

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

TRI COUNCIL MINUTES

June 22, 2026

The hybrid in-person/virtual TRI Council meeting of the Councils of the Township of Armour, the Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls was held on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Katrine Community Centre.

Those in attendance were:

Township of Armour Council present included Mayor Rod Ward; Councillors Jerry Brandt, Wendy Whitwell, Dorothy Haggart-Davis and Rod Blakelock; Staff: Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk; Dave Gray, CAO; Charlotte Wagar, Office Administrator and Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator.

Village of Burk's Falls Council present included Mayor Chris Hope, Councillors Nancy Kyte, Sean Cotton and Ashley Brandt; Staff: Camille Barr, Deputy Clerk and Tammy Wylie, Treasurer.

Township of Ryerson Council present included Deputy Mayor Glenn Miller and Councillor Beverly Abbott; Staff: Brayden Robinson, Treasurer; Nancy Field, Clerk and Joe Readman, Fire Chief. The Township of Ryerson did not have quorum; therefore, Ryerson Council was unable to consider or pass resolutions at the meeting.

Guests: Diane Brandt, Jon Hind, and John Wilson.

WELCOME:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rod Ward at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Rod Ward welcomed all of the participants.

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:

TRI 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 notes of the regular meeting held on February 23, 2026 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

No pecuniary interest and general nature thereof were declared.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Draft Arena Agreement & Draft Waste Management Agreement

TRI Council reviewed the draft Joint Arena Services Agreement and the draft Joint Waste Management Agreement. Following discussion, both the Township of Armour and the Village of Burk's Falls passed resolutions endorsing the draft agreements and agreed to bring forward by-laws authorizing their execution at their next Council meetings, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

The Township of Ryerson was unable to pass a resolution due to the absence of quorum; however, TRI Council was advised that the agreements will be presented for consideration at its next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

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Draft Arena Agreement & Draft Waste Management Agreement (cont'd.)

TRI Council expressed its appreciation to the TRI Sub Committee for its commitment and collaborative efforts in developing the draft agreements and successfully guiding the project through the review process.

TRI-R Landfill Sub Committee Report

TRI Council reviewed a report on the TRI-R Landfill Waste Management Sub Committee's first meeting of June 16, 2026. The group evaluated site issues, assets, and infrastructure to develop a plan for improvements. The Committee's initial focus is improving traffic flow and reducing congestion in the Blue Box drop-off area by removing underutilized infrastructure and decommissioning outdoor recycling compactors. These changes are expected to create additional operational space and improve site efficiency. Committee members also reviewed existing infrastructure to identify potential future capital projects. The next meeting will focus on implementing the first site improvement and prioritizing future capital needs. The 2026 Waste Management Budget includes \$9,000 for site layout improvements, with minimal costs anticipated for decommissioning infrastructure and completing necessary grading work. The Committee also reviewed challenges associated with the Tire Recycling Program, noting that market limitations are controlled by tire producers and that expanding tire collection areas would not provide a sustainable solution. The Committee recommended focusing on inventory management and advocating to provincial authorities for increased processing capacity, improved market access, and long-term solutions for tire diversion.

TRI Council discussed concerns with the Waste Management Administrator related to the storage of large quantities of used tires at the landfill and cautioned against suspending the tire collection program. Council noted that discontinuing the service could increase the risk of illegal tire dumping within the region.

The Waste Management Administrator advised that confirmation had recently been received from eTracks that the existing tire stockpile is scheduled to be removed by the end of the week.

Council was further advised that if the landfill continues to accept used tires while neighbouring municipalities discontinue the service, the site may become the primary collection location for residents from a broader geographic area.

Armour Council will consider a resolution at a future Council meeting requesting that the Province of Ontario address the growing issue of used tire stockpiling at collection sites. The current situation is attributed, in part, to challenges within Ontario's tire recycling system. A staff report outlining the issue and potential advocacy measures will be presented to Armour Council by the Waste Management Administrator.

New Fire Hall Build Update

The Fire Chief provided a status report on the progress of the new Fire Hall build. The project recently passed the under-slab plumbing rough-in and is pending the insulation and plumbing inspections. Construction of the new facility continues to progress well. Interior office walls are currently being painted, and installation of the drop ceiling is set to begin. Outside, construction of the septic beds is underway and nearing completion, allowing the remaining site work and landscaping to proceed. Additional project activities include coordinating the relocation and required testing and servicing of the SCBA air compressor, completion of internet and phone service installation, and installation of the radio infrastructure, which is awaiting transition to the new site. Financially, a total of \$1,451,859.80 has been invoiced and paid to date, representing approximately 42% of the total project cost. The Fire Chief extended an invitation to TRI Council members to visit the construction site and observe the progress of the project.

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Canada Day Fireworks

The Village of Burk's Falls requested volunteers to assist with collecting donations at the two gate entrances during the Canada Day fireworks display scheduled for July 1, 2026. TRI Council considered the request, and Councillors Dorothy Haggart-Davis, Nancy Kyte, and Beverly Abbott volunteered to assist with the fundraising efforts. Volunteers were asked to arrive at approximately 7:30 p.m. to assist with event preparations.

The Fire Chief advised that access to the fairgrounds from the Dimsdale Street intersection will be closed due to ongoing construction. A fire truck will be positioned at the entrance to restrict access.

NEXT MEETING:

TRI Council discussed the scheduling of its regular October 2026 meeting and reviewed resolutions from the partner municipalities supporting a change to the meeting date due to the conflict with Municipal Election Voting Day. Following discussion, TRI Council passed a resolution approving the rescheduling of the regular October TRI Council meeting from October 26, 2026 to October 5, 2026. The October 5, 2026 meeting will be hosted by the Village of Burk's Falls.

ADJOURNMENT:

The TRI Council meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #TRI-2026-3 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Ashley Brandt; That the TRI Council of the Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls approve the notes of the TRI Council meeting held on February 23, 2026, as circulated. Carried

Resolution #TRI-2026-4 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; WHEREAS Section 20(1) and 20(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, authorizes a municipality to enter into an agreement with one or more municipalities or local bodies;

AND WHEREAS the Council of each of the Township of Armour, the Township of Ryerson, and the Village of Burk's Falls deems it appropriate and in the public interest to enter into agreements with respect to the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Memorial Arena and the TRI-R Communal Landfill;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour supports entering into agreements for these shared services;

AND FURTHER THAT each municipal Council shall bring forward by-laws authorizing the execution of the Joint Arena Services Agreement and the Joint Waste Management Services Agreement at their next regularly scheduled Council meeting or as soon as possible thereafter. Carried

Resolution #TRI-2026-5 – Intentionally omitted. The Township of Ryerson did not have quorum and unable to consider a resolution respecting the Joint Arena Services Agreement and Joint Waste Management Services Agreement.

Resolution #TRI-2026-6 – Moved by Ashley Brandt, seconded by Nancy Kyte; WHEREAS Section 20(1) and 20(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, authorizes a municipality to enter into an agreement with one or more municipalities or local bodies;

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RESOLUTIONS: (cont'd.)

AND WHEREAS the Council of each of the Township of Armour, the Township of Ryerson, and the Village of Burk's Falls deems it appropriate and in the public interest to enter into agreements with respect to the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Memorial Arena and the TRI-R Communal Landfill;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls supports entering into agreements for these shared services;

AND FURTHER THAT each municipal Council shall bring forward by-laws authorizing the execution of the Joint Arena Services Agreement and the Joint Waste Management Services Agreement at their next regularly scheduled Council meeting or as soon as possible thereafter. Carried

Resolution #TRI-2026-7 – Moved by Chris Hope, seconded by Glenn Miller; WHEREAS the regularly scheduled TRI Council meeting falls on Monday, October 26, 2026, which is also Municipal Election Voting Day;

AND WHEREAS TRI Council wishes to reschedule the meeting to avoid conflict with the municipal election process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular TRI Council meeting scheduled for the last Monday in October 2026 be rescheduled to October 5, 2026. Carried

Resolution #TRI-2026-8 - Moved by Sean Cotton, seconded by Chris Hope; That the TRI Council of the Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls adjourn this regular TRI Council meeting at 7:25 p.m. until the next TRI Council meeting scheduled for October 5, 2026 to be hosted by the Village of Burk's Falls. Carried

Original signed by Rod Ward
Rod Ward, Mayor

Original signed by Charlene Watt
Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk