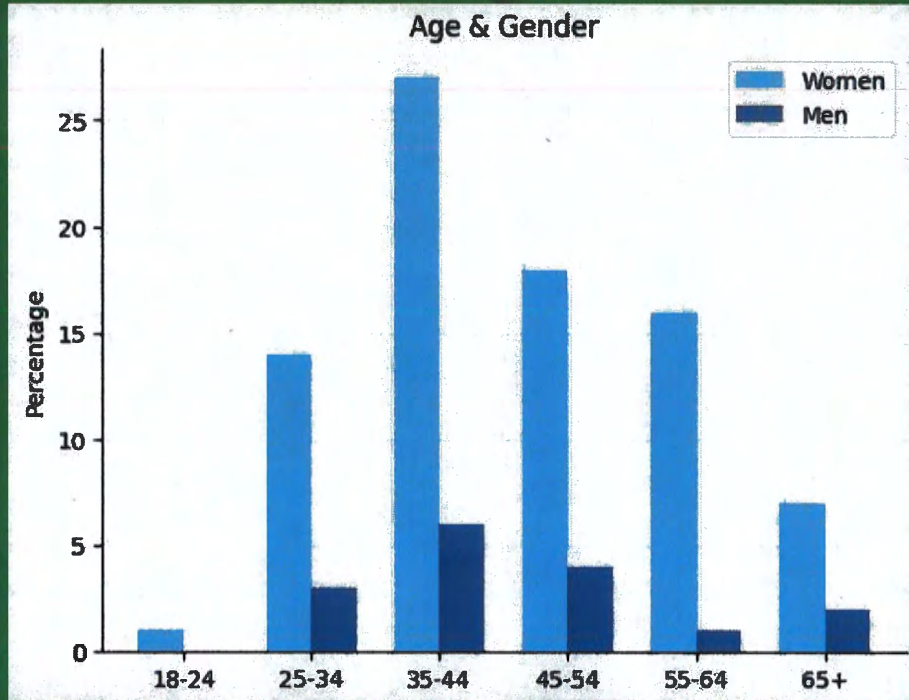
Fundraising Revenue



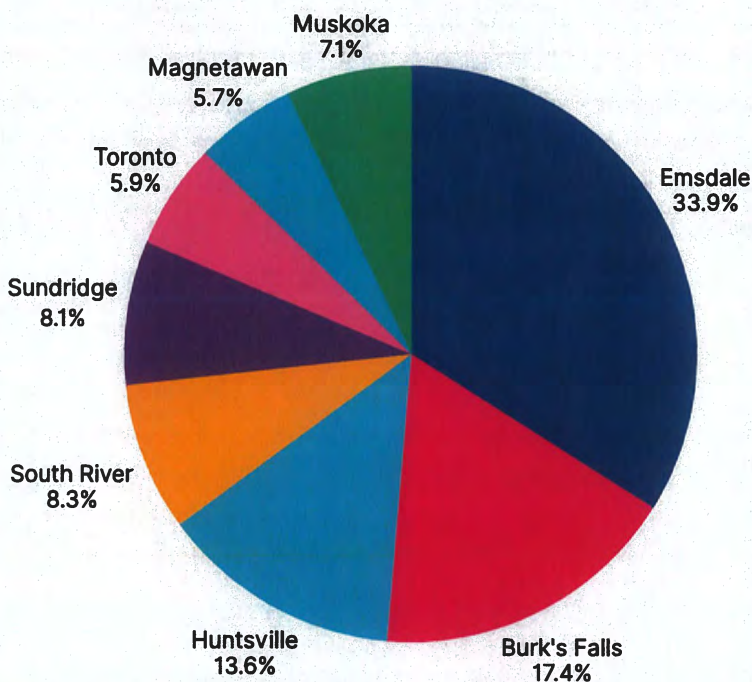
TOTAL FUNDRAISING REVENUE \$25,458.45

Armour Rec Annual Report

Social Media Stats 2025



Location Engagement



Total Social Media Views

1.2M

Total Social Media Viewers

2.8K

Content Interactions

8.8K

Link Clicks

1.2K

Visits

23.6K

New Followers

296

2024 vs 2025

▲ 46.7%

Posts

209

TikTok Views

4439

TikTok Interactions

508

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APPLICATION FOR SITE PLAN AGREEMENT

Applicant's Name: Adrian + Tara Vestering Roll No: 491900000330000

- Site Plan Agreement
- Amendment to Site Plan

I/We hereby submit an application for approval of site plans and a Site Plan Agreement by the Township of Armour.

Dated this 8th day of May, 20 26.

[Signature]
Signature

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Application Received: May 8, 2026

Checked By: CW

Fee Submitted: _____

Cost Acknowledgement Agreement Signed: CW

Site Plan Agreement required pursuant to:

- Site Plan control, Section 41, Planning Act
- Rezoning
- Official Plan Amendment
- Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board Decision
- Committee of Adjustment Decision
- Ontario Municipal Board Order
- Other (specify)

Name of Registered Owner (please print) 1000613806 Ontario Inc.
(If owner is a numbered company, please complete details below)

Address: 510 ...

Telephone / Fax / Cell #s: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Numbered Company Authorization:

Please provide name and title for two signing officers for the company.

First Officer:

<u>Adrian Vestering</u> Name (Please print)	<u>Co-President</u> Title
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I have the authority to bind the Corporation.

[Signature]
Signature

Second Officer:

<u>Tara Vestering</u> Name (Please print)	<u>Co-President</u> Title
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[Signature]
Signature

Applicant (or authorized agent): _____

Address: _____

Telephone/Fax/Cell #s: _____

Email Address: _____

Unless otherwise requested, all communication will be directed to the applicant.

Registered Owner's Authorization:

As of the date of this application, I am the registered owner of the lands described in this application, and I have examined the contents of this application and hereby certify that the information submitted with the application is correct insofar as I have knowledge of these facts, and I concur with the submission of this application by:

who I have appointed as my agent.

Signature of Registered Owner

Date

Mortgagee(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone/Fax Numbers: _____

Location of Site

Lot 16 Concession _____ Plan Number 199 Lot # in Plan _____

Frontage (Name of Lake or Road): Kent Road / Pickere Lake

Existing Zoning: _____

Official Plan Designation: _____

Development Proposed: rebuild cottage, same footprint
raised elevation

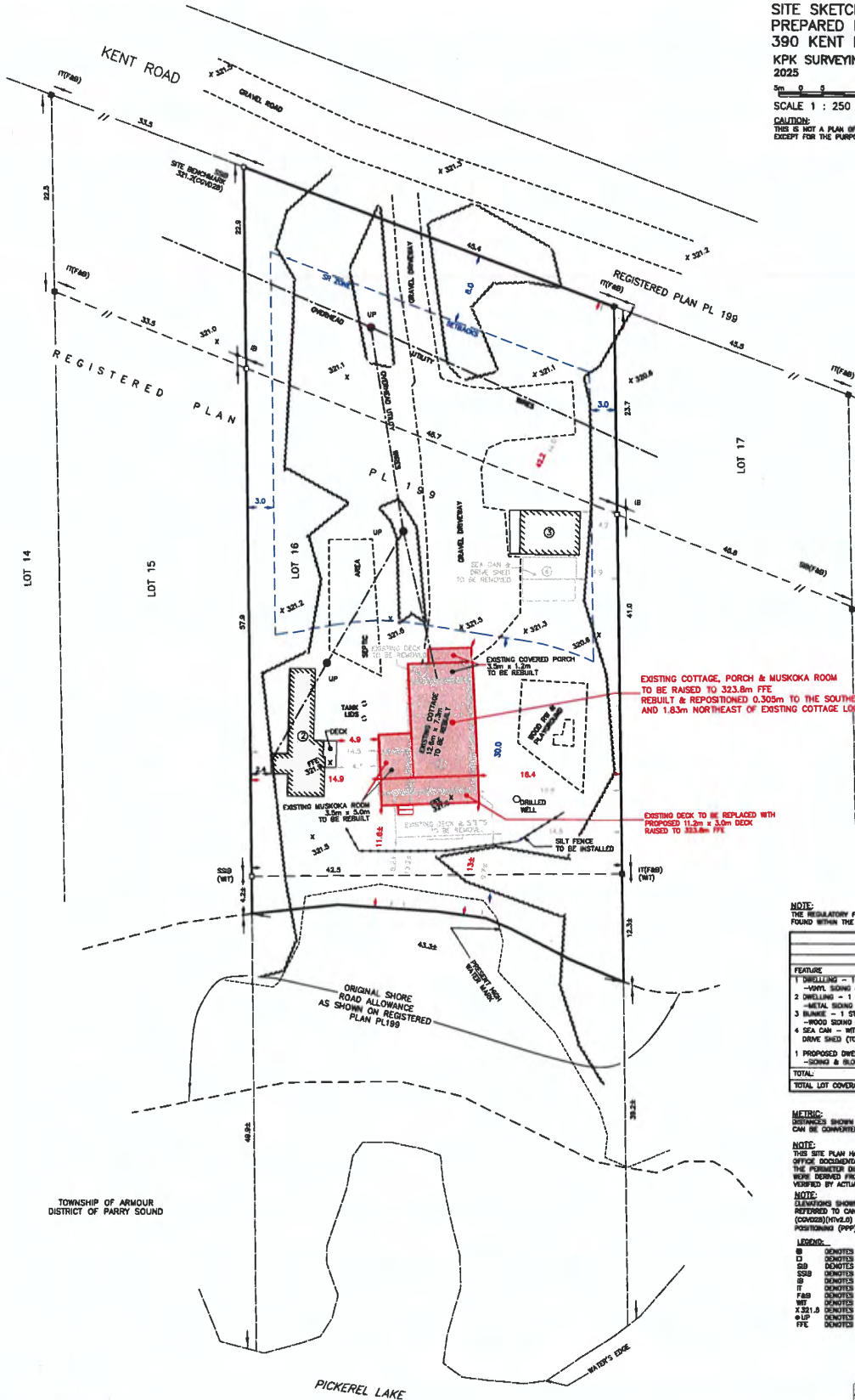
SCHEDULE B

SITE SKETCH FOR PLANNING PURPOSES
 PREPARED FOR TARA AND ADRIAN VESTERING
 390 KENT ROAD, SUNDRIDGE
 KPK SURVEYING INC.
 2025

SCALE 1 : 250

CAUTION:
 THIS IS NOT A PLAN OF SURVEY AND SHALL NOT BE USED
 EXCEPT FOR THE PURPOSE INDICATED IN THE TITLE BLOCK.

RECEIVED
 MAY 8, 2026
 TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR



EXISTING COTTAGE, PORCH & MUSKOKA ROOM
 TO BE RAISED TO 323.8m FFE
 REBUILT & REPOSITIONED 0.305m TO THE SOUTHEAST
 AND 1.83m NORTHEAST OF EXISTING COTTAGE LOCATION

EXISTING DECK TO BE REPLACED WITH
 PROPOSED 11.2m x 3.0m DECK
 RAISED TO 323.8m FFE

NOTE:
 THE REGULATORY FLOOD ELEVATION OF 323.80m IS NOT
 FOUND WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

FEATURE	EXISTING (INCL. DECKS)		PROPOSED (INCL. DECKS)	
	AREA (m ²)	HEIGHT (m) FFE (m)	AREA (m ²)	HEIGHT (m) FFE (m)
1 DWELLING - 1 STOREY -CONC. FOUND. & BLOCK FOUNDATION	180.4	3.8	321.6	
2 DWELLING - 1 STOREY -METAL SIDING ON PIERS	59.1	3.2	321.9	3.2 321.9
3 BLANK - 1 STOREY -WOOD SIDING ON PIERS	40.0	4.2	NA	4.2 NA
4 SEA CAN - WITH ATTACHED DRIVE SHED (TO BE REMOVED)	28.3	NA	NA	
1 PROPOSED DWELLING - 1 STOREY -CONC. & BLOCK FOUNDATION			157.9	5.0 323.8
TOTAL:	308.8m ²		257.0m ²	
TOTAL LOT COVERAGE:	9.3%		7.7%	

METRIC:
 DIMENSIONS SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE IN METRES AND
 CAN BE CONVERTED TO FEET BY DIVIDING BY 0.3048.

NOTE:
 THIS SITE PLAN HAS BEEN COMPILED FROM REGISTRY
 OFFICE DOCUMENTATION AS WELL AS ACTUAL SURVEY.
 THE PERIMETER DIMENSIONS AS SHOWN HEREON
 WERE DERIVED FROM REGISTERED PLAN PL199 AND
 VERIFIED BY ACTUAL SURVEY.

NOTE:
 ELEVATIONS SHOWN HEREON ARE GEODETIC AND
 REFERRED TO CANADIAN GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM
 (CGVD2011) DERIVED FROM THE PRECISE POINT
 POSITIONING (PPP) SERVICE.

LEGEND:
 B DENOTES BOUNDARY MONUMENT
 D DENOTES PLANTED MONUMENT
 SSB DENOTES STANDARD IRON BAR
 SSB DENOTES SHORT STANDARD IRON BAR
 B DENOTES IRON BAR
 T DENOTES IRON TUBE
 F&B DENOTES FITZMAURICE AND BOYER, O.L.S.
 WPT DENOTES WINGING
 X 321.8 DENOTES SPOT ELEVATION
 4.0 DENOTES HEIGHT FILE
 FFE DENOTES FINISHED FLOOR ELEVATION

FIELDWORK COMPLETED: OCTOBER 15, 2025

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NO.	REVISION	DATE	APPROVED
3	REVISED PROPOSED FFE, POSITION AND ELEVATIONS	2026/05/08	KPK
2	ADD PROPOSED DWELLING	2025/03/18	KPK
1	RELEASED FOR REVIEW	2025/11/14	KPK

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February 23, 2026
(Revision of Letter dated September 9, 2025)

Reference No. 2508-C081

1000613806 Ontario Inc.
390 Kent Road
Sundridge, ON P0A 1Z0

RECEIVED
MARCH 12, 2026
TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

Attention: Ms. Tara Vestering

**Re: Test Pit Investigation Report
Proposed Cottage Renovations
390 Kent Road
Village of Sundridge**

Dear Sir,

As requested, we visited the site on August 15, 2025 to conduct a test pit investigation for the proposed cottage renovations. The investigation is to assess the subsurface conditions and to determine the engineering properties of the disclosed soils. Our findings and recommendations are presented herein.

A test pit was excavated adjacent to the existing foundation. The encountered subsurface conditions can be summarized as follows, in order of depth from the prevailing ground surface:

- **Granular fill**, approximately 1.0 m thick;
- **Organic soils**, approximately 0.2 m thick;
- **Natural Soil** consisting of grey, compact sandy silt, extending to the maximum depth of exploration at 2.5 m below ground surface

Groundwater seepage was encountered at a depth of 1.8 m; the groundwater yield is expected to be moderate in rate and is subject to seasonal fluctuation.



Foundation

It is understood that the proposed cottage renovation will consist of a conventional foundation with an unheated crawl space.

Based on our findings, the proposed foundation can be constructed using strip footings/frost wall, and founded on the undisturbed natural soils. As a guide, a Maximum Allowable Bearing Pressure of 75 kPa (SLS), 150 kPa (ULS) can be used for the design of the foundation.

The footings must be placed beneath the granular fill, organic soils, and any weathered soils onto the sound natural soils. Due to the presence of earth fill and organic soils, the footing subgrade should be inspected by a geotechnical technician under the supervision of a geotechnical engineer or a building official with geotechnical knowledge prior to pouring concrete.

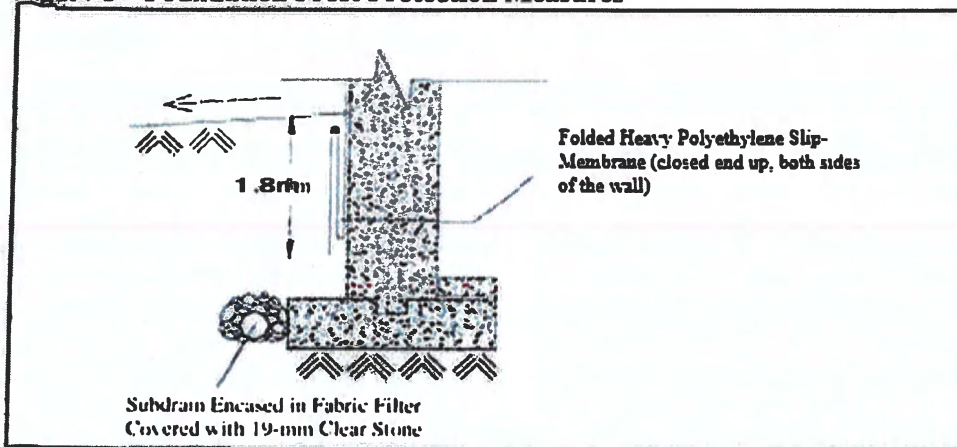
If the footing subgrade contains wet or seeping sand/silt seams, it is recommended that a 100 mm thick, lean concrete mud-slab be placed immediately upon excavation (and inspection by SEL), in order to lessen the possibility of construction disturbance during foundation construction.

The lowest floor slab of the buildings should remain at least 0.5 m above the seasonal high groundwater level, or the most recent highwater/flood elevation of Pickerel Lake (whichever is higher). The foundations should have at least 1.6 m of earth cover for protection against frost action or must be properly insulated. In unheated areas, a minimum earth cover of 1.8 m should be provided, or the foundations must be properly insulated.

The revealed soils are susceptible to frost heave, with moderate to high soil adfreezing potential. Where the material is used to backfill against foundations, the foundation walls must be constructed with concrete and should be properly shielded with a polyethylene slip membrane extending below the frost penetration line to lessen the potential for frost damage. The recommended measures are schematically presented below in Figure 1. Alternatively, the walls can be backfilled with non-frost susceptible pit-run granular material (with maximum particle size of <50 mm). Please note that due to the unheated nature of the crawl space, both sides of the walls must be protected from soil ad-freezing.



Figure 1 – Foundation Frost Protection Measures



Lastly, given the proposed finished condition of the crawlspace floor (compacted soil/granular fill material) with potential for water ingress, erosion control measures should be considered in order to protect the subgrade surface in the crawlspace.

We trust this report is explicit; however, should any queries arise, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours very truly,
SOIL ENGINEERS LTD.

Darcy Heitzner, C.Tech., rcji
Regional Manager, GTA North



Peng (Geoff) Gao, M.Eng. P.Eng.
Regional Manager, GTA
DH/PG
Encl.

Cc: Soil Engineers Ltd. (Muskoka)
Attn: Mr. Mika Fager



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Minutes: April 2, 2026, 10:00 am via Zoom and at the Township of Perry Municipal Office

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Delynne Patterson, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Vicky Roeder-Martin (Vice- Chair), Sean Cotton, Brad Kneller, Norm Hofstetter, Jim Ronholm, Cheryl Philip, Tom Bryson, Luke Preston, Deb Duce (Secretary), Sandy Zurbrigg, Cheryl Harrison, David Gray, Joel Baylis, Courtney Metcalf.

Regrets: Dr. Sarah MacKinnon, Deb Raynard, David Gravelle.

Called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair R. Ward

1. 2026-08 Moved by Brad Kneller - Seconded by Jim Ronholm
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of March 5, 2026, as circulated. Carried.

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None

3. **DELEGATIONS:** None

4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:** None

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

a) **150 Houston Building Deficits**

Discussion of challenges with the report and options for the future to ensure accuracy and to prepare for the new Councils in plan following fall elections. Township of Armour CAO provided recommendations.

b) **Update on AHC Progress Infographics Report**

C. Metcalf shared that the report will be ready for review in the next week.

c) **Updates**

a. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare**

C. Harrison shared information on a recent meeting with municipal leadership, Hospital fundraising, and capital development status.

6. ADJOURNMENT

2029-09 Moved by Vickey Roeder-Martin - Seconded by Norm Hofstetter

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 10:56 a.m. to meet again on May 7, 2026, at 10:00 am at Perry Township.
Carried.



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ARBFMA Manager's Report – May 2026

Date: May 12th, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Accept this report as information.

BACKGROUND

The facility ice season ended April 12th, 2026. It was the end of a busy ice season that consisted of 2,100 hours of ice rentals between June 29th, 2025, and April 12th, 2026. Staff are anticipating and preparing for another busy ice season starting June 28th, 2026. The current ice bookings are promising and are looking similar to those hour in the last ice season.

The summer ice program is 10 weeks in 2026. Staff have booked a mini tournament in mid-July as well as a 2-day old-timers tournament at the end of July.

The Karl Crozier Room was also busy April and early May. The types of room rentals included the normal monthly rentals being Seniors exercise, Friends, Bingo, Bible Group, and Cadets. The extra room rentals in April and May included 6 birthday Senior Stand-Up Classes, Holistic Trade Show, Tournament Luncheon, Cadets Reception, Kick Boxing Classes and 5 VofBF Council Meetings.

ANALYSIS

- Staff are now in their maintenance phase of the year. Although there are still facility rooms and floor rentals to serve, staff have cleaning and maintenance to complete to prepare the facility for the next ice season.
- The ice rink boards and glass have been cleaned & scrubbed of all the puck and stick marks. Attached is a before and after pic of the arena boards.
- The capital projects are all underway.
- The condenser has arrived and is installed, ready for the start up in June.
- The hall floors should be resurfaced on May 9, 10, 11 and 12, 2026, and ready for another busy hall rental season.
- Staff have been receiving more requests for the hall use which is a promising sign for the facility

FINANCIAL IMPACT

N/A

HUMAN RESOURCE IMPACT

N/A



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OPTIONS

The Council accepts this report as information and discussion

Graham Smith
Graham Smith RRFA/CIT
ARBFMA Manager





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Capital Report – Man-gate Latches Replacement - May 12th, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the quotation of from Near North Industrial in the amount of \$1,059.75 plus HST for the manufacturing of the latches for the 9 man-gates for access to the arena ice surface and floor.

Accept the quotation from Punter Property Management Services in the amount of \$3,000 plus HST which includes removal, disposal, installation, parts and welding of the latches.

BACKGROUND

Staff have been dealing with damage and repairs of the door closures for the past 2 to 3 years. Over time the latches have worn out and the welds have busted. Staff have also received a number of customers approaching them with their concerns about the damaged latches.

When the latches break they become a safety issue for the customers using the ice surface and a liability to the facility, staff and the Village of Burk's Falls.

ANALYSIS

Staff were able to obtain 3 quotes for this work

- 1) Near North Industrial and Punter Property Management Services \$4,059.75 plus HST
- 2) Sound Barriers \$7,975 plus HST
- 3) The Welmar Group – Latches and Door Stops only \$963 plus HST plus Shipping.

Note – Staff would still need to hire an installer to remove and replace.

Near North Industrial and Punter Management Services are both local businesses the ARBFMA uses both businesses as needed for supplies and facility maintenance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Council approved \$7,500 in the 2026 Capital budget for the replacement of the man door latches.

Options

Council accepts the quotation from Near North Industrial and Punter Property Management Services in the amount of \$4,059.75 plus HST for the man gate latch replacement.

Graham Smith RRFA/CIT
Burk's Falls Arena Manager



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ARBFMA - No Charge and Reduced Rate Report – May 2026

Date: May 12th, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Accept this report as information and discussion

BACKGROUND

The ARBFMA at the direction of current and previous Council offers certain groups the facility at No Charge or at a reduced rate rather than the prime rate. Council is reminded staff do not use the word “Free” because a rental that brings in zero dollars still costs the facility budget dollars. These costs include utilities, staff time to manage the event, staff time to clean up, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and wear and tear on the facility.

Groups that received the facility at no charge, or a reduced rate in 2025 were Local Minor Hockey Groups, Winning Techniques, The Friends, Armour Ryerson Burk's Falls Agricultural Society, East Parry Sound Community Support Services, Cadets, Elections Canada, Elections Ontario, Land of Lakes Public School, Almaguin Highlands Secondary School, The Bible Study Group, Village of Burk's Falls Recreation Department, and the Tri-Councils.

Through the annual budget, Council and the ARBFMA provides annually the community an ice surface for public skating, parents and tots and adult/senior skating. The public skating program does charge admission, but these admissions have never covered the costs required to cover the cost of the ice surface. In September 2025, staff reduced number of public skating hours offered to help reduce the cost of the program annually. Staff try to get community sponsorship annually to support public skating and this has been very successful during March & Christmas Break and on Family Day. In 2025 staff also received sponsorship for 10 weeks on Friday nights. It is important to note that the public skating donations to sponsor public skating do lower the expected admissions annually.

ANALYSIS

Local Minor Hockey

- Local Minor Hockey receives an hourly rebate on their ice usage.
 - The Village annually offers a rebate to local minor hockey programs, and the rebate equates to 20% off the prime-time ice rate.
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Local Minor Hockey Continued:

- Local Minor Hockey Groups used **261 ¾ hours** of ice time in 2025. The rebate received in 2025 was **\$6,327.71**.
- Local Minor Hockey also receives a rebate on the hall use as needed. Minor Sports used **3 hours** of hall rentals in 2025. The rebate received in 2025 was **\$100.01**.
- Offering minor sports, a rebate is common in most municipal arenas including the other 2 municipalities that serve the local minor sports groups
- The rebate for Local Minor Sports is approved annually when the facility rates are approved.

ARBFAS

- The Amour Ryerson Burk's Falls Agricultural Society receives all their ARBFMA rentals at no-charge.
- The Village of Burk's Falls and the ARBFAS have an agreement from the 1970s that allows the ARBFAS use of the facility at no-charge.
- The ARBFAS use the facility for monthly bingos – which includes the hall and kitchen
- Other ARBFAS facility use includes the tuck show, fall fair, annual general meeting, fall fair awards dinner, annual Christmas craft sale and the annual Easter egg drop.
- In 2025 the ARBFAS had 18 different events in the hall, kitchen and lobby for a total of **291 hours of facility use**.
- The value of the **291 hours** of facility use is **\$10,581.06** which calculated using the hourly facility rates for each facility used.
- The Easter egg drop does not include rental of the interior facility and uses the parking lot. The patrons of the Easter Egg Drop however, use the facility washrooms and lobby which is a cost for staffing, toiletries, facility wear and tear and cleaning supplies.
- The Fall Fair does rent the lobby and hall for specific events or vendors, however the facility is often used for washroom use and a warming or cooling area for patrons. This results in a costs for staffing, toiletries, cleaning supplies and facility wear and tear.

Cadets

- Cadets are long time users of the facility and before the COVID-19 pandemic used 1 day per week.
 - The COVID pandemic cadets to move their 2 day a week program to the ARBFMA.
 - Cadets are a youth group that has always been offered the facility at no charge.
 - Cadets do give the ARBFMA an annual donation of **\$250 to \$500** and publicly thank the Village of Burk's Falls and the ARBFMA staff for there long-standing support.
 - In 2025 the Cadets used **202 hours** in the hall and on the arena floor.
 - The value of this use is **\$10,078.69**
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East Parry Sound Community Support Services

- The East Parry Sound Community Support Services are long time users of the ARBFMA, and they provide exercise classes for local seniors. The fee charged for these classes is “No-Charge”
- The main seniors exercise program is offered weekly on Wednesday mornings and there is also a 10 week Stand up class offered every spring 2 days a week.
- The total number of hours used by the East Parry Sound Community Support Services in 2025 was 100 ½ hours.
- The value of this no-charge use is **\$4,980.78**
- East Parry Sound Community Support Services occasionally receive funding for the Stand-up classes.
- In 2026 there is a small amount donated for the 2026 Stand-up program

Elections Canada

- At election time in Canada the Government of Canada uses the ARBFMA for elections and advanced polling.
- In 2025 Elections Canada used the hall, kitchen and lobby for **60 hours**.
- Elections Canada set the rate they pay for the facilities they use. The Governments rates are not the same rates the ARBFMA charges for facility rentals.
- The rebate the Government of Canada received in 2025 was **\$424.89**

Elections Ontario

- At election time in Ontario the Government of Ontario uses the ARBFMA for elections and early polling.
- In 2025 Elections Ontario used the hall, kitchen and lobby for **60 hours**.
- Elections Ontario sets the rate they pay for the facilities for the advanced polls which are not the same rates the ARBFMA charges for facility rentals.
- Elections Ontario does not pay for election day as they require municipalities in Ontario to provide their facilities at “No-Charge” for Election Day. The provinces reasons for the “No-Charge” fee on election day is because of the money they give to municipalities annually.
- The rebate and no charge use in 2025 offered to the Government of Ontario was **\$2,234.15**.

Land of Lakes Public School

- The Land of Lakes Public School uses the ARBFMA for school skating and class trips.
 - In 2025 Council agreed to offer the ice surface use of **3 hours** at no-charge to Land of Lakes.
 - The value of this offer is **\$223.02**
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Almaguin Highlands Secondary School

- The Almaguin Highlands Secondary School uses the ARBFMA for their School hockey program.
- AHSS are offered a reduced rate for the ice surface because the patrons are youth.
- The AHSS used **27 hours** of ice time in 2025
- The rebate received was **\$585.35**

Winning Techniques

- Winning Techniques has a contract with the Village of Burk's Falls until 2030.
- The contract identifies 505 ½ hours of banked time that was paid for but never used.
- The banked time mentioned in the contract benefits Winning Techniques because the value of the 505 ½ banked hours in 2018 was \$150.96 per hour * 505 ½ which totals \$76,310.28.
- That same time in 2025 would be valued at \$192.02 per hour * 505 ½ which totals \$97,066.11.
- Annually Winning Techniques banked time value exceeds the total amount prepaid before 2018. There is still a balance of 146 banked ice hours to use.
- Winning Techniques has until 2030 to use the bank time or lose the banked time.
- The total number of banked ice time used in 2025 was **60 hours**.
- The value of those 60 hours used in 2025 was **\$10,402.80**.

The Friends

- The Friends are an Alzheimer's seniors group providing seniors weekly a day of socializing, fun and good food.
- The Friends use the hall 8 hours a day every Friday of the year.
- There are days the program is cancelled due to illness, stat days or weather related.
- The Friends program has always been offered a large rebate weekly for their program as it provides great value to the community seniors in need.
- The Friends program used **328 hours in the hall/kitchen** in 2025.
- The rebate offered in 2025 for this program is **\$6,563.07**

Village of Burk's Falls and Tri-Council use

- There was 40 hours used in the hall dedicated Council, Staff, Tri-Council and Council Donated events.
 - These hours used include public meetings, clinics, 2 public events, and staff training
 - In 2025 Councils and Staff used **40 hours** for training, public events and public meetings.
 - The value of those 40 hours is **\$1,982.40**
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Village of Burk's Falls Recreation Programs

- The VofBF recreation department runs programs at the facility annually
- The recreation programs do receive funding through registration, but that registration revenue is not used to pay for the facilities booked and used.
- The recreation department used 4 hours of ice and 13 ½ hours of hall time in 2025.
- The value of the 17 ½ hours of facility use is **\$1,115.08**
- The number of recreation programs being offered at the ARBFMA is increasing in 2026.

Bible Study Group

- The bible study group is a non-profit group that uses the ARBFMA hall for weekly bible study
- The bible study group used **45 hours** of hall use in 2025.
- The rate charged was the non-profit rate which is significantly reduced from the regular rate.
- The rebate the bible study group received in 2025 was **\$876.20**

Birthday Party Hall Use

- The use of the hall for a birthday party is offered at a reduced rate to give value to the birthday party packages sold.
- The ice surface for a birthday party is charged at full rate
- In 2025 there was **82 hours** of birthday party packages used in the hall.
- The total rebate offered for these parties was **\$2,386.94**

Exercise Classes

- There was a private group that used the hall in 2025 for 7 weeks of exercise glasses
- At reduced rate for exercise classes was developed and approved in 2021.
- The exercise classes used only **8 hours** of time in 2025.
- The rebate received was **\$130.30**

Public Skating

- Public Skating is a little more complicated because like the recreation programs it is offered to the community through the Village or ARBFMA budget.
 - The program however still comes at a cost to the budget and should be included in the allocations for reduced rate or no-charge use.
 - Public skating also includes parents and tots, parents and tots shinny and Adult only skating
 - The total number of hours allocated to the public skating program in 2025 was **235 ½ hours**
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- The total value of the hours allocated is **\$20,793.04**.
- Staff secured **\$2,437.30** in sponsorship donations and received **\$2,088.28** in admissions in 2025.
- The total value of the ice surface minus the donations and admission fees is **\$16,267.46** in 2025.

Public Skating Info:

An Ontario municipality is **not legally mandated** to provide public skating.

Public skating is considered a recreational service or amenity, not an essential service like police, fire, or water. Therefore, decisions about providing skating, maintaining arenas, or creating outdoor rinks are made by local councils based on community demand, budget, and resources.

However, many municipalities do choose to offer it, and if they do, they are governed by specific guidelines:

Sponsorships: Many public skating sessions are free or low-cost, often supported by local business, community sponsorships or Municipal Councils.

Note: If a municipality offers public skating, it is typically managed through the Parks and Recreation department and announced in seasonal schedules.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Breakdown Attached

HUMAN RESOURCE IMPACT

Staff time to manage and clean up the events.

OPTIONS

The Council accepts this report as information and discussion.

Graham Smith

Graham Smith RRFA/CIT – ARBFMA Manager



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NO CHARGE AND REBATE INFORMATION

Group	Facility Hours used	Rebate Offered	No Charge Rate	2025 Facility Rental Revenue
Minor Sports Groups	261.75	\$6,327.71		
ARBFAS	291		\$10,581.06	
The Cadets	202		\$10,078.69	
East Parry Sound Community Support Service	100.50		\$4,480.78	
Elections Canada	60	\$424.89		
Elections Ontario	60	\$2,234.15		
Land of Lakes Public School	3		\$223.02	
Almaguin Highlands Secondary School	27	\$585.35		
Winning Techniques	60		\$10,402.80	
The Friends	328	\$6,563.07		
Village Council, Staff & Tri-Council	40		\$1,982.40	
Village of Burk's Falls Recreation	17.50		\$1,115.08	
Bible Study Group	45	\$876.20		
Birthday Party Use	82	\$2,386.94		
Exercise Classes	8	\$130.30		
Public Skating	235.5	\$16,267.46		
Totals	1,713.25	\$35,796.07	\$38,863.83	
Total Facility Hours and Revenues	4,081			\$207,774.89



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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Armour Township Council Chambers, Burk's Falls
Monday, May 18, 2026**

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Barry Burton – Vice President
Charlene Watt – Deputy Treasurer/Secretary
Nancy Kyte
Peter Hall
Krista Trulsen
Nieves Guijarro
Lynn McGregor
Leo Petipas (New Member)

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members. Members welcomed Leo Petipas and his family as new Members.
Regrets from Jenny Hall.

Delegation:

There were no delegations.

Election of Director and Nomination of Vice-President:

As noted in the March 23, 2026 minutes, Barry Burton was elected as a Director and nominated for the position of Vice-President by Diane Brandt, seconded by Jarv Osborne. As Mr. Burton was not in attendance at that time and unable to attend the April 20, 2026 meeting, consideration of the nomination was deferred to the May 2026 meeting. Barry Burton accepted the nomination.



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Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance of minutes and adoption of the April 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes as circulated:
Moved by Nancy Kyte Seconded by Peter Hall. Carried

Treasurer's Report:

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Correspondence:

Charlene Watt advised Members that an obituary notice was received for Bruce Campbell. Mr. Campbell was an active Historical Society Member until 2021 and an advocate for preserving local history. A Celebration of Bruce's Life will be held June 6, 2026, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 405, 9 Mary Street. Dress code is Toronto Maple Leafs apparel or blue and white clothing. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Hospice Huntsville or Sick Kids (The Hospital for Sick Children). **Motion to donate \$100 to Hospice Huntsville in memory of Bruce Campbell: Moved by Barry Burton, Seconded by Leo Petipas. Carried**

Diane Brandt advised Members that she had received a request from Ingrid Gorman of South River offering a donation consisting of a Tabor organ and a settee. Photographs of the items were circulated for review. Diane advised that the donations will be accepted on behalf of the Historical Society. Due to limited space currently available at the farmhouse, the Gorman family has agreed to retain the furniture until suitable accommodations can be arranged.

Committee Reports:

Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Update:

Members were advised that the Township of Ryerson will not be hosting the annual Ryerson Community Yard Sale in June. Additionally, the Heritage Centre has been spring cleaned and is prepared to open for the season. It is planned to open the facility in early July and to be open on weekends. A volunteer sign-up calendar will be presented at next month's meeting to coordinate assistance with operating hours throughout the summer season.

Watt Farm House Update:

Members were advised that the Heritage Centre is prepared to open for the season.

Membership Committee:

Peter Hall advised members that there are 12 paid individual memberships and 2 family membership for the year to date. The honorary membership for Bruce Campbell will be removed from the count. There has been no change since last month.



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Facilities and Function Committee:

Members were advised by Diane Brandt and Barry Burton that Armour Township has approved the 2026 budget, which includes provisions for heating the red building. Representatives of the F&F Committee subsequently met onsite with the CAO and the Chief Building Official to review and assess the proposed heating system and determine whether it will adequately meet the facility's operational requirements. Barry Burton will follow up with the Chief Building Official regarding the requirement for a secondary review. In addition, revisions to the accessible washroom design are required to incorporate a change table in accordance with accessibility requirements.

Hiring Committee:

Members were advised that Diane Brandt and Dave Gray, CAO for the Township of Armour will review the submissions and report next month on the selected Heritage Co-ordinator Summer Student hire. Jenny Hall is unable to commit to the Hiring Committee at this time.

General Business:

Members reviewed the public notice from the Township of Armour stating that Heritage Festival 2026 has been cancelled. It was agreed with the Historical Society that after careful consideration, we would not be proceeding with the Heritage Festival for the current year. The Township and Historical Society recognized the importance of the event within the community and acknowledged the support we had received over the years. It was further noted that the Township and Historical Society was exploring alternative community events and programming that would be more sustainable and cost-effective while still bringing residents together. Additional information will be shared as plans are developed. Peter Hall and Nancy Kyte advised that they will continue to follow up with the Township of Armour's Recreation Department to work on planning next year's event.

New Business:

Fundraising Ideas:

Fundraising was recognized as essential to supporting the Historical Society's programs, events, preservation efforts, and ongoing community initiatives.

One suggestion was proposing a community-driven fundraising initiative centered on the creation of a heritage cookbook. More than a traditional recipe collection, the project would preserve and celebrate the culinary traditions, family stories, and everyday history of Burk's Falls, Ryerson Township, and Armour Township. Community members would be invited to contribute family recipes, personal memories, and historical photographs, helping create a living archive of local heritage that reflects rural traditions. The cookbook would also include educational historical inserts. Proceeds from cookbook sales would support the Historical



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Society's fundraising project for many years and promote preservation efforts while strengthening community connection, encouraging intergenerational participation, and creating a lasting cultural legacy for future generations.

Another suggestion discussed was approaching local businesses to request permission to place donation jars at customer checkout areas in support of Historical Society initiatives. Proposed wording for jar labels included: "Every Donation Helps Protect Our Heritage," "Your Donation Helps Keep History Alive," "Support Heritage Preservation in Our Community," and "Every Dollar Helps Preserve Our Shared Story."

Peter Hall and Nancy Kyte presented a compiled list of potential fundraising initiatives for consideration. The proposed activities include a spaghetti dinner, bingo event, silent auction, themed dances, chili cook-off, bake sale, rubber duck races, production of an annual calendar, establishment of a legacy giving program, and a music concert in collaboration with the Theatre Committee. Additional ideas include maple syrup production activities and various raffle-based fundraising opportunities.

Peter Hall and Nancy Kyte will undertake a further review and evaluation of the proposed fundraising initiatives. They will assess the feasibility, community interest, resource requirements, and expected revenue generation associated with each idea, and will provide recommendations at the next meeting. A report outlining their findings and suggested next steps will be presented for consideration next month.

Mailbag Donation:

Barry Burton presented to Diane Brandt a mailbag from the historic Katrine Post Office from the 1940s. Members expressed gratitude for the donation. Barry will request the donor complete the donation form for our records and return to Diane.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at the Armour Township Council Chambers. There being no further business, Barry Burton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Deputy-Treasurer/Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President



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Community Engagement needed. Your talent can lift someone up!

Eastholme's Newsletter



EASTHOLME'S WINTER WONDERLAND

-By The Administrator & The Manager of Recreation

Winter Wonderland is a truly special Event. The event is held the weekend before the parade of lights in Powassan. This year it was held on December 5th 2025 and was a magical event.

It joins members of the community, residents and their families to kick off the holiday season.

New this year was a (mini) train for anyone who wanted to take a ride around the front of the building to see the light displays. An indoor market was held in the auditorium and residents had their own table of sewing and other crafts which they had prepared during the year.



Behavioural Support Ontario (BSO)

EXPANDED TEAM

- By BSO Support Worker

During 2025, through the benefit of one-time Local Priorities Funding funding, the BSO team was able to continue with two additional temporary positions for a total of 4 people.



“The basis of all good human behaviour is kindness.”

BSO HIGHLIGHTS

Gardening 2025



This past fall, residents—supported by our BSO Recreation team—enjoyed harvesting and pickling the vegetables they planted earlier in the year. Gardening is a familiar and meaningful activity for many, and this season’s new adventure in pickling carrots and beets brought residents from all four floors together to share music, memories, and laughter.

The common room was filled with the comforting aroma of boiling brine and the pride of colourful jars lined up as their finished creations. The project was such a success that residents showcased and sold their pickled goods at both the Fall Fair and Winter Wonderland events. All proceeds supported the Residents’ Council fund, helping create more life enriching experiences throughout the year.

Blood Work Support 2025



With the expansion of our embedded BSO team, the addition of BSO PSWs has greatly enhanced Friday blood work and ECG clinics with LifeLabs. BSO PSWs help identify residents, share insight on personal expressions, and guide technicians on the best times and approaches for each individual.

During procedures, staff use proven person centered strategies—such as reassurance, distraction, stop and go techniques, or simple advance notice—to ensure residents feel calm and supported. Having familiar staff present helps residents feel more comfortable, while LifeLabs technicians report greater confidence and smoother visits.

This collaboration has created a more positive experience for everyone involved—a true winwin for residents and care teams alike.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN DIETARY

Mealsuite Success Story



- By The Manager of Food and Nutrition

2025 saw a full year of the use of the software platform called MealSuite. This platform allows information about every resident’s food preferences to be displayed at the point of meal service. Waste reduction, better estimates for kitchen with food prep, and enhancing resident experience with more resident preferences.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Advancing Our Green Initiatives

-By The Manager of Environmental Services

Our team continues to make progress on Eastholme’s sustainability efforts with the ongoing conversion of fluorescent lighting to high efficiency LED fixtures. This upgrade not only brightens resident and staff spaces but also significantly reduces our energy

consumption and maintenance needs, while reducing waste and lowering operational costs.

This project supports our commitment to creating a more environmentally responsible.



NURSING DEPARTMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

-By The Director of Care

This year, we improved communication and care with the launch of Cliniconnex and the transition to the interRAI LTCF assessment. Staff also completed education in dementia care, person centered practices, and cultural sensitivity.

Our Skin and Wound Care Program advanced with full implementation of the PointClickCare module and SWAN training for our wound care lead, enhancing assessment and treatment.

We also strengthened our palliative care program through collaboration with the Nipissing Region’s Clinical Care Palliative Coach. Together, these initiatives support more consistent, compassionate, and high quality care for our residents.

ADMINISTRATION TEAM

-By The Director of Administration

We are pleased to share that our team has successfully completed the financial year end, ensuring strong accountability and a smooth transition into the new fiscal year. This milestone reflects the hard work and collaboration of staff across the organization. We are also excited to welcome the Human Resources and Information Technology teams into our administrative portfolio. Their addition strengthens our operational capacity and sup-

ports a more integrated approach to organizational planning and staff support.

Together, these developments position us well for continued growth, efficiency, and service excellence in the year ahead.



RECREATION SERVICES

-By The Manager of Recreation

The Recreation Department continues to offer a wide variety of engaging programs designed to meet the diverse interests of all residents. As we look ahead to spring, we are excited to expand our gardening initiatives following the wonderful success of our garden and canning programs this past summer and fall.

We are also working toward increased collaboration with other local homes to strengthen connections within the broader long-term care community across Northern Ontario.

In the coming months, stay tuned for the launch of our new online Family Portal -- an exciting new way to stay connected and informed about recreation programs and events.

A CALL FOR SUPPORT

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

-By The CSSP Program Coordinator

CSS hosts monthly luncheons in 10 different communities where seniors pay only \$10 for a hearty meal and enjoy socialization.

To stay active there are 11 locations of weekly senior exercise classes, and 3 locations of a specialized 12 week fall prevention program – all of which are free to participants.

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers we continue to provide affordable and accessible transportation to both local and out of town medical appointments, ensuring rural area clients have access to their medical needs.



In addition, we are delivering record numbers of hot & frozen meals ensuring that no matter where someone lives in the district, they have access to nutrition.

We are very much in need of more volunteers who can drive clients to appointments and deliver meals to them. Those interested in making a difference in their community can reach out to us at 705-724-6028 or email lprice@eastholme.ca or send us a message on our Facebook page.



WHAT'S NEW- ACTIVITIES THIS SPRING AND SUMMER!



Resident Family Council in collaboration with the Recreation department will be hosting two special events for the residents, May 27th Blue Jays Day and Sept 12th Fall Fair!



Be sure to check our website or activity calendars posted on the resident floors for more details and upcoming activities planned for residents.

RECRUITMENT INITIATIVES

COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

- Competitive wage and benefit package with OMERS pension
 - Wonderful setting working with seniors and excellent staff
- To join our team, visit eastholme.ca/careers-at-eastholme





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May 1, 2026

Subject: Tar and Chip

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #26-08-16 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Huron Shores supports the request of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider the use of lighter-grade oils for chip-and-tar surface treatment, or develop a suitable alternative, in recognition of the reduced durability and increased maintenance costs experienced by municipalities;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Good Roads, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk

NR/KN

Cc: Ministry of the Environment, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Good Roads, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities



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Please see below a Resolution passed by the Council of Northeastern Maniotoulin and the Islands.

If your Council supports this motion please share with the appropriate Ministries and Organizations.

Thank You

Resolution No. 75-03-2026

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: P. Aelick

Whereas the Town of Northeastern Maniotoulin and the Islands, like many municipalities, utilizes chip-and-tar surface treatment on a significant portion of its road network; and

Whereas the Town has observed a substantial decrease in the length of time these treated roads remain in acceptable condition; and

Whereas the quality and durability of the oil used in the surface treatment appears to be a contributing factor; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment amended its regulations several years ago, permitting only lighter-grade oils for environmental considerations; and

Whereas the reduced durability of the lighter-grade product has resulted in more frequent resurfacing cycles and has consequently led to increasing maintenance costs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Northeastern Maniotoulin and the Islands respectfully requests that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider its decision regarding the lighter grade of oil, taking into account the increased number of applications required, as well as the associated additional time, energy, and financial burden placed on municipalities or develops a better alternative oil.

And Further that this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, AMO, Good Roads, FONOM, MPP Bill Rosenberg, and all other municipalities.

Carried

June is Seniors Month

Ontario Seniors — Let's Get Moving

Information for Seniors in Ontario

The [Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility](#) works with community organizations to offer supports and services to help seniors stay active, safe and socially connected. Seniors and their families can find the information they need to connect to government services and community supports at ontario.ca/Seniors.

Seniors Community Grant Program

This program funds local not-for-profit community groups and organizations to deliver projects, supports and resources for seniors that provide opportunities for greater social inclusion, volunteerism and community engagement. Find more information at ontario.ca/SeniorsGrant.

Seniors Active Living Fairs

Seniors can find information about government programs and services as well as information about healthy aging and active lifestyles to keep them active and engaged. Learn more about [seniors fairs in your community](#).

Seniors Active Living Centre programs

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Ontario's Seniors Active Living Centres programs. These programs help local seniors stay active, become more involved in their community, and meet new friends in person or online.

These programs include:

- unique social activities
- learning and educational opportunities
- recreational programming.

The government has expanded the number of programs, so more seniors across the province can get the services that meet their needs close to home. There are now more than 400 programs across the province.

To find a Seniors Active Living Centre program, please:

- visit ontario.ca/SeniorsCentre
- contact your municipality
- call 2-1-1.

RESOLUTION

June is Seniors Month

Ontario Seniors — Let's Get Moving

Age-friendly communities

Age-Friendly Communities are inclusive, accessible environments with programs and services that help seniors stay connected. These communities can include improved transit and housing, as well as opportunities for civic and social participation.

Learn more at ontario.ca/AgeFriendly.

Health811

Health811 is a free, secure and confidential service Ontarians can call or access online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to receive health advice from qualified health professionals such as a registered nurse, locate local health services and find trusted health information.

This service is available in both English and French, with translation support offered in other languages.

- Call: 811
- Toll-free TTY: 711 and 1-800-855-0511
- Chat live online
- Visit ontario.ca/Health811

Seniors Safety Line

Seniors Safety Line is a 24/7, confidential and free resource. It provides counselling, information, safety planning and referrals in 240 languages for seniors in Ontario who are experiencing, or are at risk of, any type of abuse or neglect.

Call Toll-free: 1-866-299-1011. or
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May 18, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 12, 2026 the following resolution regarding exploring the feasibility of a Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-207

DATE: **May 12, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Braney**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Engelsdorfer**

WHEREAS the vitality of Prince Edward County's main streets is essential to the economic, social, and cultural health of our community;

WHEREAS there are numerous long-term vacant commercial storefronts, which detracts from the character of the community, reduces pedestrian traffic, discourages business investment, and negatively impacts the viability of surrounding small businesses;

WHEREAS the current Municipal Act, 2001 does not provide municipalities with the explicit legal authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax," although other jurisdictions are actively advocating for such tools to address similar challenges;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward:

1. **THAT** staff be directed to report back to Council on the feasibility of implementing a Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax, including an analysis of the necessary provincial legislative changes required, recommendations for stakeholder consultation, and to concurrently explore potential enforceable mechanisms available under current legislation;
2. **THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward hereby requests that the Government of Ontario amend the Municipal Act, 2001 to grant Ontario municipalities the permissive authority to implement a "Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax" or similar levy to encourage the productive use of long-term vacant retail properties;
3. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Premier of Ontario, and the Member of Provincial Parliament representing the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward for their immediate consideration; and

RESOLUTION



From the Office of the Clerk
The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward
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4. THAT this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, CLERK

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Braney, Councillor Engelsdorfer

NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Expanding Adult Correctional Capacity to Keep Dangerous Offenders Behind Bars

Province adding more than 2,500 permanent jail beds across the province

May 14, 2026

[Solicitor General](#)

TORONTO — As part of the government's plan to strengthen the bail system and keep dangerous offenders behind bars, Ontario is [increasing adult correctional capacity](#) by adding more than 2,500 permanent jail beds within the next decade. The province's \$3 billion investment in corrections capacity expansion will ensure the system can keep pace with tougher bail and sentencing laws while supporting frontline staff with increased hiring, supports and resources. The investment includes building new correctional facilities and expanding existing facilities, with projects currently underway across the province.

"When violent and repeat offenders break the law, Ontarians expect them to be kept behind bars and not back on our streets," said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. "That's why we're strengthening bail and making generational investments to increase correctional capacity so there is always room to hold criminals accountable, today and into the future."

Ontario has established a multi-pronged approach to increasing adult correctional capacity across the province, including adding up to 255 permanent new beds across 12 existing institutions by November 2026, revising the design and scope of projects currently in the pipeline to bring up to 1,703 beds online and adding up to 610 beds through rapid builds at existing institutions.

As announced in the 2026 Budget, the government is supporting increased capacity by hiring more than 700 new correctional staff, including correctional officers, nurses and critical support workers. Ontario is also strengthening safety protocols in adult correctional facilities by upgrading body scanners and increasing the number of canine searches.

“People deserve to feel safe in their communities,” said Attorney General Doug Downey. “That’s why our government is working across the justice system to strengthen bail and hold dangerous offenders accountable. Building on the strong measures our government has already taken to make bail more real and consequential for people accused of serious crimes, we are making historic investments to expand court and correctional capacity to keep violent and repeat offenders off our streets and protect Ontario communities.”

Ontario continues to put forward tough-on-crime recommendations for the federal government to implement, including reverse onus bail for serious offences and consecutive sentencing. Ontario continues to advocate for the federal government to make further changes to the *Criminal Code* and deliver real bail reform to strengthen Canada's justice system and protect communities.

Quick Facts

- Ontario is revising the design and scope of projects already in the pipeline to bring 1,703 beds online. This includes planning for an additional 117 beds for a total of 462 beds at the Thunder Bay Correctional Complex and a total of 300 additional beds at new modular build facilities in Sudbury, Milton and Niagara. This builds on the 91 beds [previously announced](#) for Quinte Detention Centre expansion project and the 270 beds for the new Brockville Correctional Complex. The government is also repurposing the former intermittent centre at Toronto South Detention Centre, adding 320 beds and expanding the St. Lawrence Valley Correctional and Treatment Centre, adding 25 beds.
- The government will add up to 610 beds in the near term through rapid builds:
 - Central East Correctional Centre – 122 beds

- Central North Correctional Centre – 122 beds
 - Other institutions – up to 366 beds
 - Since June 2018, Ontario has hired more than 4,000 correctional officers across the province.
 - The government is also starting recruitment for the new Thunder Bay Correctional Complex which is nearing substantial completion and will be operational in 2027, while keeping both the Thunder Bay Jail and Thunder Bay Correctional Centre open.
 - Ontario is delivering a new rapid inmate housing structure program, using tensile membrane structures which meet security and operational standards while providing a fast, cost-effective solution to increase capacity without the long timelines and high costs associated with traditional builds.
 - Modular builds are comprised of pre-fabricated modular construction components mixed with site-built foundations and central common and service space.
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Quotes

"Ontarians want a government that has their backs, especially when it comes to building prosperous communities where people and families can feel safe and protected from crime and violence. That is why, through Budget 2026, our government is keeping communities safe by investing a historic \$3 billion to build more capacity in our jails and keep dangerous criminals off our streets and behind bars, where they belong."

- Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance

Additional Resources

- [Increasing Ontario's Adult Correctional Capacity](#)
- [Careers in corrections](#)

- [2026 Ontario Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario](#)
 - [Keeping Criminals Behind Bars Act, 2025](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Completes One of Canada's Largest Battery Storage Projects On-Budget and Ahead of Schedule

Napanee Battery Energy Storage System will power up to 250,000 homes during peak demand

May 19, 2026

[Energy and Mines](#)

NAPANEE — As part of its plan to protect Ontario and build a more competitive, resilient and self-reliant economy, the Ontario government is delivering on its plan to provide reliable, affordable and clean energy to power the province's growing economy and communities. Today, Minister Stephen Lecce announced the successful completion and start of commercial operations of the Napanee Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), on-budget and approximately five weeks ahead of schedule.

The 250-megawatt (MW) facility is capable of powering 250,000 homes for up to four hours during peak demand periods and is one of the largest operating battery storage projects in Canada, marking a major milestone in strengthening Ontario's clean electricity grid. The project, valued at \$600 million, was selected through the Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) [Expedited Long-Term 1 \(ELT-1\)](#) competitive procurement, which was launched by the government in 2022, and supported the single largest battery procurement in Canadian history.

"Ontario is building the infrastructure needed to power growth, protect jobs, and keep energy reliable and affordable for families," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines. "The completion of the Napanee Battery Energy Storage System is a major step forward in strengthening our clean electricity grid and securing

eastern Ontario's energy future. This project will help power up to 250,000 homes in eastern Ontario during peak demand, support three highly-skilled jobs and reinforce our plan to build a more competitive, resilient and self-reliant province."

With Ontario's electricity demand forecasted to grow by up to 90 per cent by 2050, offsetting periods of high demand and extreme weather periods is crucial to maintaining grid reliability and delivering long-term value to ratepayers while maximizing all the province's energy infrastructure. The Napanee BESS includes 284 battery storage units, transformer stations, transmission connection facilities and ancillary components that will store electricity from Ontario's nuclear facilities during periods of low demand and return that stored power to the system when demand is higher. The project leveraged the province's made-in-Ontario supply chain through 72 medium voltage transformers, built at Stein Industries in London, Ontario that were purchased via Nbisiing Power, an Indigenous-owned business operating in Nipissing First Nation.

"It is fantastic to see this battery storage facility come to operation, on time and on budget," said Ric Bresee, MPP for Hastings-Lennox and Addington. "As the province grows its electricity production capacity, this region is a key part of that expansion. With a mix of traditional generation, alternative power generation, and battery storage, we are well situated for the power demands of the future. I want to thank the Minister of Energy and Mines, IESO, and OPG for this great investment in Hastings Lennox and Addington."

Development and construction of the Napanee BESS supported 120 jobs, including skilled trades, engineering, transportation, and equipment manufacturing roles. The completed facility has created new good-paying jobs and is supporting three existing positions, bringing long-term operations, maintenance and technical employment opportunities to the region.

This achievement follows the successful completion of the Darlington refurbishment, also on-time and under-budget, further cementing Ontario's global leadership in nuclear energy. At a time of U.S. tariffs and growing economic

uncertainty, these made-in-Canada energy projects are creating jobs, adding value to the economy, and supporting Canadian workers and supply chains. The Darlington refurbishment alone is expected to add \$90 billion in economic benefits and supports 14,200 good-paying jobs across the province. As Ontario expands, its nuclear and hydro expansion will play an important role in driving efficient storage technology. In a world of uncertainty, the government is doubling down on Canadian nuclear technology and workers, with 96 per cent of investment benefiting Ontario's supply chain. An industrial advantage that Canada is among only six nations that own civilian nuclear technology, and number one in the world for building, operating, and refurbishing projects on-time and on-budget.

Building the largest battery storage fleet in the country supports the government's plan to protect Ontario and is a key part of [Energy for Generations](#), the government's long-term approach to ensuring the province has the reliable, affordable power it needs to be energy secure and drive economic growth. The government's integrated approach and record-setting investments in energy infrastructure are also providing the certainty needed for Indigenous communities, municipalities, businesses and industry partners to invest confidently in Ontario's future.

Quick Facts

- Napanee BESS, a joint venture between Atura Power (a subsidiary of Ontario Power Generation, or OPG) and Ameresco Canada.
- Battery energy storage systems allow for the storage of baseload generation like nuclear and hydroelectric power, while also supporting the integration of intermittent energy resources.
- Through the E-LT1 RFP, [First Long-Term Request for Proposals \(LT1 RFP\)](#), and the Oneida Energy Storage Project, Ontario has secured almost 3,000 MW of battery storage capacity, the largest single battery storage procurement in Canadian history.
- The Ontario government has completed the energy stream of the first window of the [Second Long-Term Request for Proposals \(LT2 RFP\)](#), successfully

procuring more than 1,100 MW of new electricity supply under the largest competitive energy procurement in the province's history.

- The results of the [LT2 capacity stream](#) are anticipated in summer 2026.
- The government's series of competitive procurements are designed to attract a diverse mix of technologies through open, transparent processes that will secure the electricity Ontario needs to support the building of new homes, businesses and communities.

Quotes

"As more people continue to choose Ontario as the best place to live and work, we're building out our clean electricity infrastructure to keep life affordable for families and rates competitive for our foundational industry. The successful completion of the Napanee BESS project marks another step toward securing our energy grid during periods of peak demand, while supporting more good-paying jobs for the people of Ontario."

- Sam Oosterhoff

Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries

"From industrial expansion to new housing and commercial developments, Eastern Ontario is experiencing unprecedented investments that are creating jobs and new opportunities for families. The completion of the Napanee Battery Energy Storage System marks another milestone in our government's unwavering commitment to providing the energy that's necessary to power our region as we continue to grow."

- Steve Clark

MPP, Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes

"The Napanee Battery Energy Storage System is a major investment in our region's energy sector. By storing reliable, clean electricity and delivering it when demand is at its highest, this project will power thousands of homes, strengthen grid reliability and continue to support economic growth in eastern Ontario."

- John Jordan
MPP, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston

"With the Napanee BESS providing 250 megawatts of additional storage capacity our government is ensuring the Ontario grid will be well positioned to manage peaks and surges in eastern Ontario. I'm pleased to see strong investments supporting our Energy for Generations Plan, which will deliver affordable, resilient power as demand grows across this region."

- Tyler Allsopp
MPP, Bay of Quinte

"Today's announcement is yet another example of when forward thinking governments, commit to the future of our Province. Development, construction and operation of important projects such as the Napanee BESS, will assist in providing the much-needed power our communities will require to grow, and ensure a quality of life all Ontarians deserve. This is an exciting time for our Province and the community of Greater Napanee."

- Terry Richardson
Mayor, Town of Greater Napanee

"At Atura Power, we are investing in modern technologies that strengthen system reliability and enable the integration of more intermittent non emitting generation, while maintaining the dependable electricity supply Ontarians rely on every day. Delivering this project ahead of schedule and on budget reflects the skill and dedication of our project team, including our joint venture partner Ameresco Canada, and the many trades and engineering professionals who made it possible."

- Tom Patterson
President and CEO, Atura Power

"Through strong collaboration and a shared commitment to excellence, Atura Power and Ameresco worked closely with all project partners to successfully deliver this important energy infrastructure ahead of schedule. Reaching commercial operation early is a significant milestone and a clear reflection of the dedication, expertise, and teamwork across the entire project team. We're proud to support Ontario's energy future through coordinated efforts that prioritize reliability, innovation, and local impact."

- Bob McCullough
President, Ameresco Canada Inc.

"The completion of the Napanee Battery Energy Storage System is a positive step in strengthening Ontario's electricity system at a time of growing demand. Battery storage is an important tool that can help improve grid reliability, manage peak demand, and support the integration of clean energy resources, such as nuclear and hydro. The Power Workers' Union has consistently supported a balanced approach to energy planning — one that builds on Ontario's strong foundation of reliable, proven generation while integrating new technologies like storage."

- Andrew Clunis
President, Power Workers Union

"Energy storage is the Swiss Army knife of the electricity system. It can store energy for later, step in when demand spikes, and keep the grid stable and costs down. The Napanee Battery Energy Storage System coming in on budget and ahead of schedule shows what Ontario's clean energy sector can deliver to support the province's economic future."

- Vittoria Bellissimo
President and CEO, Canadian Renewable Energy Association (CanREA)

"Energy Storage Canada congratulates Atura Power on the successful commencement of commercial operations of the Napanee Battery Energy Storage System. The electrification of this asset marks a major milestone for Ontario and Canada's growing energy storage industry. This project highlights the role of energy storage as essential infrastructure in Canada's electricity system, supporting grid reliability, competitiveness, and economic growth. As electricity demand continues to rise, projects like Napanee will play a critical role in ensuring Ontario has the flexible, resilient, and affordable electricity system needed to power the province's future."

- Justin Rangooni
President and CEO, Energy Storage Canada

"Demand for electricity is rising, and we must continue to invest in our electricity system to support Ontario's growth. Atura's Napanee Battery Storage System will help power thousands of homes and businesses and demonstrates the success of competitive procurements in bringing new, cost-effective electricity resources online in Ontario."

- Lesley Gallinger
President and CEO, Independent Electricity System Operator

Additional Resources

[Energy for Generations](#)

[Ontario Celebrates Indigenous Leadership in Clean Energy Storage](#)

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**Township of McMurrich/Monteith
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith will hold a public meeting to discuss general amendments to the comprehensive Zoning By-law 16-2016, pursuant to Section 34(12) of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13. The purpose of this notice is to provide notification of a public meeting under the requirements of the Planning Act RSO 1990 c.P.13 and applicable regulations. The public meeting will be held on the following date, time and location:

Tuesday, June,16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Township of McMurrich/Monteith Council Chambers
31 William Street
Sprucedale, On, P0A 1Y0

AND TAKE NOTICE that the public meeting is an opportunity for Council to hear and consider comments related to the proposed amendments. Any member of the public may speak in favour, or opposition to, the proposed amendments during the public meeting.

THE PURPOSE and EFFECT of the proposed zoning by-law amendment is to amend Section 2 – “Definitions” and specifically the definitions of **Community Centre; Place of Assembly; Place of Worship; and Restaurant**. The proposed amendments to the definitions are intended to clarify and update the range of uses and activities that occur within these facilities.

No key map is attached as the proposed Zoning By-law amendment will apply to all lands within the Township of McMurrich/Monteith.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the meeting regarding the proposed amendments are encouraged to pre-register by emailing the Clerk clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com before 4:00 pm on June 11, 2026. Please provide your name, e-mail or mailing address and telephone number.

AND TAKE NOTICE that if you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of McMurrich/Monteith before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of McMurrich/Monteith before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for inspection at the Township office during normal office hours, by viewing the Public Notices section of the Township web site www.mcmurrichmonteith.com or by making a written or e-mail request to the Clerk.

DATED at the Township office this 15th day of May, 2026

Cheryl Marshall, Clerk
Township of McMurrich/Monteith
31 William Street, P. O. Box 70
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The Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith

By-law No. XX-2026

**Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 16-2016
"Housekeeping Amendment to Definitions"**

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith provided direction to amend the Township of McMurrich/Monteith Zoning By-law 16-2016;

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Section 34, the Council of a Municipality may enact by-laws regulating the use of lands and the erection of buildings and structures;

WHEREAS Council has approved the housekeeping amendment and deems it appropriate to pass this By-law;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith has determined that no further notice of meeting is required in accordance with Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith enacts as follows:

1. That Section 2.18 be amended to delete the definition of "**Community Centre**" and replace with the following new definition:

"2.18 Community Centre: Premises used for community activities, the control of which is vested in the Township or other Public Authority, and which may include accessory food services such as kitchens, concession facilities, and food service areas intended solely to serve users of the Community Centre and associated outdoor activity areas, but does not include a restaurant."

2. That Section 2.94 be amended to delete the definition of "**Place of Assembly**" and replace with the following new definition:

"2.94 Place of Assembly: Premises designed and used to accommodate gatherings of people, such as clubs, reception halls, funeral homes, conference centres, legion halls, community halls and lodges, and for events such as trade shows, banquets, and political or other conventions, and may include accessory food and beverage services, kitchen, bar, or serving facilities that are incidental and subordinate to the primary assembly use, but does not include a restaurant."

3. That Section 2.95 be amended to delete the definition of "**Place of Worship**" and replace with the following new definition:

"2.95 Place of Worship: A church, chapel, temple, parish hall, mosque or synagogue, including offices for the administration of the religious institution, convent, seminary, monastery, rectory, parsonage or parish house, and accessory food service facilities and activities incidental to the place of worship, including kitchens, dining halls, fellowship halls, cafeterias, soup kitchens, and similar facilities used primarily to serve religious, charitable, or community related functions, but does not include a restaurant."

4. That Section 2.109 be amended to delete the definition of “**Restaurant**” and replace with the following new definition:

“2.109 Restaurant: A commercial establishment where food and/or beverages are prepared, processed, and offered to the public for sale, primarily for on-site consumption, and may also include take-out, delivery, or online ordered services. A restaurant may provide seated service, counter service, or self-service and may include the ancillary sale of alcoholic beverages, subject to applicable licensing. The use may occur within a stand-alone building or as part of a mixed-use development and may incorporate indoor and/or outdoor dining areas.”

This By-law shall take effect from the date of its passage by Council and shall come into force in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O 1990, Ch P.13, as amended.

Read a first, second and third time, signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed this 16th day of June, 2026.

Mayor

Clerk



District of Parry Sound Municipal Association

c/o Township of McKellar, 701 Hwy 124 McKellar, ON P0G 1C0

President: Lynda Carleton **Secretary-Treasurer:** Karlee Britton

Spring 2026 Agenda – 172nd Meeting – Friday, May 29, 2026

Hosted by the Town of Kearney

Kearney Community Centre; 8 Main Street, Kearney, ON P0A 0B1

8:15-9:00

Registration / Coffee sponsored by **AL G. Brown & Associates**

9:00-9:30

Singing of O Canada
Acknowledgement of the Passing of Township of the Archipelago Councillor, Tom Lundy
Introduction of the Head Table
Welcome and Opening Remarks – **Cheryl Philip**, Town of Kearney
Town of Kearney Land Acknowledgement
Greetings from Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, **Graydon Smith**
Greetings from Parry Sound-Muskoka MP, **Scott Aitchison**
FONOM Update presented by **Lynda Carleton**
ROMA Update presented by ROMA Zone 9 Director, **Mark Wilson**

9:30-10:15

Road Assumption - Stay in Your Lane presented by *Jaden Hodgins, P. Eng. Roads Specialist from Intact Public Entities*

10:15-10:35

Care on the Move: What's New in Community Paramedicine presented by *Tom Smith, Community Paramedicine Superintendent*

10:35-10:50

Coffee break sponsored by **MuniSoft ... Municipal Software & More!**

10:50-11:10

Ready When It Matters: Emergency Management in Action presented by *Diane Ploss, Field Officer, Emergency Management Ontario*

11:10-11:30

Dollars & Decisions: Making Municipal Budgets Work presented by *the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing*

11:30-12:00

Destination District of Parry Sound! Growing Tourism in Our Backyard presented by *James Murphy, CEO, Explorers' Edge*

12:00-1:00

Lunch will be served by Colleen Comer and will feature a delicious variety of lasagna, fresh Caesar salad, warm garlic toast, and an assortment of desserts.

1:00-2:00

The Path Forward: DSSAB's Approach to Housing Loss Prevention and Encampments presented by *Tammy MacKenzie, CAO and Jeff Degagne, Director of Income Support and Stability, District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board*

2:00

Resolutions / Business Meeting

- Adoption of the Minutes of the Fall 2025 Meeting
- Treasurer's Report August 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025
- Minutes of the November 27, 2025 Executive Meeting

Draw for Mystery Door Prize: Must be present to claim!

Host and Date of Next Meeting: Friday, September 25, 2026, *hosted by the Township of Carling*

Adjournment



District of Parry Sound Municipal Association

c/o Township of McKellar

701 Hwy 124, McKellar, ON P0G 1C0

President: Lynda Carleton | Secretary-Treasurer: Karlee Britton

DPSMA 2026 Spring Meeting

The Spring Meeting of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association will be held on **Friday, May 29, 2026** hosted by the Town of Kearney. The location of the meeting is at the **Kearney Community Centre**, 8 Main St, Kearney, ON P0A 0B1.

Registration/coffee begins at 8:15 am with the Meeting starting at 9:00 am.

The cost is **\$50.00** per person and includes lunch and refreshment breaks. Please notify if a vegan, vegetarian or other dietary restriction option is needed.

The Township of Armour will be sending (Name of Municipality/Organization)
5 delegates @ \$50.00 each, for a total of \$ 250.

The following delegates will be attending:

Mayor Rod Ward

Councillor Jerry Brandt

Councillor Dorothy Haggart Davis

CAO Dave Gray

Office Administrator Charlotte Wagar

Please confirm attendance on or by Friday, May 15, 2026, so that catering arrangements can be finalized.

Registration can be made by:

Email: clerk@mckellar.ca | Fax: 705-389-1244 | Phone: 705-389-2842 x4
By mail: 701 Highway 124 P.O. Box 69 McKellar, ON P0G 1C0

Payment to follow registration.

Cheques - please send cheques in the mail or bring to the event; payable to 'District of Parry Sound Municipal Association'

EFT - *new* please email Karlee your organization's vendor form to arrange payment

Payment is expected for all delegates registered, regardless of whether they attend, as meal payment is based on the registration.

Ontario Cracking Down on Illegal Truck Yards

Proposed changes would allow municipalities to impose fines for misuse of lands

May 20, 2026

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

CALEDON — The Ontario government will soon propose amendments to the *Planning Act* that would help prevent illegal land uses, including for trucks and the operation of commercial trucking activities on land not zoned for industrial use. The amendments would enable municipalities to impose administrative monetary penalties for illegal land uses, including illegal truck yards that are frequently established on rural, agricultural or residential properties.

“Several municipalities have asked the government for more tools to address illegal land uses, including trucks illegally parked on agricultural, rural, and residential lands,” said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “That is why we are pleased to support this locally led solution, protecting our communities, including the surrounding farmland, and ensuring the health and safety of residents.”

Illegal land uses, such as truck depots, can impact rural, agricultural and residential lands that are not zoned to accommodate significant numbers of large vehicles. This can create safety hazards, damage local roads and generate noise, odour, lighting and drainage issues for nearby residents.

“Illegal truck yards have been a major concern for residents across Caledon, disrupting rural communities, damaging local roads and threatening the integrity of our agricultural land,” said Sylvia Jones, MPP (Member of Provincial Parliament) for Dufferin-Caledon. “These proposed changes would give municipalities the stronger enforcement tools they need to crack down on unlawful land uses, protect our communities and preserve the farmland that is so important to our region.”

While municipalities can currently prosecute offenders who contravene zoning by-laws, it can require significant staff time and take years to resolve through the courts. Allowing municipalities to issue administrative monetary penalties gives them an additional tool to immediately address inappropriate land uses.

"I would like to thank the Ford government for hearing us. This means a great deal to Caledon and other municipalities facing this issue," said Annette Groves, Mayor of Caledon. "We have advocated hard for more ability to enforce illegal land use. This now gives us more tools to keep our community safe."

Administrative monetary penalties can be issued directly by a municipal official, without having to go to court. They are intended to encourage compliance rather than provide a punishment and allow municipalities to deal with violations more efficiently than a formal prosecution.

Quick Facts

- The Ministry of Transportation is currently sourcing appropriate lands that can accommodate truck and trailer parking in high-priority areas such as Peel, York and Halton regions.
 - Administrative monetary penalties are a discretionary tool. Amounts are set by individual municipalities, subject to legal constraints, and are intended to promote compliance with local by-laws. They may include criteria for increasing penalties in cases of continued non-compliance.
 - Any non-payment of administrative monetary penalties could be added to the tax roll and recovered through property taxes.
 - In 2025, Halton Hills had over 50 illegal truck depots and more than 40 active investigations. The largest fine for a successful prosecution was \$115,000 – which did not cover the prosecution and enforcement costs.
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Quotes

"Illegal truck yards often create serious safety concerns for families and communities, while putting added pressure on local roads and infrastructure. These changes are part of our government's commitment to protecting Ontario by giving municipalities stronger enforcement tools to crack down on illegal activity and help keep communities safe."

**- Michael Kerzner
Solicitor General**

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May 19, 2026

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c/o Mrs. Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk
P.O. Box 533
Burk's Falls, ON P0A 1C0

Dear Mrs. Watt, Mr. Gray, Mayor Ward and Members of Council:

RE: Zoning By-law Amendment 30-2026, Lot Addition Consent B-049/25 (Armstrong)

I was unaware of Zoning By-law Amendment No. 30-2026 until I reviewed the Agenda package for the Public Meeting held on May 12, 2026 plus rezoning No. 30-2026 which was adopted by Council that same evening.

What drew my attention in the draft rezoning were the following errors in the By-law and the attached Schedule 'A' map:

- The By-law goes way beyond approved consent B-049/25 which was simply to provide for "one lot addition to the adjacent lands (Part Lots 22, 23 & 24, **Concession 4**)". This also indirectly involved lands in **Concession 5** which was part of the huge retained parcel in consents B-032, 033, 034 & 035/23 which recreated the Armstrong lots that were legally merged in error.
- The By-law incorrectly includes Parts of Lots 21, 22 and 23 in **Concession 3** which have nothing to do with approved consent B-049/25.
- The By-law goes beyond simply revising Zoning Map A-6. It also repeals By-law 5/2024 thereby totally removing the following vital clause: "The Rural Exception (Ru-107) Zone will limit the minimum frontages and minimum areas of the subject lots to as they existed on October 25, 2023 the approval date of their severances by the Planning Board. This will legally prohibit future development of these lands into smaller parcels, by any means of land division, thereby preventing backlot development around Three Mile Lake." These are also the implementation zoning provisions for Official Plan Amendment No. 5.
- Rural Exception No.107 (Ru-107) Zone should remain in effect for Parts of Lots 21, 22 and 23 in **Concession 3** which were approved by consents B-033, 034 & 035/23. Without Ru-107 these lands would be wide open for backlot development.

The base map Schedule 'A' in the By-law is inappropriate for zoning purposes. It fails to snap with the Armour comprehensive Zoning By-law which does not show contours or forestry

coverage as shown in the amendment. Certain cadastral information is missing such as crown lots and concession numbers. There is also no need for a separate location map.

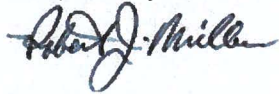
Recommendation

The markup revisions to the By-law and map Schedule 'A' were so extensive I decided to provide you with the attached new document and map schedule rather than describe it all in notes.

You should probably run this by Ed Veldboom. I strongly recommend that Council implement this revised by-law. I suspect all that's required is a re-issue of the Notice of Passage with a possible new by-law number.

Submission of these revisions is by no means meant to infer any slight to the staff of Planscape or Armour Township. You will never find a more peculiar property to work on than this one. The current owners are number four on this land in my files.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert J. Miller

ZONING BY-LAW NO. 30-2026

**A BY-LAW TO AMEND
ZONING BY-LAW NO. 27-95 AS AMENDED**

(Application of Mark and Susan Armstrong)

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

**56 Ontario Street
Burk's Falls, Ontario
P0A 1C0**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

To Zoning By-law No. 30-2026

Passed by the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour

Lands Affected:	This By-law applies to parts of Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24 in Concessions IV and V together known municipally as 723 Skyline Drive in the Township of Armour, as shown in detail on Schedule 'A' attached.
Present Zoning:	The comprehensive Armour Township Zoning By-law No. 27-95, as amended, places the majority of the property in the Rural Exception No. 107 (Ru-107) Zone with a portion zoned Flood Plain (FP) containing all of Russell Lake, and its outflow creek, located within the subject lands .
Proposed Zoning:	This Zoning By-law Amendment rezones the subject lands to Rural Exception No. 111 (Ru-111) in recognition of lot addition consent B-049/25. This Amendment conforms with the regulations of site-specific Official Plan Amendment No. 5 which establishes that the subject lands do not meet the Official Plan definition of backlot development.
Official Plan Designation:	The Armour Township Official Plan assigns a compound designation to the subject lands as Waterfront Community, Rural Community and Flood Plain Areas with Environmental Constraint - Stratum 2 Potential Winter Deer Habitat.
By-Law Purpose:	The purpose of this By-law is to rezone the subject lands to Rural Exception No. 111 (Ru-111) to recognize the revised minimum frontage and area resulting from lot addition consent B-049/25 approved by the Southeast Parry Sound Planning Board on January 28, 2026.

ZONING BY-LAW NO. 30-2026

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

Being a By-law under the provisions of Section 34 of the **Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990**, to amend Zoning By-law No. 27-95 as amended of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour, with respect to parts of Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24 in Concessions IV and V together known municipally as 723 Skyline Drive in the Township of Armour, District of Parry Sound.

WHEREAS THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR has reviewed Zoning By-law No. 27-95 as amended and deems it advisable to amend same:

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR ENACTS as follows:

1. **THAT** Section 19 Exceptions of Zoning By-law No. 27-95, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following exception clause:

"Ru-111 Schedule 'A-6'
Notwithstanding the provisions of Rural (Ru) Zone Section 6.3 "*Zone Requirements for Dwellings and Institutional Uses Permitted*" of the Armour Township Zoning By-law No. 27-95, as amended, the Minimum Lot Frontage and Minimum Lot Area of any existing lot within the subject lands shall remain as it existed on January 28, 2026 the date of approval of lot addition consent B-049 by the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board"; and
2. **THAT** Schedule 'A-6' of Zoning By-law No. 27-95, as amended, is hereby amended by changing the zoning classification of the subject lands forming parts of Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24 in Concessions IV and V, known municipally as 723 Skyline Drive, from the Rural (Ru) Zone to the Rural Exception No.111 (Ru-111) Zone in accordance with Schedule "A" attached hereto and by this reference forming part of this By-law; and
3. **THAT** this By-law shall come into force on the date it is passed by the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour subject to the provisions of the **Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990**.

Read a **FIRST TIME** this 12th day of May, 2026.

Read a **SECOND TIME** this 12th day of May, 2026.

Read a **THIRD TIME** and **FINALLY PASSED** this 12th day of May, 2026.

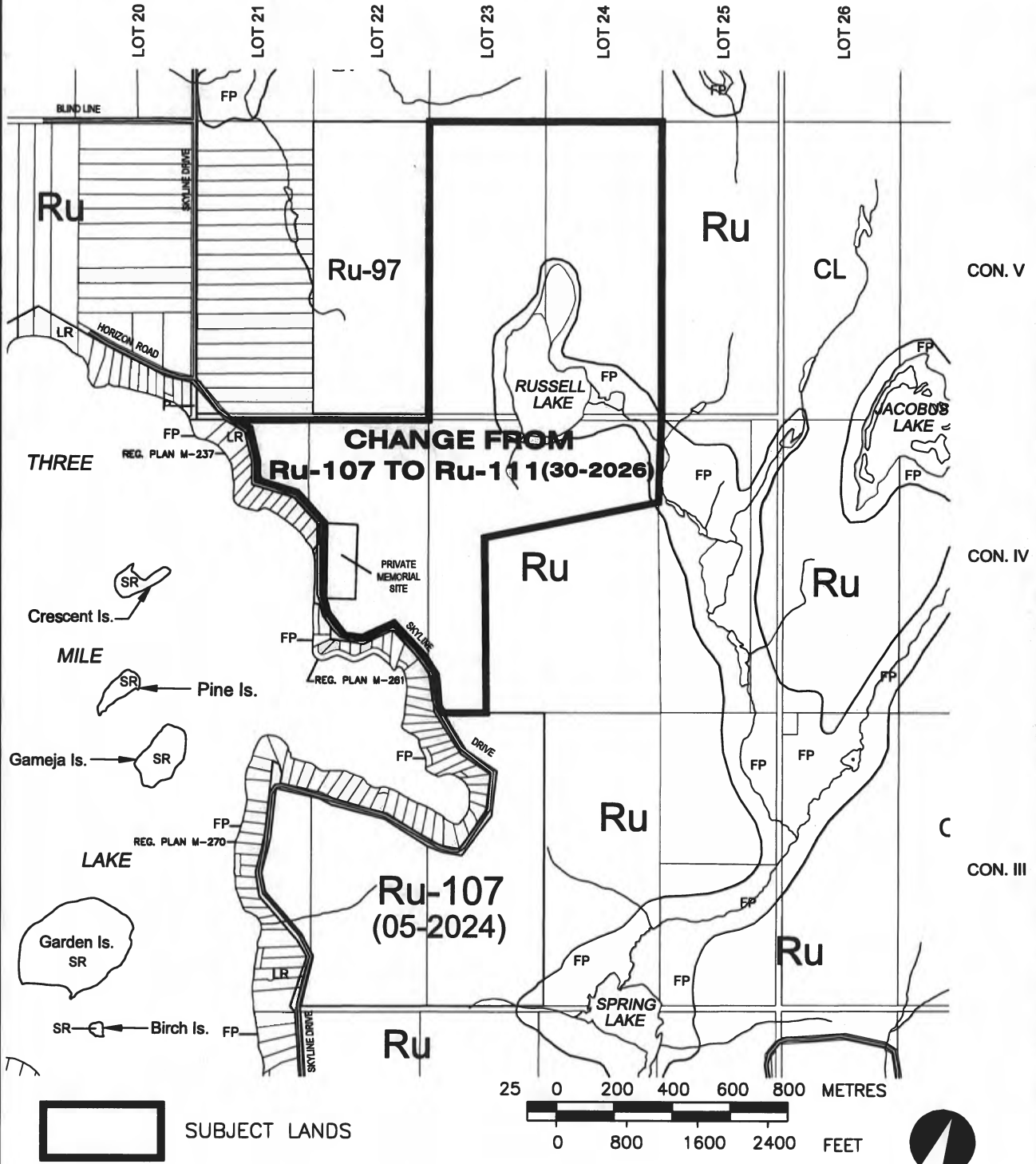
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

Mayor: _____

Clerk: _____

Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour

SCHEDULE "A" TO ZONING BY-LAW No. 30-2026



THIS IS SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW No 30-2026 MAYOR _____

PASSED THIS 12th DAY OF MAY 2026

CLERK _____

Charlene Watt (Deputy Clerk)

From: Robert J. Miller <plansifter@gmail.com>
Sent: May 21, 2026 10:49 AM
To: Dave Gray
Cc: Charlene Watt (Deputy Clerk); Leah
Subject: Re: FW: Zoning By-law Amendment 30-2026

Amendment 30-2026 redux-

I did not mean to imply in the opening sentence to my post below that Planscape should not be in receipt of my letter to Council. They above all should be aware of my opinions on By-law 30-2026.

Nothing in this post, or in any attachment created by me, was influenced or synthesized by Artificial Intelligence (AI) software.

Robert J. Miller, UE
Consulting Land Use Planner
905.468.0582 Cell/Text 289.213.4421

On Thu, 21 May 2026 at 10:42, Robert J. Miller <plansifter@gmail.com> wrote:

Dave:

My letter to Council was dated within the prescribed open Notice period for Zoning By-law Amendment 30-2026. I don't think it would be a wise idea to block my letter to Council or to share it with Planscape, authors of the By-law.

1. Condition 1 of approval by the District Planning Board of consent application B-045/25 applies only to "*the transfer of one lot addition approximately 2 ha. (4.94 ac) in size, to be added to the adjacent lands (Part Lots 22, 23 & 24, Concession 4), as applied for in the above-noted location and municipality and as indicated on the attached sketch.*" These are effectively prescribed as "the subject lands" for all that followed with Armour Council, staff and Planscape. Please note, the subject lands do not contain any properties within Concession 3.
2. Condition 7 (number may now be different) of the District Planning Board approval of consent B-045/25 states that "*Prior to the finalization of consent, the District Planning Board must be advised in writing by the Township of Armour that a Zoning By-law Amendment has been approved, similar in intent to By-law No. 5-2024 (Exception Rural RU-107), to recognize the lot addition as legally existing as of the date of consent approval and to bring the lands into conformity with the Official Plan Amendment.*" Again, none of these lands are located within Concession 3 of Armour.
3. Zoning By-law Amendment No. 30-2026 does not accord with the "subject lands" of consent approval for B-049/25 or for that matter with Council resolution No. 2026-3 which authorized it.
4. There are 56 waterfront lots on the west side of Skyline Drive directly opposite the Armstrong lands all located within Concession 3. You did not receive a single comment from them on By-law 30-2026, or from the Three Mile Lake Community Association, which suggests to me that they do not have a clue about what has been going on across the road. If they had received a targeted notice, I can guarantee that many of them would have hit the roof.
5. Removal of the 0.3m (1 ft.) protective reserve along the east side of Skyline Drive in Concession 3 received compensation by the passage of rezoning 5-2024 which should remain in full force on Concession 3, part lots 21, 22 and 23. That would maintain compliance with OPA5 and all approvals by the District Planning Board.

Bob

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On Wed, 20 May 2026 at 16:07, Charlene Watt (Deputy Clerk) <deputyclerk@armourtownship.ca> wrote:

Hi Bob,

I have received direction from Dave Gray.

He had advised me to not proceed with forwarding the report to Council. I have noted it on file, so if it needs to be revisited or reconsidered in the future, we have it on hand.

At this point, while Bob's commentary identifies a potential future issue on a complex issue, pushing this forward at this point would have significant undue effects both on Mr. Armstrong and the Township's relationship with our Municipal Planner.

1. *Mr. Armstrong has followed the process we require him to follow and paid the associated fees.*
2. *Planscape, as an accredited service provider, has completed the necessary work on this file and provided a qualified recommendation.*
3. *Council and the Planning Board have reviewed and considered the file and made decisions on the same.*
4. *It is my understanding that interactions between our Municipal Planner and Bob Miller already occurred over this file.*
5. *This opinion from Bob, valid as it may be, was not expressly solicited by the Township.*

In summary, I am not in support of bringing this back to Council at the expense of Mr. Armstrong. I trust that Planscape's recommendation represents good planning and that our current policy framework is sufficient to protect the Township from future liability.

While professional planning opinions may differ, the Township already retains qualified planning expertise through Planscape and does not require reassessment of their professional work after the completion of the formal approval process and Council's support. Should any future planning matters arise requiring consideration, they can be addressed through the Township's Planner.

Thank you,

Charlene Watt

Municipal Clerk, Dipl.M.M.

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Town of Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2025 - 090

Date: April 30, 2026

MOVED BY:

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

SECONDED BY:

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney wishes to thank Austin Toth for his delegation and presentation to Council;

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the retention of the Cancer Clinic / Oncology Clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital site;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staffs to allow the collection of signatures via a copy of the petition available to the public at the municipal office *and further that Council sends a letter of support to MPP Roy den Smith to the appropriate members*

CARRIED Philip

DEFEATED _____

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:

For

Opposed

Beaucage, Keven	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pateman, Heather	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Philip, Cheryl – Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sharer, Jill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

Ontario Land Tribunal
Tribunal ontarien de l'aménagement
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ISSUE DATE: May 11, 2026

CASE NO(S): OLT-26-000137

PROCEEDING COMMENCED UNDER section 22(7) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended

Applicant/Appellant:	PowerBank Corporation
Subject:	Application to amend the Official Plan – Refusal of application
Description:	To permit the development of a battery energy storage system
Reference Number:	OPA-2025-01
Property Address:	219 Peggs Mountain Road
Municipality:	Township of Armour
OLT Case No:	OLT-26-000137
OLT Lead Case No:	OLT-26-000137
OLT Case Name:	PowerBank Corporation v. Armour (Township)

PROCEEDING COMMENCED UNDER section 34(11) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended

Applicant/Appellant:	PowerBank Corporation
Subject:	Application to amend the Zoning By-law – Refusal of application
Description:	To permit the development of a battery energy storage system
Reference Number:	ZBA-2025-01
Property Address:	219 Peggs Mountain Road
Municipality:	Township of Armour
OLT Case No:	OLT-26-000138
OLT Lead Case No:	OLT-26-000137

Heard: April 29, 2026, by Video Hearing

APPEARANCES:**Parties****Counsel/Representative**

PowerBank Corporation

Piper Morley
Lee English (in *absentia*)

Township of Armour

Edward Veldboom

**MEMORANDUM OF ORAL DECISION DELIVERED BY A. MASON ON APRIL 29, 2026
AND ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL**

INTRODUCTION

[1] This first Case Management Conference (“CMC”) was held to prepare for a Merit Hearing of appeals by PowerBank Corporation under s. 22(7) and 34(11) of the *Planning Act*, R. S. O. 1990, c. PO.13, as amended, concerning the refusal by the Township of Armour of applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment for the property located at 219 Peggs Mountain Road (“Property”). The Applications facilitate the development of the Property for a battery energy storage facility.

NOTICE

[2] An Affidavit of Service sworn on March 30, 2026, attesting to giving Notice for this proceeding, was marked as **Exhibit 1**.

PARTICIPANTS

[3] The Tribunal received a request for Participant status from the incorporated group No Lithium Way Citizens United Inc., represented by Mark Vernon as counsel. The Tribunal granted the group Participant status without opposition from the statutory Parties.

[4] The Tribunal directed Mr. Vernon to submit the group’s written comments setting out their position with respect to the Applications no later than 45 days before the Merit Hearing,

being **Monday, May 25, 2026**, in accordance with Rule 7.7 of the Tribunal's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* ("Rules").

[5] The Tribunal received a request for Participant status from David Creasor, represented by Peter Hungerford, a land use planner. Mr. Creasor is the owner of the Property and the request for status sets out a monitoring brief. The Tribunal granted Participant status to Mr. Creasor without opposition from the statutory Parities.

[6] The Tribunal directed Mr. Hungerford to file written confirmation of authorization to act for Mr. Creasor by **Monday, May 4, 2026**, as required under Rule 4.1 of the Rules for representatives of Participants who are not legal counsel. Such authorization was received before this Decision was released.

STATUS OF MATTER

[7] The Parties advised the Tribunal that they are in active and productive discussions to narrow or resolve the issues between them such that a full contested Merit Hearing would not be necessary. The Parties jointly requested the Tribunal set down a one-day Merit Hearing, at which the Township anticipates it will not be taking a position. The Appellant anticipates bringing two witnesses (a land use planner and an engineer) to the Merit Hearing to provide evidence in support of the Appeals.

[8] The Parties jointly requested that a Procedural Order was not required considering the length of Merit Hearing and the anticipated resolution or narrowing of issues. The Tribunal agreed with this request but directed that all material intended to be relied at the Merit Hearing is to be submitted no later than ten days in advance, being **Monday, June 29, 2026**.

[9] The Parties do not anticipate the need for a second CMC and raised no further matters for the fair and expeditious resolution of these Appeals.

HEARING DATES

[10] The Tribunal scheduled a one-day Merit Hearing on **Thursday, July 9, 2026**, commencing at **10 a.m.** The Hearing is as set out below.

[11] Parties and/or Participants and/or Observers are asked to log in to the event at least **15 minutes** before it begins to test their video and audio connections:

GoTo Meeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/656004293>

Access code: 656-004-293

[12] Parties and/or Participants are asked to access and set up the application well in advance of the event to avoid unnecessary delay. The desktop application can be downloaded at [GoTo Meeting](#) or a web application is available:

<https://app.gotomeeting.com/home.html>

[13] Persons who experience technical difficulties accessing the GoTo Meeting application or who only wish to listen to the event can connect to it by calling in to an audio-only telephone line: **+1 (647) 497-9373 or (Toll-Free) 1-888-299-1889**. The access code is: **656-004-293**.

[14] Individuals are directed to connect to the event on the assigned date at the correct time. It is the responsibility of the persons participating in the event to ensure that they are properly connected at the correct time. Questions prior to the event may be directed to the Tribunal's Case Coordinator.

[15] As of March 30, 2026, all hearing events are governed by the Tribunal's [Artificial Intelligence Practice Direction](#). This Practice Direction requires a party, participant, or witness to include a declaration within each submitted document if generative AI was used to create or generate content.

ORDER**[16] THE TRIBUNAL ORDERS THAT:**

1. No Lithium Way Citizens United Inc., represented by Mark Vernon, is granted Participant Status and shall file written Participant comments no later than **Monday, May 25, 2026.**
2. David Creasor, represented by Peter Hungerford, is granted Participant status.
3. A one-day Merit Hearing will take place on **Thursday, July 9, 2026**, starting at **10 a.m.** by video conference.
4. All material to be relied on at the Merit Hearing will be filed with the Tribunal no later than ten days in advance, being **Monday, June 29, 2026.**
5. No further Notice will be given.
6. This Member is not seized but may be spoken to for case management purposes.

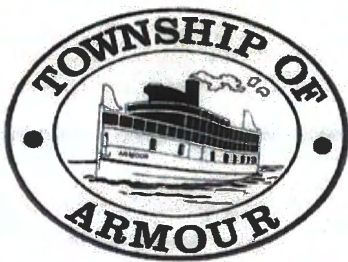
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STAFF REPORT

Date: May 26, 2026
To: Council
From: Dave Gray, CAO
Subject: Significant Weather Event Response Update – 2026 Spring Flooding

Recommendation

THAT the May 12, 2026 Staff Report from the CAO regarding the Significant Weather Event Response Update be received for information purposes.

History:

On Tuesday, April 14, 2026, Staff issued a Significant Weather Event declaration in response to flooding concerns resulting from rapid snowmelt, significant rainfall, and forecasted runoff conditions occurring between April 13 and April 17, 2026. Early impacts from the flooding included significant damage to the Township’s road network in multiple areas. These impacts resulted in a mix of full and partial road closures, and the temporary stranding of some residents on the east side of Pickerel Lake Road.

Conditions worsened significantly over the following two days, leading to the activation of the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) on Thursday, April 16th, 2026. Extended impacts included significant reports of seasonal and residential property damage, as well as additional impacts to Township roads and properties. Further, reports from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry indicated flooding was expected to continue which posed threats to some residents’ abilities to remain in their homes. The MECG remained active until April 29th. Throughout the operational window, the MECG met 5 times and organized a public meeting held at the Katrine Community Centre on Saturday, April 18th, 2026. A Draft After-Action Report has been attached to this report for information purposes.

The intent of this staff report is to inform Council and the public of the status of the after-action response efforts.

After-Action Response Effort Updates

1) Communications with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)

- a. The MMAH Provincial Disaster Assessment Team (PDAT) is working with staff from Burk's Falls, Armour, and Ryerson to coordinate community visits to assess local impacts.
 - i. The CAO is reaching out to residents and business operators in affected areas to participate in PDAT visits.
 - ii. The results of the PDAT's experience will inform provincial response considerations.
- b. Staff have met with MMAH contacts to provide an overview of flood-related expenses to-date (see financial considerations) and will continue to evaluate the need for assistance from the Municipal Disaster Relief Assistance (MDRA) program.

2) Suggestions from the April 18th Public Meeting

In addition to the Township's response measures to date, staff are working to investigate suggestions brought forward by residents at the meeting, including:

- a. Temporarily waiving demolition permit fees for residents in flood zones.
- b. Expediting the permitting/inspection process for demo/rebuild projects in flood zones.
- c. Waiving landfill tipping fees for flood-related materials (currently active and being monitored).

3) Significant Weather Event Declaration

- a. The Significant Weather Event Declaration remains active as repairs to local roads and properties are ongoing. These include:
 - i. Completion of road restorations
 - ii. Rehabilitation / replacement of materials and features at Doe Lake Park.
 - iii. Removal of flood debris from the Doe Lake Road Bridge. This work has been scheduled for Monday, May 25th.

Financial Considerations

With response efforts ongoing, a complete total of flood related expenses is not currently available. Known expenses are summarized below:

Expense	Cost	Category
Culverts	\$1,731.57	From inventory
Gravel (Appr. 3,338 T)	\$61,586.10	Inventory and expected costs
Overtime	\$4,208.18	Expense
Disposal bins	\$5,596.64	Expense
Trucking services	\$5,755.00	Expense
Sandbags	\$576.00	Expense
Total value	\$79,472.49	Includes inventory
Total paid to date	\$16,156.82	

In addition to the expenses noted above, various other potential expenses have been identified and are being investigated. These include:

Expense*	Cost	Category
CSA-approved mulch for playground	\$6,000	Estimate
Picnic tables / benches	\$2,000	Estimate

* Final road restoration estimates are not yet available.

The threshold for considering an MDRA claim is \$99,013.35, which represents 3% of own-purpose taxation.

Others Consulted:

Alison McGregor, Treasurer

Attachments:

Draft 2026 Flood After-Action Report.



AFTER ACTION REPORT

2026 SPRING FLOOD

April 16-29th, 2026

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this After-Action Report is to provide a final report to members of Council and the Emergency Management Program Committee on the events of the 2026 Spring flood and to provide recommendations to improve efficiencies in the Emergency Plan, operations of the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) and the supporting agencies. This report will also provide recommendations for prevention, mitigation, and preparedness for future flooding events.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Township administration began issuing media alerts and updates from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in March of 2026 to advise residents of the rising water levels. A Significant Weather Event was declared on April 14th advising residents of the initial impacts of rising water levels in local waterways resulting from excessive rain and the Spring freshet. Initial impacts included impacts to various Township Roads including full and partial closures in various areas. The Township Office received a significant volume of calls and emails from concerned residents.

The Municipal Emergency Control Group (MEGC) was activated on April 16, 2026 with representatives from emergency services, roads, municipal law enforcement, and administration meeting to discuss initial impacts and response measures taken to date. The *Checklist in Consideration of a Declaration of Emergency*, was reviewed by the control group. Based on updates from department heads and emergency services, the Mayor declined to declare a state of emergency as the situation was deemed controllable with existing municipal resources and personnel. Direction was given to establish a public meeting on April 18, 2026 in order to provide updates and information to residents, evaluate their needs and assess their ability to sustain living in-home. Additional support measures were discussed including the placement of flood-damaged materials, the allocation of sandbags, and developing quick-reference communications materials for front-line staff to ensure consistent and timely responses. MECG members agreed that wellness checks were appropriate for some affected areas.

The MECG met on April 17, 2026 and received updates from department heads and emergency services. A debrief on completed wellness checks concluded that some residents had self-evacuated and that some mobility constraint concerns were present. Communication materials were developed and deployed. Updates were provided regarding the status of road closures and response measures. A gap in available signage was identified by the Roads department. The Town of Kearney arranged for additional road closure signage to be delivered to support response efforts. Updates were provided regarding sand bag usage and it was reported that additional supplies were ordered. An update provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources was considered, noting that flood levels were anticipated to peak on April 20th. The Municipality of Magnetawan was engaged to provide aerial surveillance of various areas using a drone. It was determined that there was no need to declare and that the response was being managed with local resources.

The MECG Met on April 18, 2026 prior to the public meeting. Various information resources were printed and made available to residents at the meeting. The MECG received updates from department heads and emergency services. Condition and water level reports were reviewed. Key updates included that no residents reported significant distress and that no requests for assistance have been received by emergency services. Evacuation routes remained available to affected residents; however, parked vehicles were reported to be blocking some of the accessible portions of closed roads. Sand piles on Brown's Drive were replenished. Reports regarding the potential compromise of the Bell Canada communications infrastructure due to sand bag theft was discussed. A review of information resources was conducted and

additional support information was printed to be made available to residents. It was determined that there was no need to declare and that the response was being managed with local resources.

The public meeting was well attended by affected residents. Information was provided to update on the status of telephone service and hydro, with plans in place to assist those sheltering in place in the event of an emergency or request for assistance. Comments and questions were received by MECG and items for further discussion were documented.

The MECG met on April 20. The MECG recapped the public meeting and assessed current conditions. Some consideration was given regarding public feedback related to requested relief measures (waiving various permit fees, expediting timelines, etc.) Information and factsheets from the public meeting were uploaded to the Township website with printed copies available at the counter. Communications regarding keeping road closures free of parked vehicles were discussed. The MECG discussed concerns related to wakes caused by vehicles and boats in flooded areas as well as issues with sand bags being removed from Bell communications infrastructure. The group discussed requesting additional presence/enforcement from the OPP. Roads staff reported that water was observed to be receding in some areas. Sandbag stock and usage was discussed. Waste bin usage was discussed as well as some considerations related to landfill accommodations once waste bins are removed. Ongoing tracking of flood related expenses and impacts for municipal and private property was discussed with respect to the potential for provincial relief programs. Preliminary discussions regarding future planning were discussed such as resident emergency preparedness training. The Municipality of Magnetawan was engaged to provide more aerial imagery of Kent Road. The MECG agreed that daily meetings would be scaled down with daily communications through group messaging to continue and meetings called if needed.

Between April 20th and April 29th, the MECG continued to communicate through group messaging. Reports were received regarding flood debris collecting under the Doe Lake Road Bridge. Local residents reported youth jumping from the bridge on to debris. Municipal law enforcement responded to the scene to assess and mark the area. Reports were received and considered related to potential fuel spilling. Road reopening and ongoing response reports were communicated. Water level reports were provided by the Roads Department. Usage of waste bins was discussed. Various picnic tables and benches were reported missing from the Doe Lake Park.

The MECG met on April 29th. The Roads department reported that all roads had been opened and that conditions were improving. Water levels remained too high to remove debris from bridges. Drone footage was provided to Staff by the Fire Chief. Concerns related to the waste collection bins on Kent Rd. were discussed. The MECG agreed to deploy a supervised bin during a predetermined period. Provincial relief programs were discussed along with ongoing communications with MMAH representatives. It was reported that all Township Roads had been opened, no residents were currently in distress and that water levels had substantially receded. The MECG determined it appropriate to deactivate the group while keeping group messaging active for important updates. Preliminary after-action planning and debriefing was discussed.

THE FIVE PILLARS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Township of Armour's Emergency Management Program consists of organized programs and activities to deal with actual or potential emergencies or disasters. It is based on a risk management approach and includes the following five pillars:

Prevention: Actions taken to prevent the emergency itself and can greatly diminish the response and recovery activities required for certain emergencies.

Mitigation: Actions taken to reduce or eliminate the effects of an emergency. Similar to prevention, mitigation measures are broadly classified as either structural or non-structural and include capital improvements, regulations, building codes and public education programs.

Preparedness: Measures taken prior to the emergency or disaster to ensure an effective response, including plans, training, exercises, public education, alerting and notification systems, procedures, organization, infrastructure protection and standards.

Response: Measures taken to respond to an emergency. The aim of these measures is to ensure that a controlled, coordinated and effective response is quickly undertaken at the outset of the emergency to minimize its impact on public safety. As response activities begin to taper off, the operational focus begins to shift from response to recovery.

Recovery: Measures taken to recover from an emergency or disaster. The aim of these measures is to assist individuals, businesses and communities to return to a state of normalcy. Recovery measures include environmental clean-up, return of evacuees, emergency financial assistance and critical incident stress counseling.

FINDINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

1. Similar to the 2019 Flood, several residents communicated frustration regarding the communication of the flood risk leading up to the flood event. It was communicated that the Municipality was expected to communicate more effectively with residents.
 - Social media posts and updates on the Township's website and social media related to MNR updates began at the Flood Watch stage and proceeded through the Flood Warning with communications increasing significantly the week of April 13th to the 14th. Additional 'be flood ready' social media and website notifications/messaging could be considered for late March.
 - The MECG discussed the creation of flood preparedness information that could be made available at public events and leading up to the annual Spring runoff. Information could include preparedness best practices, resources for water monitoring, supplies lists, etc.
2. The public communicated frustration with a perceived lack of communication and coordination with the MNR regarding the release of flood waters from dams along the water system.
 - The Alternate CEMC participated in an information session hosted by the MNR on April 16th and provide updates regarding affected areas in Armour Township. It was communicated by the MNR that all dams were 'wide open' and that dams are not designed as flood control devices. It was requested that the MNR take a more active role in preparing and disseminating social media communications that can be shared by municipalities, who are often the first point of contact.
 - The Mayor reported to the public that communications from the MNR had been received weekly since March and shared to the Township's social media.
3. Residents inquired about the availability and use of emergency messaging systems. The CEMC advised that CODE RED is available; however, data security and low registration combined with a planned transition to the First Due platform created complications with response efforts. Residents were advised to wait until First Due is launched to register.
 - Communications and registration campaign efforts are to be planned once First Due is brought online. Efforts should include, but not be limited to, in-person (events, functions), social media, news media, and partner websites.
4. Sand bag inventory and control efforts improved over the 2019 flood response; however, several challenges were noted. Moving bag inventory and sand to the Katrina Community Centre was an improvement.
 - Local utilities providers relied exclusively on Township resources (bags, sand) to protect their infrastructure. This should be addressed with the provider to assess responsibilities for future events.
 - Communications are required to ensure that residents are aware that Township supplies are provided as a courtesy and are not intended to be the sole solution for residents protecting their property. Communications should also reinforce limited quantities and the requirement that residents are to bring their own equipment and fill their own bags.
 - Residents inquired as to whether a filling hopper could be installed to support the filling of sand bags. Concerns were raised with this suggestion as operating this device has safety risks and would require trained/dedicated staff.

5. Residents resorted to taking filled sand bags from the protective berm surrounding essential telecommunications infrastructure.
 - Communications with service providers should include considerations for monitoring.
 - Communications with residents should include an overview of the potential risks/impacts/liabilities of compromising essential infrastructure.
6. There is a lack of clarity on how to deal with flood debris under bridges. During this flooding incident, debris has created concerns related to potential property damage as well as direct safety risks with individuals descending on to stuck debris from the bridge.
 - Township staff are not trained nor adequately equipped to remove debris from moving water.
 - The MNR does not have programs or resources to assist with the removal. Furthermore, based on the scope of work for removal, approvals may be required.
7. MECG members noted that Council and staff should consider future planning implications for development in newly identified flood-prone lands.

FROM THE April 18th, 2026 PUBLIC MEETING

8. Residents inquired as to the availability of municipal supports to assist residents with cleanup, demolition of compromised structures, and rebuilding. Specifically:
 - Consideration for temporarily waiving demolition permit fees for residents in flood zones.
 - Expediting the permitting/inspection process for work being done to properties/structures in flood affected areas.
 - Waiving landfill tipping fees for flood related materials.
9. To support communications related to the severity of the flood, residents provided links to various websites and applications for water monitoring services that can be used to assess potentially dangerous water level increases.
 - Promoting available and functioning services within flood preparedness education efforts would be beneficial.

CONCLUSIONS

Anticipation, planning and preparation are key to the safety of people, the protection of property and infrastructure and to the ensuing recovery of communities. The response to the 2026 Spring Flooding Special Weather Event reflected effective emergency preparedness training as well as the implementation of lessons learned from the 2019 Flood Event. The efficient use of multi-departmental efforts, the implementation of strong internal and external communication tactics maximized the effectiveness of the response.

Like all emergency response situations, there are lessons to be learned from the experience will help the Township of Armour prepare for future flooding events and other disasters. These lessons will be applied to the Township of Armour's Emergency Management Plan including:

- Promotion and resident registration within the new First Due emergency notification system;
- Modifications to the municipal resource plan including adequate signage;
- Additional public education on flood preparedness;
- Enhanced communication with essential infrastructure providers to optimize security and protection efforts.

The next step for the Township of Armour would be to follow through on the issues and opportunities identified in this After Action Report.

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APPENDIX "A"

INCIDENT NAME: 2026 Flooding – Magnetawan Watershed – Hamlet of Katrine & Pickerel Lake

OPERATIONAL PERIOD: April 16, 2026 – April 29, 2026

Resources assigned (if any): Sandbags, sand, township staff and equipment, aluminum boat and safety gear (volunteered), mutual assistance agreement, remote controlled drones, waste disposal bins.

INCIDENT SUMMARY

ACTIVATION of the Emergency Response Plan occurred at 10:00 hours on April 16, 2026. Members of the MECG had been monitoring road closures, and rising water, with the Roads Department actively responding to washouts and closing roads as the spring freshet overwhelmed culverts, river banks and the start of the high water zone.

The Roads Department had been actively responding since April 14, 2026 and staff were rotating through an operating cycle to ensure compliance with regulations. A special weather declaration was issued on April 14th to inform residents of the impacts of the rapidly rising water.

MNRF reported Doe Lake at 2.04 metres above summer level, with a rate of rise 10 centimetres per 24-hour cycle. The recent rain event dropped 120mm of rain from April 18 – 20, 2026 river flows continued to rise, with lake level expected to peak on/around April 20.

Mayor directs CEMC to organize a public meeting for April 18th, 2026 to address the issues that are occurring, to provide information/resources, and to assess the needs of the residents already impacted.

PUBLIC MEETING

The MECG hosted the public session, gathered information, assessed needs, and advised residents of the various resources that the Township had in place to support residents.

Residents were advised of the potential for Bell service interruption and the contingency plan for calling 911 in case of an emergency. Residents were asked to identify whether they had access to a cellular device and provide contact information during sign in. No major communications related concerns/threats were noted.

An informal debriefing was held after the meeting to provide direction and follow up. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing was contacted and advised of the designated disaster area.

CONTROL GROUP MEETINGS

(Summaries available in main report)

- **Thursday, April 16, 2026 (10:00AM)**
- **Friday, April 17, 2026 (9:00AM)**
- **Saturday, April 18, 2026 (11:00AM)**
- **Monday, April 20, 2026 (11:00AM)**
- **Wednesday, April 29, 2026 (2:00PM)**

CONTROL GROUP METHODOLOGY

The Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) was assembled to activate the Emergency Response Plan based on the following factors.

- Flood Warning designation issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources citing rising water levels from excessive rainfall and melting snow.
- Significant flood-related effects on local road infrastructure;
- Reports from residents citing concerns with rising water levels and imminent property damage.

The April 16, 2026 MECG meeting determined that the majority of flood related impacts were being experienced in the Hamlet of Katrine, along the Magnetawan Riv  Waterway, and at the North end of Pickerel Lake. Reports from local staff from the Roads, Municipal Law Enforcement, and Fire departments illustrated that local impacts were being managed with existing resources; however, further assessment and monitoring of highly affected areas was required to ensure the safety of individuals and property. These areas included:

- Horse Shoe Lane (Katrine)
- Ferguson Road (Katrine)
- Doe Lake Road (Katrine)
- Colborne Road (Ely, North Pickerel Lake)
- Lakeview Cres. (Ely, North Pickerel Lake)
- Kent Road (Ely, North Pickerel Lake)

The MECG determined that a mix of regular meetings and constant contact (mobile SMS/Text) were appropriate to ensure continuous monitoring of the developing situation. Roads, Municipal Law Enforcement, and Fire departments established a patrol routine to monitor/respond to evolving effects and provide information to municipal administration for public messaging. The Recreation Department was engaged in Katrine to support the distribution of sand bag supplies and monitor flood-related waste collection. The MECG reviewed the *Checklist in Consideration of a Declaration of Emergency* at the outset of activation and maintained throughout the active period that municipal resources were sufficient to respond to the emergency situation. Throughout the response efforts, it was determined that a Declaration of Emergency was not necessary.

As water levels crested between April 20 and 22, the MECG determined that the need for response had stabilized and that routine updates could be collected through SMS and that regular meetings could be scaled back to an if-needed basis.

The MECG Deactivated the ERP on April 29, based on the stabilization of water levels and local service levels.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN – 2026 FLOODING

ITEM/ISSUE	WHO WILL COMPLETE?	RESOURCES	COMMENTS / STATUS	ESTIMATED COMPLETION
Prepared messaging "Be Flood Ready" to start prior to spring freshet. Outreach/public awareness meeting earlier in spring, prior to the flood.	CEMC/EIO	Social Media Public Meeting Staff Training	Files to be organized Prepared messages stored in accessible location (First Due)	07/07/2026
Microsoft Group to be established for communication during an event. SharePoint for file storage.	CEMC	Microsoft 365 Teams SharePoint	Text messaging for boots on the ground. Messages transferred to Teams for archiving.	06/06/2026
Telecommunications - upon completion of the new Fire Hall, needs assessment to be completed with Spectrum.	CEMC/Fire Chief Spectrum Public Works	Fire Chief Spectrum Current Radio Systems	Review cost for budgeting	01/01/2027
Develop interaction with support agencies to ensure security of infrastructure and affected areas.	CEMC/CAO MNRF BELL CANADA	Determine contacts and meet for discussion	MNRF and OPP limited interaction with MECG Bell using our sandbags to maintain their infrastructure.	01/10/2026
Community Notification Portal – once transitioned to First Due strong public awareness to register for notifications	CEMC Fire Chief EIO	Discuss implementation date with Fire	System must be up and running, staff training on Community Portal	TBD
Bell Canada's antiquated system was raised 18" in 2019. Flood waters peaked prior to comprise. Our resources were used to protect their infrastructure.	CEMC CAO	2-way radios – two 2-way radios – fire Satellite phone – OPP	Could a survey be used to determine how many land lines are still in use. Is this infrastructure still important with the wide spread use of cell phones and the improved coverage.	TBD

Review liabilities of providing sandbags and materials to residents with legal. Prepare messaging once determined along with reinforcing the limited resources and the requirement to bring own tools.	CAO CEMC EIO	Legal Province	Municipal partners were advised by their lawyer, providing bags and sand is a potential liability.	TBD
Review sand bag filling stations for cost and safe use.	CEMC	Other municipalities, industry	Investigate	01/12/2026

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Posted Date: May 15, 2026

Last Updated: May 15, 2026

Regulation Number:

O. Reg. 353/02 (Approval Authority - Plans of Subdivision)

O. Reg. 354/02 (Consent Granting Authority Delegation)

Instrument Type:

Regulation - Minister

Act/Bill: Planning Act

Proposal Number: 26-MMAH036

[Summary of the proposal](#)

[Relevant dates](#)

[Analysis of the regulatory impact](#)

[Supporting documents](#)

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Comment on this proposal

42 DAY(S) LEFT TO COMMENT

Empowering the Town of Kearney to make decisions on certain matters under the Planning Act

Summary of the proposal

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) is proposing to amend regulations under the Planning Act to empower the Town of Kearney in relation to two areas of land-use planning authority:

1) Approval Authority - Plans of Subdivision

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing to amend Ontario Regulation 353/02 (Approval Authority - Plans of Subdivision) under the Planning Act to make the Town of Kearney the approval authority under sections 51 and 51.1 of the Act. This would have the effect of giving the council of the Town of Kearney the power to approve subdivision and condominium applications within the municipality.

It is proposed that the regulation would provide approval authority for plans of subdivision/ condominium for the Town of Kearney made on or after August 1, 2026.

2) Consent Granting Authority

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing to amend Ontario Regulation 354/02 (Consent Granting Authority) under the Planning Act to delegate approval authority to the Town of Kearney under section 53 of the Act. This amendment would authorize the council of the Town of Kearney to give consents within the municipality. Pursuant to subsection 57 (1) of the Act, the authorization would also permit council to issue validation certificates.

It is proposed that the regulation would delegate approval authority for the above-mentioned types of applications for the Town of Kearney on or after August 1, 2026.

Relevant dates

Posted Date: **May 15, 2026**

Comment Due Date: **Jun 29, 2026**



Last Updated: **May 15, 2026**


Analysis of the regulatory impact

The result of the proposed amending orders will be the empowerment of the Town of Kearney council to make decisions on land division within the municipality.

There are administrative costs to process subdivision and consent applications, and to support decision-making by the approval authority. Presently such costs are borne by the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board and are recovered through application fees established in accordance with section 69 of the Planning Act. If the proposed amending orders are made, applications concerning lands in the Town of Kearney would no longer be made to the Planning Board but instead be made to the Town of Kearney. As such, there is no anticipated net change in administrative costs for regulated entities.

Supporting documents

Type	File name	Action
	O. Reg. 353/02 (Approval Authority - Plans of Subdivision)	View Url
	Planning Act	View Url

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	O. Reg. 354/02 (Consent Granting Authority Delegation)	View Url

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From the same ministry

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Invitation to Municipalities to register potential interest in implementing a Water and Wastewater

Proposed Regulatory Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Update Strong Mayor Designation,

Proposed Changes to Various Regulations Under the Planning Act and the City of Toronto



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REPORT TO COUNCIL

FROM: Councillor Rod Blakelock
DATE: May 26, 2026
RE: Highway 11 and 17 Rest Stops and Traveller Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council support the attached resolution asking the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to improve and expand rest stops and traveller services along Highways 11 and 17 in Northern Ontario.

BACKGROUND

Highways 11 and 17 are important transportation routes for Northern Ontario. Residents, truck drivers, tourists, and emergency services use these highways every day.

Many parts of these highways have very few rest stops, washrooms, truck parking areas, or safe places to stop. This is especially a problem during winter and in remote areas where services can be far apart.

Improved rest stops would help reduce driver fatigue, improve road safety, support tourism, and make travel safer and more comfortable for everyone.

This resolution supports ongoing efforts by FONOM and other Northern Ontario groups calling for better highway infrastructure and traveller services.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no municipal financial costs related to this resolution.



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RE: Northern Ontario Highway Rest Stops and Traveller Infrastructure on Highways 11 and 17

WHEREAS Highways 11 and 17 are critical transportation corridors connecting Northern Ontario communities and supporting national trade, tourism, emergency response, and economic development; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario residents, travellers, commercial drivers, and emergency services rely on safe and accessible year-round highway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS many stretches of Highways 11 and 17 lack sufficient rest areas, washroom facilities, truck parking, warming centres, fuel access, and safe pull-off locations, particularly in remote areas of Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS inadequate rest stop infrastructure contributes to driver fatigue, safety concerns, limited accessibility, and challenges for tourism and commercial transportation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour calls upon the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to prioritize the development of new and upgraded highway rest stops and traveller infrastructure along Highways 11 and 17 across Northern Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such infrastructure include year-round washrooms, safe parking areas, commercial truck parking, warming shelters, electric vehicle charging stations, fuel access, tourism information, and improved emergency communication services where feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario work collaboratively with Northern municipalities, FONOM, NOMA, Indigenous communities, and industry stakeholders to identify priority locations for investment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to FONOM, NOMA, AMO, local MPPs and MPs, the Premier of Ontario, and Ontario municipalities.

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

Urgent Action on Highway Safety – Highways 11 and 17

WHEREAS Highways 11 and 17 form the backbone of the Trans-Canada Highway through Northern Ontario and are essential corridors for the movement of people, goods, and emergency services across Canada; and

WHEREAS these highways support Northern Ontario's resource economy, connect communities to essential services including health care, and carry critical national supply chains; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario continues to experience a troubling number of serious collisions and highway closures each year; and

WHEREAS in April 2023, the Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force, co-chaired by representatives of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), delivered a comprehensive set of recommendations to the Province of Ontario aimed at improving safety, reliability, and economic connectivity across Northern Ontario's transportation network; and

WHEREAS many of the Task Force recommendations related to highway safety and infrastructure improvements have yet to be fully implemented;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) calls upon the Province of Ontario to accelerate the implementation of the recommendations contained within the Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force Final Report; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario prioritizes meaningful safety improvements along Highways 11 and 17, including expanded passing opportunities through four-laning where feasible and the implementation of the 2+1 highway model in appropriate sections; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipalities, Indigenous communities, and the Government of Canada to modernize this critical national transportation corridor; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Province provide Northern municipalities with an update on the status and implementation timeline of the Task Force recommendations; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, Northern Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, Northern Members of Canadian Parliament, and AMO.

Ontario Protecting Drivers on Highway 11/17 Corridor

Province investing in increased enforcement to enhance safety across northern highways to keep goods and people moving safely

March 20, 2026

[Northern Economic Development and Growth](#)

NORTHERN ONTARIO — The Ontario government is taking action to improve safety on the Highway 11/17 corridor by advancing road enhancement projects and cracking down on dangerous driving. Highways 11 and 17 form a key part of the Trans-Canada network, supporting supply chains, economic growth and access to jobs and services across the North. As part of its plan to protect Ontario, the government is continuing to invest in critical highway infrastructure to ensure people can safely and efficiently access essential goods and services, while building stronger, more resilient and self-reliant communities across the North.

“Our government is keenly aware how important safe roads, bridges and highways are to the residents, visitors and businesses in the North who rely on them daily,” said George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth. “That is why we are taking action to improve safety, increase enforcement and make targeted investments that will keep people safe and goods moving, while strengthening connections between northern and remote communities.”

The province is making the Highway 11/17 corridor safer by:

- Increasing the number of Transportation Enforcement Officers in Northern Ontario.
- Expanding enforcement blitzes along the Highway 11/17 corridor between truck inspection stations to ensure trucks are safe and drivers follow the rules of the

road.

- Deploying two mobile inspection support units in spring 2026 to increase truck enforcement along the Highway 11/17 corridor.
- Launching procurement in spring 2026 to rebuild the Hearst truck inspection station and replace the weigh scale.
- Improving and upgrading highway signage for better visibility.
- Installing new portable variable messaging signs to provide better safety information to drivers about weather conditions and closures.
- Advancing preliminary design work to expand Highway 11/17 between Thunder Bay and Shabaqua, including scheduling a public meeting in spring 2026.
- Upgrading the provincial rest area network in Northern Ontario to provide more year-round truck parking and working with municipal and business partners to expand capacity, including a new service hub facility in Matheson that will allow more trucks to pull off safely during winter storms.
- Continuing to work with stakeholder groups, including the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and the Ontario Road Builders' Association on further improvements.

"Highways 11 and 17 are lifelines for Northern Ontario, and we're making them safer and more reliable by cracking down on dangerous driving, strengthening enforcement and investing in new safety measures that keep people and goods moving," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is working to protect Ontario drivers, fuel our economy and ensure northern communities stay connected year-round."

The Ontario government is delivering increased enforcement, education and safety upgrades along critical northern links like Highways 11 and 17 and will continue to move forward with the investments needed to enhance northern communities. In 2025-26, Ontario is investing nearly \$583 million through the Northern Highways

Program, including \$481 million for rehabilitation projects and almost \$102 million for expansion projects, to improve road safety, reduce congestion and support economic growth across Northern Ontario.

Ontario will continue to work with its partners and local communities to determine areas where rehabilitation or upgrades are required to deliver highway infrastructure improvements that are needed to support growing communities and a stronger, more resilient economy.

Quick Facts

- The Northern Ontario highway system includes 10,775 kilometres, roughly 60 per cent of the provincial highway network.
 - As part of the “ON Trans-Canada” standard, the Ministry of Transportation is clearing Highways 11 and 17 in Northern Ontario faster after a winter storm with a standard that requires contractors to clear highways to bare pavement within 12 hours of the end of a winter storm, four hours faster than the previous standard.
 - The Ontario government has recently marked several milestones to support the return of the Northlander, including [acquiring more railway between North Bay and Washago](#), celebrating [the arrival of the first Northlander trainset](#), completing more than [\\$100 million in Northlander rail infrastructure upgrades](#) and finishing construction of the [North Bay Rail Bypass](#). Once complete, the Northlander will travel 740 kilometres between Timmins and Toronto, with a rail connection to Cochrane, for a total of 16 stops.
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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

Date: May 12, 2026

Resolution Number: R- 83 - 26

Moved by: Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by: Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council approve Deputy Mayor, Glenn Miller representing Area 4 for the Eastholme Board of Management for the remainder of this term.

Carried **Defeated**

(Chair Signature)

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

RECORDED VOTE					
Vote called by Clerk in random order, Chair to vote last					
Members of Council		Yea	Nay	Abstention	Absent
Councillors	Beverly Abbott				
	Glenn Miller				
	Delynne Patterson				
	Dan Robertson				
Mayor	George Sterling				

Charlene Watt (Deputy Clerk)

From: Nancy Field <clerk@ryersontownship.ca>
Sent: May 5, 2026 10:59 AM
To: beth.morton@townshipofperry.ca; Nicole Gourlay; Charlene Watt (Deputy Clerk); Kelly Morissette
Subject: Eastholme Board of Management

Good Morning Everyone,

Due to medical issues George Sterling has regretfully had to resign from the Eastholme Board of Management position representing Area 4.

I have spoken to Shelly Riechstein of Eastholme and she informed me of the following;

If no other individual has expressed interest in the role, another representative may step in to attend meetings for the remainder of the current term. All municipalities in Area 4 (Perry, Kearney, Armour, and Ryerson) must agree on the selected representative.

The Deputy Mayor, Glenn Miller has offered to attend meetings until the end of the term. Council may pass a motion to support this appointment and then circulate it to the other Area 4 municipalities to seek their agreement.

Once all municipalities have agreed, the motion confirming the representative must be sent to Shelly Reichstein, Coordinator of Resident Services at Eastholme Home for the Aged.

The Board can then appoint this individual as the Area 4 representative until the next election. Following the election, the process will begin again, and the newly selected councillor will assume the role in April 2027.

I will bring a motion to Council at the May 12 meeting to support Glenn and if it is supported, I will pass the resolution on to all of you for resolution to support Glenn.

If anyone else would like to take on the position you can let us know, Shelly suggested this would be the quickest way to keep a representative for our area 4 at the meetings for the rest of this term.

Kind Regards,

Nancy

Nancy Field,
Acting CAO/Clerk
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April 30, 2026

RE: *NEW* CSS WEBSITE

Dear Clients; Volunteers; Colleagues; and Friends of our CSS Program:

We are excited to share that we have recently launched our brand-new CSS-Exclusive website!

This website will be a one-stop location to help make our program and services more visible and more accessible.

Main features include (but not limited to as we continue to develop & add features over time):

- About Us & Brief Description for each of our programs
- Referral Form – to refer yourself or someone else for our services
- Volunteer Application
- Frozen Meal Menu
- Calendar of Events of classes & luncheons which allows you to RSVP for our luncheons
- Feedback Form
- Link to our Facebook Page
- *Coming later – a news & update page with shared article/document section

To check it out go to:

epscss.ca

Let us know what you think!

Leslie Price
Program Coordinator

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EXCITING NEWS!

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- ** Feedback Form**

Check it out at:

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TRI COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 22, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
Katrine Community Centre – 6 Browns Drive, Katrine, ON
Township of Armour, Host

THIS WILL BE A COMBINED IN-PERSON/ELECTRONIC MEETING

AGENDA

Video Recording Disclaimer & Land Acknowledgement – Mayor Rod Ward

Welcome – Mayor Rod Ward

Approval of the Notes – February 23, 2026 – Resolution (1)

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

List of proposed resolutions (2)

Discussion Items:

- 1. TRI Council Sub-Committee Report (3)
- 2. Joint Arena Services Agreement (4)
- 3. Joint Waste Management Services Agreement (5)
- 4. New Fire Hall Construction Update (0)
- 5. October Meeting Rescheduling (currently October 26 - Voting Day)

Any other business?

Next Meeting – Monday, August 31, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. – Burk’s Falls to Host

Adjourn

Any member of the public who wishes to attend the virtual TRI Council meeting may contact the Township of Armour’s Municipal Clerk by 4:00 pm on Monday, June 22, 2026 by email at clerk@armourtownship.ca

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