

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

July 28, 2026

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Mayor Rod Ward; Councillors Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Wendy Whitwell and Dorothy Haggart-Davis; Delegations: Danika McCann, Recreation Co-ordinator and Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator; Guests: Diane Brandt, Cathy Still, Don Still, Marie Odorizzi, Ted Williams and Christine Lauffer; Staff: Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk; Charlotte Wagar, Office Administrator 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 July 14, 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, provided Council with an update on the recovery efforts following the fire at the landfill on July 17, 2026, which destroyed the processing and maintenance building, the forklift, magnetic separator, and all balers. The cause of the fire remains undetermined. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has been consulted, and water samples have been submitted for testing. An insurance adjuster has been engaged and is assisting the Waste Management Administrator throughout the insurance claims process. A contractor was retained to remove the debris, allowing the landfill facility to reopen on July 23, 2026. A temporary office trailer has been installed on-site for staff, portable washroom facilities have been secured, new debit terminals have been received, and hydro service has been restored. A demolition permit application has been submitted, and plans for the reconstruction of the facility will be considered at a future date. As the property is subject to Site Plan Control, Council considered a request to exempt the reconstruction project from the requirements of the Site Plan Control By-law in order to facilitate the timely completion of this municipal project. Council passed a resolution granting the exemption. Council also expressed its appreciation to the Burk's Falls & District Fire Department and its automatic aid partners for their prompt response and dedicated efforts in preventing further loss during the ongoing high-risk wildland fire season.

Danika McCann, Recreation Co-ordinator, presented the July 2026 Recreation Report, highlighting the success of the 2026 Katrine Family Baseball Tournament, which saw strong community participation, a well-attended Glow in the Dark Dance, and continued enthusiasm for future ball field improvements. Appreciation was extended to the volunteers, Township staff, the Emsdale Agricultural Society, and the Jays Care Foundation for their valuable contributions to the event's success. The Co-ordinator also reported that Summer Day Camp began on July 2 and has received positive feedback from participating families despite lower overall registration. Participant data indicates that the programs continue to attract visitors from across the region and beyond, reinforcing Armour Township's reputation as a recreation destination. An

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DELEGATIONS: cont'd.

update was also provided on Armour's Gala, with 52 of the 120 available tickets sold within the first 24 hours of sales and six additional tables pending, indicating another successful fundraising event supported by many returning attendees. During the delegation, Council was advised that only 26 tickets remained available for the Gala.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATIONS:

Council reviewed an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Andrea Patterson as a condition of the Notice of Decision for Consent Application B-015/25. Council passed a resolution accepting the application and directed the municipal planner to proceed with drafting the required Zoning By-law Amendment.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #46-2026 being a by-law to enter into a site plan agreement with Sheryl Elizabeth Gray with respect to Plan M101, Lot 32 and part of the original road allowance being Part 1 of 42R-10058, municipally known as 233 Skyline Avenue, was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Council reviewed the draft minutes from the July 20, 2026 Historical Society meeting.

Council reviewed the July 2026 report from the ACED Director of Economic Development, noting continued business support and regional economic development activity, including business visits, marketing initiatives, municipal engagement, and partnerships. Highlights included strong social media and website growth driven by the Almaguin Star Party teaser campaign, ongoing planning for the Almaguin Business Expo and 2026 Almaguin Star Party, continued progress on the RED Strategic Plan update through public engagement and key informant interviews, community outreach at local events, and the successful move back into the restored ACED office space following flood repairs. There will not be ACED Board meetings in July or August.

A verbal report was given on the July 16, 2026 Agricultural Society meeting.

The Mayor advised Council that he will be attending the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference, where he will meet with provincial representatives to discuss healthcare services and physician recruitment in the area.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed a resolution from the Municipality of Trent Lakes supporting the County of Peterborough's resolution requesting provincial action on the accuracy of the Municipal Voters' List. Council passed a supporting resolution.

Council reviewed a newsletter from the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO) and a request for support to petition the Province calling for policy clarification regarding importation, processing and blending under the Aggregate Resources Act. Council passed a supporting resolution.

Council reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that Ontario has joined a Canada-wide direct-to-consumer alcohol sales agreement. The deal will break down interprovincial trade barriers for alcoholic beverages.

Council reviewed a resolution from the Township of Joly supporting the retention of the cancer/oncology clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital site.

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Council reviewed resolutions from the Village of Burk's Falls authorizing the entering into shared services agreements for landfill and arena services.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council reviewed resolutions from the Township of Nipissing and the Municipality of St. Charles supporting the Township of Armour's resolution #2026-158 regarding increased rest stops along the Hwy 11 and Hwy 17 corridor.

Council reviewed the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) Notice of Decision and Order of the Tribunal regarding the PowerBank OPA/ZBA appeal. The Tribunal approved the applications and By-law #4-2026 and By-law #5-2026 are now in effect per the Tribunal's Order. The Municipal Clerk noted that there is an error in the schedule for the Zoning By-law as it is referencing an incorrect exemption number. Staff has requested that the municipal lawyer seek a correction to the Tribunal's Order.

Council reviewed a staff report from the Municipal Clerk advising that the Shared Services Agreements for the provision of Arena Services and Waste Management Services between the Township of Armour, the Township of Ryerson, and the Village of Burk's Falls have been fully executed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The CAO provided Council with a verbal report regarding an application to the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund for funding to support the Armour Road Revitalization Project. Council members asked questions, which were addressed by the CAO. Council passed a resolution authorizing the CAO to submit the funding application on behalf of the Township and authorizing the Township's required financial contribution, including any project funding shortfall that may arise.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2026-216 - Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on July 14, 2026, as circulated. Carried

Resolution #2026-217 – Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; WHEREAS the processing and maintenance building at the TRI R Landfill and Recycling Centre, located at 141 Chetwynd Road, Concession 8, Part Lot 8, was destroyed by fire on July 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS the property is owned by the Village of Burk's Falls and the TRI R Landfill and Recycling Centre is administered by the Township of Armour on behalf of the participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS Section 41 of the Planning Act authorizes municipalities to establish site plan control over development but does not require a municipality to apply site plan control to municipal projects; and

WHEREAS Council considers the reconstruction of the building to be an essential municipal infrastructure project and wishes to expedite its construction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour hereby exempts the reconstruction of the processing and maintenance building at the TRI R Landfill and Recycling Centre, located at 141 Chetwynd Road, Concession 8, Part Lot 8, from the requirements of the Township of Armour's Site Plan Control By-law. Carried.

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RESOLUTIONS: cont'd.

Resolution #2026-218 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for a zoning by-law amendment, submitted by Andrea Patterson, Concession 8, Part Lot 11, 42R-22861 Parts 1 to 5, fronting Chetwynd Road and request the municipal planner proceed with drafting the zoning amendment by-law. Carried

Resolution #2026-219 – Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #46-2026 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Site Plan Agreement between Sheryl Elizabeth Gray and the Township of Armour with respect to Plan M101, Lot 32, known municipally as 233 Sunnylea Avenue, and that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Resolution #2026-220 – Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Municipality of Trent Lakes and the County of Peterborough and urges the Province of Ontario to prioritize the review of data related to non-resident property owners to ensure voters lists are as accurate as possible prior to August 14, 2026. Carried

Resolution #2026-221 – Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO) and their request to the Province of Ontario to provide policy clarification regarding importation, processing and blending under the Aggregate Resources Act. Carried

Resolution #2026-222 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approves the application submitted to Northern Ontario Resources Development Support Fund (NORDS) for funding to be used for the Armour Road Revitalization Project and confirms that the Township of Armour will fund their share of the project and any shortfall which may occur with this project. Carried

Resolution #2026-223 - Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourns this regular council meeting at 7:57 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for August 11, 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