



Township of Armour

Spring 2021 Newsletter

Property Tax

Interim tax bills for 2021 are due in two installments, the first half is due on March 26th and the second half is due on April 30th. A fee of \$45 will be charged for any payment returned from a financial institution. We offer a preauthorized payment plan with several options. We also accept E-mail money transfers! If you would like to pay with this option, please contact Alison McGregor, Deputy Treasurer. Credit card payments are accepted through PLASTIQ and can be accessed through our website, fees apply. Arrears of taxes accrue interest at a rate of 1.25% per month.

Website & Facebook

Keep up to date and locate information by visiting our website and Facebook page. Visit us at www.armourtownship.ca and give us a like on Facebook.

Council Meetings

If there are any issues or suggestions that you would like to see raised with Council, please contact the office to have your concerns placed on the agenda. Council welcomes your virtual attendance via ZOOM, our regular meetings held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 pm. Agendas and minutes may be viewed on our website.

Health Care

The Health Centre is located at 150 Huston Street. Please call 705-382-2900 or visit www.almaquin-health.org for further information.

Building Department

Applications are available on our website or at the municipal office. Site plan control may also apply. Paul Schaefer, Chief Building Official can be reached at the Municipal Office or via email at cbo@armourtownship.ca.

Roads Department

The Roads Department is gearing up for another busy season. Resurfacing of Pickerel and Jake Lake Rd, Chetwynd Rd, Three Mile Lake Rd, Leggetts Rd, and North Pickerel Lake Rd. Reconstruction of Pickerel and Jack Lake Rd from civic address 1181 east to the bridge. For additional information, please contact Keith McCoy at 705-382-5982. If you're aware of a road hazard, please notify us. Please watch your speed on our municipal roads.

Economic Development

The Almaquin Community Economic Development is working to help support businesses during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The successful execution of the 2020 ACED work plan has paved the way for some exciting new projects in 2021. To learn more about ACED Services and our mandate to encourage economic growth throughout the region, visit

<https://investalmaguin.ca> or contact Dave Gray at 705-571-1564 or director@investalmaguin.ca

Flood Forecasting

Flooding is the leading cause of public emergency in Ontario. Keep up to date on potential flooding and MNR's warnings: www.gisapplication.lrc.gov.on.ca/webapps/flood and on the Township's Public Notice Webpage. Sandbags are available to residents at the Municipal Office. Propane tanks (even full ones) will float in water, so ensure your tank is secured to a fixed object with cable, rope or chain.

Historical Society

We are looking forward to displaying the many new donations received throughout the past summer. We are being optimistic and have set a date for the Annual Heritage Day – Saturday, July 10, 2021. Still being optimistic, a Firefighter Challenge is being planned. We will, of course, keep in mind any COVID restrictions. You can keep up to date on our hours and events by visiting our website/blog: www.burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com or e-mail: info@burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com

By-Law Officer

Jason Newman, By-law Enforcement Officer, may be reached at 705-477-3793 or by email at bylaw@armourtownship.ca. Remember to get your 2021 Dog License, registering your dog(s) not only shows responsible pet ownership but also helps with the identification and safe return of your dog if he or she is found running at large.

Blue-Green Algae

Keep checking with the Health Unit for information on area lakes at 1-800-563-2808 or www.myhealthunit.ca

Water Monitoring Grant

The Township of Armour is offering a Water Monitoring Grant Program to provide limited funding to lake associations or to one individual that represents a lake without an association involved with water quality testing for lakes that are not covered by the Ontario Lake Partner Program. Visit our website for more details.

Katrine Community Centre

Due to COVID-19 all activities are on halt until further notice. Follow the KCC on Facebook for updates.
Stay safe – KCC

COVID-19

Covid-19 Protocols are constantly changing, please check our local Health Unit's website as much as possible.

www.myhealthunit.ca/en/health-topics/coronavirus.asp

Public Beaches

Please practice COVID-19 protocols The Township maintains four public beaches. While the beaches are owned

by the Township please remember that they are NOT SUPERVISED BEACH AREAS. Please always use caution around the water.

- Doe Lake Municipal Park: 1014 Ferguson Road
- Dobbs Beach - Pickerel Lake Park: 180 Kent Road
- Richard Thomas Memorial Park: 134 Pickerel & Jack Lake Road
- Halcyon Shore Beach: 2136 Pickerel & Jack Lake Road

Landfill – 141 Chetwynd Road

The landfill card system makes your card reusable & trackable. The cards were automatically reloaded on January 4th, 2021. Lost or stolen cards can be deactivated and the remaining value can be reloaded to a replacement card. A fee of \$10+HST applies to a replacement card. HAZMAT is scheduled for May 29th and August 28th at the Strong Township Landfill, 483 Forest Lake Road from 10 am to 2 pm. For additional information on hours of operation, diversion programs, reuse and tipping fees, please visit the Township of Armour's website or follow the TRI R Landfill & Recycling Centre on Facebook.

CodeRed

CodeRED is a free emergency notification service offered by the Township. We can notify residents and businesses by telephone or cellular phone about local emergency situations. Visit our website for more information.

Library

All residents of Armour are entitled to a library card and that card leads to a vast array of books, magazines, DVDs and many electronic resources. Learn a new language, download an eBook or audio book and it's FREE! The Library provides innovative programming, events and information in a variety of formats. Explore what your Community Library has to offer, no matter your age. WIFI Service is available during operating hours. We invite you to check out the website www.burksfallslibrary.com

DSSAB

The District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board works to provide human services and help people out. Services include affordable housing, childcare, financial assistance, etc. A little support can make a world of difference during a rough patch in your life. Call 1-800-461-4464 for details.

Council

Bob MacPhail, Reeve	705-636-7678
Rod Blakelock, Councillor	705-382-3113
Jerry Brandt, Councillor	705-382-6502
Wendy Whitwell, Councillor	705-384-7635
Rod Ward, Councillor	705-380-7177

Contact

Municipal Office, 56 Ontario St	705-382-3332
Municipal Garage, 564 Garage Rd	705-382-5982

Fire Department

Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms...it's the law. Every family should practice good fire prevention. Time is everything when a smoke alarm activates; get out, stay out and call 911. Contact Cameron Haffner, Fire Prevention Officer, with any questions at 705-788-4676.

BE AWARE OF FIRE RATINGS AND OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS

Please note:

- No daytime burning permitted between 10am to 6pm from April 1st to October 31st.
- No accelerants are permitted.
- You are required to have at least 2 pails of water, shovels, and anything that can assist in containing or extinguishing the fire should it spread from its origin.
- All fires must be under constant supervision and control from time of lighting until it is totally extinguished. Use plenty of water to extinguish the fire.
- If you have any questions with regards to fire safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Fire Prevention Office at the above contact details.

LOW	NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED Open Air Burning and Incinerators, including burn barrels with 3/8" mesh as lid allowed Starting at 6pm and completely out by 10am. Only environmentally friendly products may be burned. Camp Fires are allowed for cooking and warmth at any time.
MODERATE	NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED Open Air Burning and Incinerators, including burn barrels with 3/8" mesh as lid allowed starting at 6pm and completely out by 10am. Only environmentally friendly products may be burned. Camp Fires are allowed for cooking and warmth at any time.
HIGH	NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED - Including Incinerators. NO OPEN BURNING – NO FIREWORKS Only Enclosed Camp Fires for cooking and warmth. Enclosed fire, surrounding by brick / stones or in metal burn container / ring no bigger than 2 feet / 24 inches.
EXTREME	COMPLETE FIRE BAN NO BURNING ALLOWED at any time. NO FIREWORKS