

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

June 23, 2026

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Mayor Rod Ward; Councillors Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Wendy Whitwell and Dorothy Haggart-Davis; Delegation: Danika McCann, Recreation Co-ordinator; Guests: Rowan Hildebrandt and Nieves Guijarro; Staff: Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk; Charlotte Wagar, Office Administrator; Alison McGregor, Treasurer and Dave Gray, Chief Administrative Officer.

VIDEO RECORDING DISCLAIMER:

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

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

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

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the Council meeting held on June 9, 2026 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

No pecuniary interest and general nature thereof were declared.

DELEGATIONS:

Danika McCann, Recreation Co-ordinator presented the June 2026 report to Council, outlining recent activities including the ParticipACTION Community Challenge, ongoing Ball Hockey and Youth Soccer programs, and the launch of a new online facility rental portal through Amilia. She reported strong participation across programs and highlighted upcoming initiatives such as Summer Day Camp 2026, Adult Beach Volleyball, and the Katrine Family Baseball Tournament scheduled for July 3–5, along with planned workshops and continued marketing efforts through social media, radio, and community bulletin boards. Looking ahead, staff will focus on delivering summer programming, hosting major events, expanding workshops, developing fall and winter programs, and strengthening community partnerships.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATIONS: None

BY-LAWS:

By-law #33-2026 being a by-law to enter into an agreement for sharing arena services was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #34-2026 being a by-law to enter into an agreement for sharing waste management services was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #35-2026 being a by-law to enact a roads fouling by-law to prohibit and regulate the obstruction, encumbrance, injury, or fouling of highways and bridges within the Township was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #36-2026 being a by-law to establish a committee of adjustment and repeal by-law #14-2026 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

The CAO advised Council that interim building services have been coordinated to maintain service continuity during the recruitment of a new Chief Building Official.

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BY-LAWS: cont'd.

Support for inspections and permit administration has been secured through neighbouring municipalities, including Perry Township and Lake of Bays, while plans review services are being provided by RSM and planning review services by external consultants. The CAO noted that these arrangements will help ensure building department operations continue during the transition period and will remain in place until a permanent solution is established.

By-law #37-2026 being a by-law to appoint the Chief Building Official and Inspectors under the Building Code Act and repeal by-law #11-2026 was read in its entirety and defeated based on the CAO's verbal report.

REPORTS:

A verbal report was given on the June 15, 2026 DSSAB meeting.

Council reviewed the draft minutes from the June 15, 2026 Historical Society meeting.

A verbal report was given on the June 17, 2026 Library Board meeting.

A verbal report was given on the June 18, 2026 Agricultural Society meeting.

A verbal report was provided regarding the June 22, 2026, TRI Council meeting and the TRI-R Sub-Committee Waste Management Report. Council was advised that eTracks is scheduled to remove the stockpile of used tires from the landfill this week. Council subsequently tabled Resolution No. 2026-186.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed a letter from the Town of Halton Hills requesting that the Provincial Government modernize Ontario's invasive plants rules to protect taxpayers, municipal lands, agriculture, natural heritage and local gardens. Council passed a supporting resolution.

Council reviewed a letter from the Village of South River and a supporting resolution from the Village of Sundridge regarding a request to the Minister of Transportation seeking a positive decision on the Village of South River's proposal under the Ontario Transit Investment Fund for a rural rideshare program. Council passed a supporting resolution.

Council reviewed a media release from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit regarding rabies and the steps to prevent animal bites.

Council reviewed a letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources providing updates to certain operational policies under the Aggregates Resource Act. Updates were made to policies regarding Cultural Heritage Reports, Water Reports, licensing considerations, and a new Maximum Predicted Water Table Report, while 28 outdated policies were rescinded to provide greater certainty for industry and the public.

Council reviewed a poster from ACED promoting their Regional Strategic Plan public consultation session.

Council reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that Ontario is investing \$2 Million to help stop the spread of invasive species. The investment will support 112 community projects across the province to help protect natural spaces from harmful invasive species.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council reviewed resolutions from the Township of McGarry, Municipality of East Ferris, Municipality of Mattice – Val Cote, Conmee Township, Township of Addington Highlands, Township of Casey, Township of Hudson, Township of Harley, Municipality of Shuniah supporting the Township of Armour's resolution #2026-158 regarding increased rest stops along the Hwy 11 and Hwy 17 corridor.

Council reviewed for a second time, a staff report from the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding proposed revisions to the Recreation Co-ordinator job description. Questions were asked and answered. Council passed a resolution to approve the proposed job description revisions and directed staff to forward the position description to the Employment Committee for evaluation.

Council reviewed resolutions from the Township of McMurrich/Monteith. Resolution #2026-145 provided notice to the Township of Armour that the shared services agreement for CBO services is terminated immediately and Resolution #2026-146 repealed the appointment of Andrew McGee as Chief Building Official.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed a staff report from the Treasurer regarding the Reserve and Reserve Fund By-law modernization and clarification on the Hospital Reserve Governance. Questions were asked and answered. Council passed a resolution approving the recommendations in the report.

Council reviewed a staff report from the Treasurer regarding the establishment of a Solar Panel System Replacement Reserve for the purpose of funding future replacement, rehabilitation or decommissioning costs associated with the solar panel system at the Township Garage. Council passed a resolution approving the recommendation in the report.

Council reviewed a MECP Resource Sheet regarding the restriction on the landfilling of excess soil. The resource outlined the requirements of Ontario's Excess Soil Regulation (O. Reg. 406/19), which promotes the beneficial reuse of excess soil and restricts the disposal of soil meeting Table 2.1 Residential, Parkland and Institutional (RPI) standards or better in landfills and dumps effective January 1, 2027. Council noted that exemptions may apply where the soil is required for ancillary landfill operations, such as cover material, road or berm construction, grading, or site restoration, or where a Qualified Person (QP) determines that the soil is unsuitable for reuse due to contamination concerns, invasive species, or unsuitable physicochemical characteristics. The resource also outlined the roles and responsibilities of landfill operators, site owners, and Qualified Persons, including requirements for information verification, documentation, and record retention to ensure compliance with the regulation.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2026-180 - Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on June 9, 2026, as circulated. Carried

Resolution #2026-181 – Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #33-2026 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a shared services agreement for Arena Services between the Township of Armour, the Village of Burk's Falls, and the Township of Ryerson and that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS: cont'd.

Resolution #2026-182 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #34-2026 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a shared services agreement for Waste Management Services between the Township of Armour, the Village of Burk's Falls, and the Township of Ryerson and that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Resolution #2026-183 – Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #35-2026 being a by-law to prohibit and regulate the obstruction, encumbrance, injury, or fouling of highways and bridges within the Township of Armour, and further authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the by-law and affix the Corporate Seal thereto. Carried

Resolution #2026-184 – Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #36-2026 being a by-law to establish a Committee of Adjustment and repeal By-law #14-2026 and that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Resolution #2026-185 – Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #37-2026 being a by-law to appoint RSM Building Consultants as the Chief Building Official and that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. **Defeated**

Resolution #2026-186 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; WHEREAS the TRI Communal Landfill has historically facilitated the collection of used tires as part of their waste diversion and environmental stewardship programs;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario transitioned tire recycling oversight to a Producer Responsibility framework under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016, shifting operational responsibility to tire producers;

AND WHEREAS significant disruptions, inconsistencies, and service gaps have been reported within the Ontario tire recycling system which pose potential environmental, operational, financial, and safety risks to the Municipality, including stockpiling concerns and associated fire hazards;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are not mandated under provincial legislation to provide tire collection services and should not be required to compensate for shortcomings in the producer-led system;

AND WHEREAS continued participation in the current system without reliable collection service places undue liability and resource strain on municipal operations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Township of Armour directs the Waste Management Administrator to immediately suspend the acceptance and collection of tires at the TRI Communal Landfill as of July 1, 2026, until such time as the Ontario tire recycling system demonstrates reliable and consistent service levels.

2. Municipal staff be directed to post clear public notices advising residents of the suspension.

3. Council directs staff to monitor the situation and report back with recommendations once conditions improve or further provincial guidance is received.

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RESOLUTIONS: cont'd.

Resolution #2026-187 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Town of Halton Hills and requests that the Province of Ontario undertake a review and modernization of Ontario's invasive plant regulatory framework to protect taxpayers, municipal lands, agriculture, natural heritage and local gardens. Carried

Resolution #2026-188 – Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Village of South River's rideshare proposal and respectfully requests that the Honourable Minister of Transportation render a timely and favourable decision to enable this practical and much-needed local transportation service to proceed for the benefit of residents and visitors within the region. Carried

Resolution #2026-189 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Staff Report from the CAO dated June 9, 2026 regarding revisions to the Recreation Co-ordinator position description be received and that the Council of the Township of Armour approve the revisions to the Recreation Coordinator position description and directs staff to forward the position description to the Employment Committee for evaluation. Carried

Resolution #2026-190 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Staff Report from the Treasurer dated June 23, 2026 regarding the Reserve and Reserve Fund By-law Modernization and Hospital Reserve Governance Clarification be received and that the Council of the Township of Armour directs staff to prepare a new consolidated By-law that will rescind the current Reserve and Reserve Fund By-law and all six amending By-laws and confirm that no changes will be made to the internal management of the Hospital Reserve funds. Carried

Resolution #2026-191 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Staff Report from the Treasurer dated June 23, 2026 be received and that the Council of the Township of Armour approve the establishment of a Solar Panel System Replacement Reserve for the purpose of funding future replacement, rehabilitation, and/or decommissioning costs associated with the solar panel system located at the Township Garage;

And That Council approve the transfer of \$32,095.24, representing accumulated solar generation revenues earned between 2016 and 2025 and currently held within the Working Fund Reserve, to the newly established Solar Panel System Replacement Reserve;

And That all future net revenues generated by the Township Garage solar panel system be allocated annually to the newly established Reserve. Carried

Resolution #2026-192 - Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourns this regular council meeting at 9:18 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for July 14, 2026 or at the call of the Mayor or the Clerk. Carried

Original signed by Rod Ward
Rod Ward, Mayor

Original signed by Charlene Watt
Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk