

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

TRI COUNCIL MINUTES

August 25, 2025

The combined 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, August 25, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Katrine Community Centre.

Those in attendance for were:

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

Village of Burk's Falls Council present included Mayor Chris Hope, Councillors Nancy Kyte, and Ashley Brandt; Staff: Denis Duguay, CAO-Clerk.

Township of Ryerson Council present included Mayor George Sterling, Councillors, and Glenn Miller, Beverly Abbott; Staff: Brayden Robinson, CAO/Treasurer, and Joe Readman Fire Chief.

Guests: Nieves Guijarro, Sarah Cooke, Ruth Fenwick, Joe Vella, Bob Van der Wjst, Diane Brandt, Doreen Monk, Tiffany Monk, Marie Odorizzi, Ana Cultraro, Dino Cultraro, Barry Burton, John Hind, and Alice Hewitt.

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 May 26, 2025 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

No pecuniary interest and general nature thereof were declared.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Informal TRI Council Sub-Committee Update

A verbal update was provided on the monthly Sub-Committee meetings. Since its formation in April, the Sub-Committee has played an effective role in enhancing communication among the TRI Council members, fostering stronger collaboration and alignment on shared priorities. Notable progress includes the successful finalization of the fire agreement, demonstrating the committee's ability to move key initiatives forward. In addition, a draft library agreement is scheduled to be presented later in the meeting, further highlighting the committee's ongoing efforts to address and support intermunicipal services.

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Draft Library Agreement

The Sub-Committee presented a new Library Agreement to TRI Council for review and approval. TRI Council discussed the draft agreement. Questions were asked and answered. Based on the discussion, several changes to the draft agreement were requested from the TRI partners. The agreement was presented for approval as amended. Once all participating Mayors and Clerks/CAOs have signed the agreement, each individual Council will be required to pass a by-law to enact the new agreement. Existing by-laws relating to the previous library agreement will need to be repealed accordingly. Once all by-laws have been passed, municipalities were asked to circulate copies to the other TRI Council partners for their records. A resolution was passed supporting the Library Agreement regarding the Burk's Falls Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library and authorized the Mayor and Clerk of each municipality to sign the said agreement. Councils thanked staff for their efforts.

TRI-R Landfill Report: Options and Budget Implications (Blue Box)

TRI Council reviewed a report from the Waste Management Administrator providing options and budget implications to the Blue Box Program effective January 2026. Resolution #206 from the Township of Armour, dated July 8, 2025, was forwarded to Circular Material Ontario in response to their June 27, 2025 Change Notice and stated that the Township of Armour does not accept the proposed reductions. The TRI partners have responded with supporting resolutions. TRI partners were in favor of the Waste Management Administrator continuing to advocate for improvements to the program and the reconsideration of the compensation rate.

The Waste Management Administrator contacted Reverse Logistics Group (RLG), noting that this arrangement was not part of the agreement with CMO and imposed operational inefficiencies. However, Emterra's contract with RLG is at a flat rate, RLG indicated there was no financial impact to CMO and therefore had no incentive to reconsider.

TRI Council reviewed the budget implications with the intent to provide direction to the Waste Management Administrator with regard to negotiations with Circular Materials.

2025 Monthly Contract Price Formula

Contract Price= (a)+ (b) - (c)
(a) Promotion & Education (P&E) Payment
\$1.00 x 1,916 households+ 12 = \$159.67 per month
(b) Residential Depot Operation Costs
Fixed amount= \$4,080 per month
(c) Deduction for Non-Eligible Sources
= 4.40% (Non-Eligible Source Deduction) x (Monthly Tonnage BB material) x (\$200/tonne)

2025 Operating Revenue Allocation = \$47,000

2026 Monthly Contract Price Formula

Contract Price= (a)+ (b) - (c)
(a) Promotion & Education (P&E) Payment
\$0.35 x 1,916 households+ 12 = \$55.88 per month
(b) Residential Depot Operation Costs
Fixed amount= \$1,223 per month
(c) Deduction for Non-Eligible Sources - Regulation amended July 4, 2025
= 4.40% (Non-Eligible Source Deduction) x (Monthly Tonnage BB material) x (\$200/tonne)

2026 Operating Revenue Allocation= \$15,000

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It was recommended that TRI Council consider the funding and compliance, regulatory compliance, operational considerations, resident expectation and legal risk when reviewing the budgeting implications.

Additional information will be provided at the October 2025 TRI Council meeting.

New Fire Hall Build Update

The Township of Ryerson provided a status update on the progress of the new Firehall build. It was confirmed that all three municipalities—Armour, Burk's Falls, and Ryerson—have now passed formal resolutions supporting the awarding of the construction tender for the project. In addition, each municipality has expressed its full support for the joint application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) under the Community Enhancement Program, which will assist in funding the new facility. As part of this commitment, all three Councils have agreed to contribute their respective shares toward the overall project cost and have further committed to covering any potential cost overruns that may occur. This coordinated support reflects the ongoing spirit of collaboration among the TRI Council partners and a shared dedication to improving emergency services infrastructure in the region.

The construction is expected to begin by October 31st, 2025.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2025 and will be hosted by the Village of Burk's Falls.

ADJOURNMENT:

The TRI Council meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Beverley Abbott, 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 regular meeting held on May 26, 2025. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; 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 Section 5(1) of the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.44, provides that the councils of two or more municipalities may make an agreement for the establishment of a union public library;

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 such an agreement with respect to the Burk's Falls Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour supports entering into a Library Agreement regarding the Burk's Falls Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and the Clerk of each municipality be authorized to sign the said agreement on behalf of their respective municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT each municipal Council shall bring forward a by-law authorizing the execution of the Library Agreement at their next regularly scheduled Council meeting or as soon as possible thereafter. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS: cont'd.

Moved by Nancy Kyte, seconded by Ashley Brandt; 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 Section 5(1) of the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.44, provides that the councils of two or more municipalities may make an agreement for the establishment of a union public library;

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 such an agreement with respect to the Burk's Falls Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls supports entering into a Library Agreement regarding the Burk's Falls Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and the Clerk of each municipality be authorized to sign the said agreement on behalf of their respective municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT each municipal Council shall bring forward a by-law authorizing the execution of the Library Agreement at their next regularly scheduled Council meeting or as soon as possible thereafter. Carried

Moved by Glenn Miller, seconded by Beverly Abbott; 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 Section 5(1) of the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.44, provides that the councils of two or more municipalities may make an agreement for the establishment of a union public library;

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 such an agreement with respect to the Burk's Falls Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ryerson supports entering into a Library Agreement regarding the Burk's Falls Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and the Clerk of each municipality be authorized to sign the said agreement on behalf of their respective municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT each municipal Council shall bring forward a by-law authorizing the execution of the Library Agreement at their next regularly scheduled Council meeting or as soon as possible thereafter. Carried

Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Glenn Miller; 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 8:15 p.m. until the next regular TRI Council meeting scheduled for October 27, 2025 to be hosted by the Village of Burk's Falls. Carried

Original signed by Rod Ward
Rod Ward, Mayor

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