

# **THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR**

## **MINUTES**

August 26, 2025

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Mayor Rod Ward; Councillors Jerry Brandt, Dorothy Haggart-Davis; Rod Blakelock and Wendy Whitwell; Guests: Nieves Guijarro, Alice Hewitt; Staff: Dave Gray, CAO/Deputy Clerk.

### **VIDEO RECORDING DISCLAIMER:**

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

### **INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

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

### **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 12, 2025 were approved as circulated.

### **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:**

No pecuniary interest and general nature thereof were declared.

### **DELEGATIONS:** None

### **ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:** None

### **APPLICATIONS:** None

### **BY-LAWS:**

By-law #52-2025 being a by-law to enter into a Library Agreement with The Village of Burk's Falls and the Township of Ryerson and repeal by-law #21-2022 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #53-2025 being a by-law to enter into a lease agreement for 431 Berriedale Road with Hans Junger was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

### **REPORTS:**

Council reviewed the draft minutes from the July 3, 2025 AHHC meeting. The next meeting will be held on September 4, 2025. An update was provided regarding surveys that are being distributed throughout the region. A report was given regarding a delegation that was made at the AMO Conference.

Council reviewed the draft minutes from the August 5, 2025 TRI Council Informal Sub-Committee meeting. The next meeting will be held on September 15, 2025. Council discussed the Committee's next steps. Questions were asked and answered.

A verbal report was given on the August 14, 2025 DSSAB meeting. The DSSAB report was circulated for Council and staff review.

A verbal report was given on the August 20, 2025 Library Board meeting. No meeting in August.

A verbal report was given on the August 21, 2025 Agricultural Society meeting.

Council discussed the August 25, 2025 TRI Council meeting. The next meeting will be held on October 27, 2025.

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### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Council reviewed a letter from the Municipality of West Nipissing requesting support in petitioning the province to request a moratorium on aerial spraying of glyphosate in the Nipissing Forest. Council passed a supporting resolution.

Council reviewed a letter from the MNR's Development and Hazard Policy Branch proposing regulations to support the implementation of the Geologic Carbon Storage Act, 2025. Carbon storage involves injecting captured carbon dioxide into deep geological formations for permanent storage and is a critical tool for managing emissions.

Council reviewed a letter from the MNR's Development and Hazard Policy Branch proposing regulation updated to certain operational policies under the Aggregates Resource Act.

Council reviewed the June 2025 Monthly Jobs Report and the July 2025 Labour Focus Report from the Labour Market Group.

Council reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that Ontario is investing \$7.7 million to support Indian Residential School Survivors.

Council reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that Ontario is launching a Protect Ontario Financing Program to support sectors impacted by U.S. tariffs.

Council reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that Ontario is investing \$13 million to build and maintain Northern winter roads.

Council reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that Ontario is investing \$75 million to train more students for in-demand jobs in construction.

Council reviewed a letter from Ombudsman Ontario providing a copy of the 2024-2025 annual report. The hard copy of the report is available in the Clerk's office.

Council reviewed a media release from Energy Storage Canada and Energy Safety Response Group providing new guidance answering common questions and myths about BESS systems for municipalities.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Council reviewed the Staff Report from the CAO providing position descriptions and job evaluation reports for the Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement and Municipal Law Enforcement Officer positions. Council passed a resolution approving the creations of the two staff roles and directed staff to implement the changes effective September 1, 2025.

Council reviewed the resolution from the Township of Ryerson, dated August 12, 2025, supporting the Township of Armour's resolution #208 dated July 8, 2025 to Circular Materials Ontario.

Council reviewed a resolution from the Village of Burk's Falls, dated August 19, 2025 supporting the nomination of Councillor Sean Cotton as the Area 4 representative to DSSAB. Council passed a supporting resolution of the nomination.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council reviewed the 2025 inspection reports on the playground structures of Doe Lake Park and Halcyon Shores Park. The swing has been repaired and we have requested a replacement bolt for the drum to be mailed to the Township.

Council reviewed the schedule for the 2025 Fall Fair.

Council discussed the potential of seeking approval and cost estimates for the installation of a multi-use path along the section of Highway 520 between the Village of Burk's municipal boundary and Commercial Drive.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution #258 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on August 12, 2025 as circulated. Carried

Resolution #259 - Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #52-2025 being a by-law to enter into a Library Agreement with The Village of Burk's Falls and the Township of Ryerson and that we authorize the Mayor and Deputy Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Resolution #260 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #53-2025 being a by-law to enter into a lease agreement for 431 Berriedale Road with Hans Junger and that we authorize the Mayor and Deputy Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Resolution #261 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Municipality of West Nipissing and formally requests that the Honourable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Nipissing Forest and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and updated risk assessments are completed and reviewed. Carried

Resolution #262 - Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby receives the Staff Report from the CAO dated August 26, 2025 and approves the position descriptions and job evaluation results for the Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement and Municipal Law Enforcement Officer positions;

And Further That Council approves the creation of the title "Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement";

And Further That Staff be directed to implement these changes effective September 1, 2025. Carried

Resolution #263 - Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Rod Blakelock; Whereas the District of Parry Sound Services Board Area 4 Representative has forfeited their position,

And Whereas there is a requirement for a new Area 4 Representative on the Board;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Armour rescinds Motion #134 dated May 9, 2023 nominating Councillor Ryan Baptiste;

And Hereby supports the nomination of Councillor Sean Cotton from the Village of Burk's Falls to represent Area 4 on the District of Parry Sound Social Services Board. Carried

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**RESOLUTIONS: cont'd.**

Resolution #263 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourns this regular council meeting at 8:35 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for September 9, 2025, or at the call of the Mayor or the Clerk. Carried

Original signed by Rod Ward  
Rod Ward, Mayor

Original signed by Dave Gray  
Dave Gray, CAO/Deputy Clerk