

Township of Armour

Spring 2024 Newsletter

Contact Information:

Municipal Office: 56 Ontario St. (705) 382-3332

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Katrine Community Centre: 6 Browns Dr. (705) 382-5019

Council Members:

Rod Ward, Mayor (705) 380-7177

Rod Blakelock, Councillor (705) 382-3113

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Wendy Whitwell, Councillor (705) 384-7635

Dorothy Haggart-Davis, Councillor (705) 783-2119

General Information:

Interim tax bills for 2024 are due in two installments, the first half is due on **March 22nd**, the second half is due on **April 26th**. A fee of \$47 will be charged for any cheque returned from a financial institution. We accept E-transfer payments. Please send E-transfers to info@armourtownship.ca and remember to include your name and roll # or address. Credit card payments are accepted through PlastiQ and can be accessed **ONLY** through our website, additional fees apply. Arrears of taxes accrue interest at a rate of 1.25% per month.


eNotice:

Sign-up for eNotices through our NEW online Customer Portal. Gain access to your tax notices, balances, and MORE! Visit our website for more information on how to get started today at www.armourtownship.ca/property-taxes

Pre-Authorized Payment Information:

We offer payment plan options that allow you the benefit of settling your tax bill by making monthly payments or paying installments on the due dates indicated on the tax bills. Join today! Please visit our website for registration forms and additional details at www.armourtownship.ca/make-a-payment.

Website & Facebook:

Stay informed about municipal news and events by visiting our website at www.armourtownship.ca. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook at [Township of Armour](https://www.facebook.com/TownshipofArmour) for updates and information. Give us a  to stay connected!

Historical Society:

Come Visit the Historical Society! The Burk's Falls and District Historical Society is looking forward to opening their doors again this summer at the Watt Century Farm House Heritage Centre and the Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Heritage Centre with displays of our many artifacts and photos. Currently, we are in the planning stages of Heritage Festival 2024. The celebration will host the annual Firefighter Challenge, a Car Show and Vendors' Market and will be held on the Burk's Falls Fairgrounds on **Saturday, July 13th - SAVE THE DATE!** New members and volunteers are welcome. You can keep up-to-date by visiting our website at www.burksfallsdistrichistoricalociety.com or contact us by email at info@burksfallsdistrichistoricalociety.com.

Katrine Community Centre:

The Katrine Community Centre has been in full renovations since Fall 2023. The **GRAND RE-OPENING** will be during our famous Katrine Winter Carnival this year! Come check out our new facelift!

Upcoming Events:

Connect 55: Every Thursday

Dance Classes: February 21st – April 10th

Katrine Winter Carnival: February 23rd – 25th

Katrine Jamborees: March 9th, April 13th, May 11th

Day Camp Programs:

March Break Camp

PD Day Camps

Summer Camps

Christmas Break Camps

Registration OPENING FEBRUARY 12th at 9 am

To stay up-to-date on all KCC events, please follow us on Facebook & Instagram
[Armour Recreation & Katrine Community Centre.](#)

Council Meetings:

If you have any issues or suggestions, you're encouraged to contact the office to have your concerns placed on the agenda.

Council welcomes attendance either in person or via ZOOM at their meetings, which are held on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of each month at 7 pm. Additionally, you can view agendas and minutes on the Township's website.

Roads Department:

The Roads Department is gearing up for another busy season. If you are aware of a road hazard, please notify us.

Remember that plowing or shoveling snow onto or across municipal roads is prohibited under the Highway Traffic Act. For additional information, please contact Keith McCoy, Roads Supervisor, at (705) 382-5982.

Library:

Welcome to Spring! Your library has lots to do and lots planned! All residents of Armour are entitled to a library card that will lead to a vast variety of loanable materials and technology, electronic resources and community information. Your Library offers many public services such as printing, faxing and laminating, as well as public access to Wi-Fi, computers and technology support. Seasonal programs and workshops are available for patrons of all ages, including the Chess Club, Seed Library Exchange, Library Book Club, Sewing Club and so much more! Visit today and explore what your library has to offer, no matter your age.

Building Department:

The Building Department would like to welcome Larry Bandi as our new Chief Building Official for the Township of Armour. For all Building related inquiries, please contact Kaiyla Hoffmann, Building Administrative Assistant, (705) 382-3332 or at buildingadmin@armourtownship.ca.

CodeRED:

Stay informed and safe with our free emergency notification service - **CodeRED Alert!** We provide timely updates on local emergency situations directly to your telephone or cellular phone. Visit our website for more information.



211 is a free and confidential service that quickly and confidentially connects people to social services and community programs across the province.

Call or text **211** or visit their website
www.211ontario.ca.

Public Beaches & Parks:
The Township maintains four public beaches and an ice rink/basketball court for the community to enjoy. While these areas are owned by the Township it's important to note that they are **NOT SUPERVISED AREAS**. Please always use caution around the water.

- Doe Lake Municipal Park: 1014 Ferguson Rd.
- Dobbs Beach - Pickerel Lake Park: 180 Kent Rd.
- Richard Thomas Memorial Park: 134 Pickerel & Jack Lake Rd.
- Halcyon Shore Beach: across from 2159 Pickerel & Jack Lake Rd.
- KCC Ice Rink/ Basketball Court: 6 Browns Dr.

Blue-Green Algae:
Keep checking with the Health Unit for information regarding lakes in the area at 1-800-563-2808 or www.myhealthunit.ca.

Flood Forecasting:
Keep up to date on potential flooding and MNRF's warnings through their website at www.gisapplication.lrc.gov.on.ca/webapps/flood.

OPP Non-emergency Number
1-888-310-1122

Economic Development:
Almaguin Community Economic Development has partnered with municipalities throughout the region to help address two major challenges facing our region: transportation and housing. Using the results from the Almaguin Transportation Survey, regional partners aim to investigate creative solutions to helping people move around the region. ACED's participation in the Almaguin Housing Task Force will help to identify policy changes and other factors that will help encourage new housing throughout the region. ACED is also continuing to improve the promotion of the Almaguin Region through social media, web, and other means; make sure to keep an eye out for us at the Cottage Life Show! See more of what we are up to at www.explorealmaguin.ca.

By-Law Officer:
Just a quick reminder that Annual Trailer and Dog Licenses are now available and required. Licenses can be purchased at the Township Office or on our Website. Should you have any questions, please contact one of our By-law Enforcement Officers:
Jason Newman, bylaw@armourtownship.ca or (705) 477-3793
Bryan Austin, enforcement@armourtownship.ca or (705) 571-4453

Landfill – 141 Chetwynd:
Based on the annual volumetric comparison, the TRI communal landfill received 1,251.4 cubic metres of waste in 2023, leaving 13,924.3 cubic metres of air space for landfilling. With an estimated annual fill rate of 1,500 cubic meters, closure of the landfill will occur in 9 ¼ years. Be sure to do your part with blue box recycling and the many diversion programs available at the site. Hold onto your landfill card, it was reloaded in January with 30 bags. Lost or stolen cards can be deactivated and the remaining value can be reloaded to a replacement card. A fee of **\$11+ HST** applies for a replacement card. Blue boxes are available at the landfill site for \$11. 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. Call Amy Tilley at (705) 382-3332 or email: landfill@armourtownship.ca.

Hazmat Day:
HAZMAT day is scheduled for **May 25th** and **August 24th** at the Strong Township Landfill, 483 Forest Lake Rd. 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.

Pitch-In Week:
We are sponsoring a roadside clean up in support of Pitch-In Canada from **April 15th to 22nd**. To register your roadside area and to pick up supplies please visit the municipal office. The landfill offers free drop off of the litter to registrants.

DSSAB:
District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board works to provide such services as 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.

Fire Department:

Everyone has the responsibility to keep their families and homes safe from fire and carbon monoxide.

The best ways to do this are to:

- Prevent fires from starting.
- Install and maintain working smoke alarms on every story of your home and outside all sleeping areas.
- Have as much time to safely escape as possible, if a fire does occur.
- Not only do smoke alarms save lives, they are required by law.
- Plan and practice a home fire escape plan so everyone in the home knows exactly what to do should the smoke alarms sound in an emergency.
- Have fuel-burning appliances serviced annually by certified service technicians.

Keep an eye on the municipal website and fire rating signs throughout the municipality for updated fire conditions.

No daytime burning as of April 1st

Call 911 in an emergency.

Contact Cameron Haffner at (705) 788-4676 with any questions or concerns.

LOW	NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED Open Air Burning and Incinerators, including burn barrels with 3/8" mesh as lid allowed Starting at 6 pm and completely out by 10 am. Only environmentally friendly products may be burned.
MODERATE	NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED Open Air Burning and Incinerators, including burn barrels with 3/8" mesh as lid allowed Starting at 6 pm and completely out by 10 am. Only environmentally friendly products may be burned.
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