THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

MINUTES

October 27, 2026

The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Mayor Rod Ward; Councillors Wendy Whitwell, Rod Blakelock, Dorothy Haggart-Davis and Jerry Brandt; Delegations: Danika McCann, Recreation Co-ordinator; Guests: Cheri Roser, Diane Brandt, Alice Hewitt, Ana Cultraro, Tyler Train, Christine Lauffer and Nieves Guijarro; Staff: Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk; Charlotte Wagar, Office Administrator and Dave Gray, CAO.

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 October 13, 2026 were approved, as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

No pecuniary interest and general nature thereof were declared.

DELEGATION:

Danika McCann, Recreation Co-ordinator presented her October 2026 report to Council, advising that an additional 15 spaces had been opened for the October 26 PD Day Camp in response to community demand, with a returning summer staff member assisting with the expanded program. Families previously unable to be accommodated were notified of the additional availability. A further 30 spaces were also opened in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to provide more children throughout the Almaguin region with access to books and early literacy opportunities. Staff requested Council's approval to approach neighbouring municipalities for financial contributions to support the continued growth and sustainability of the program. The Harvest Your Health workshop was postponed due to the instructor's illness, with staff working to reschedule it for November. Upcoming programs and events include weekly square dancing and cornhole, the Branding and Content Creation Workshop, Kids Halloween, the Christmas Market, Armour's Gala, additional PD Day Camps, Moccasin Mitts & More Workshop, Kids Paint Night, and the Cookie Exchange. Questions were asked and answered. Council passed a resolution authorizing staff to contact local municipalities to request voluntary contributions to the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: NONE

APPLICATIONS: NONE

BY-LAWS:

By-law 63-2026 being a by-law to appoint a weed inspector, livestock valuator and fence viewer and to rescind By-law 62-2022 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law 64-2026 being a by-law to enter into a lease agreement with Kaitlyn Patricia McGrory and Tyler Stephen Train for a parcel of land described as Concession 2, Part of Lot 7 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

BY-LAWS: cont'd.

By-law 65-2026 being a by-law to approve remuneration and expenses for Members of Council for 2027 and to repeal By-law 63-2025 was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Council reviewed the draft TRI Council Notes from the October 5, 2026 meeting.

Council reviewed the media release from NOSDA dated October 9, 2026 regarding Northern Ontario Communities that are working together to provide new affordable homes. A verbal report was given at the last meeting on the topic under the DSSAB update.

A verbal report was given on the October 15, 2026 Agricultural Society meeting. Council reviewed a summary report on the success of the fall fair.

Council reviewed the draft minutes from the October 19, 2026 Historical Society meeting. It was recommended during the review of the minutes that Council allocate funds in the 2027 municipal budget for the construction of a parking lot and loop driveway, as outlined in the Facilities and Functions Committee report.

A verbal report was given on the October 21, 2026 Library Board meeting. Council reviewed the approved minutes from the August 19, 2026 meeting.

Council reviewed the agenda package on the October 22, 2026 Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee meeting.

Council reviewed the October 22, 2026 ACED Board's agenda, minutes from the September 24, 2026 meeting and Director of Economic Development's October Report. Items of discussion from the meeting included the executive summary of the RED Strategic Plan Update, Almaguin Star Party Wrap Report, Postmedia Proposal for Explore Almaguin and an October 5, 2026 Financial Report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed a request from the Royal Canadian Legion requesting a donation to the Poppy Trust Fund. Council passed a resolution approving a donation.

Council received a request from the Santa Claus Parade Committee for a donation. Council passed a resolution approving a donation.

Council reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that parts of Northwestern Ontario is moving to permanent daylight-saving time to align with neighbouring communities in Manitoba.

Council reviewed a notice of adoption of a new official plan and new zoning by-law for the Township of Ryerson.

Council reviewed the August 2026 monthly jobs report and the August 2026 Labour Focus report from the Labour Market Group.

Council reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that the province is strengthening enforcement against illegal cannabis retail operations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council reviewed resolutions from the Township of O'Connor, Township of Nipissing and Township of McMurrich/Monteith supporting the Township of Armour's resolution #2026-236 petitioning the Province of Ontario to increase funding for Ontario public libraries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed a Notice of Complete Application for a site plan agreement application that was submitted by PowerBank Corporation and David Creasor to facilitate the location of a lithium battery energy storage system (BESS) for the lands municipally known as 219 Peggs Mountain Road. Planscape Inc. will be managing the file and staff have been working with the Fire Chief on the dry hydrant requirements.

Council reviewed a media release from AMP regarding the 2026 Municipal Election Context. The report provided an overview of Ontario's municipal election landscape, highlighting 6,663 candidates competing for approximately 2,800 elected positions, increased female candidate representation, fewer candidate acclamations compared to 2022, and the continued growth in the use of internet voting. The report also outlined changes to council sizes in several municipalities and identified trends in candidate participation and election methods across the province.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2026-288 – 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 October 13, 2026, as circulated. Carried

Resolution #2026-289 – Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; WHEREAS the Township of Armour's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program supports early literacy by providing books to participating children throughout the Almaguin Region;

AND WHEREAS an additional 30 spaces have been opened to extend the program's benefits to more children;

AND WHEREAS financial contributions from other municipalities would help sustain the program and support additional spaces for eligible children;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour authorizes the Recreation Co-ordinator to contact other municipalities within the Almaguin Region to request voluntary financial contributions towards the Township of Armour's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. Carried

Resolution #2026-290 – Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #63-2026 being a by-law to authorize the appointment of a weed inspector, livestock valuator and fence viewer and that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Resolution #2026-291 – Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #64-2026 being a by-law to enter into a lease agreement for the use of a shore road allowance on Concession 2, Part Lot 7 with Kaitlyn Patricia McGrory and Tyler Stephen Train and that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Resolution #2026-292 – Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #65-2026 being a by-law respecting remuneration and expenses for members of Council and that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Resolution #2026-293 – Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation, in the amount of $500 to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 405 to support the 2026 Poppy Fund. Carried

RESOLUTIONS: cont'd.

Resolution #2026-294 – Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve a donation, in the amount of $250 to the Santa Claus Parade Committee to support the costs associated with the 2026 Santa Claus Parade. Carried

Resolution #2026-295 – Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; 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 November 10, 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