

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

Agenda

March 10, 2026

VIDEO RECORDING DISCLAIMER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.:

- Confirmation of the minutes of the TRI council meeting held on February 23, 2026 (1)
- Confirmation of the minutes of the regular council meeting held on February 24, 2026 (2)
- List of proposed resolutions (3)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

DELEGATIONS:

- Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator – Landfill/Recycling Committee Appointment (4)
- Dave Creasor, Roads Supervisor – March 2026 Report & Calcium Tender Awarding (5)
- Danika McCann – Recreation Co-ordinator – March 2026 Report (6)

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL:

- List of accounts for approval – March 2026 (7)

APPLICATIONS:

- Zoning By-law Amendment: 723 Skyline Drive – Armstrong – Consent File: B-049/25 (8)
- Planner's Report - AI Infrastructure Project Proposal – Hwy 520 Industrial Park (9)

BY-LAW (S):

- #13-2026 – To confirm the proceedings of Council at its February 2026 meetings (10)
- #14-2026 – To establish a Committee of Adjustment and Repeal By-law #62-2025 (11)

REPORTS:

- Planning Report – March 2026 (12)
- Planning Board – Meeting of February 25, 2026 (13)
- ACED Board – Meeting of February 26, 2026 (14)
- Eastholme 2026 Levy Information Package & AGM Invitation Letter (15)
- EMS Advisory Committee – Meeting of February 26, 2026 (16)
- Almaguin OPP Detachment Board – Draft 2026 Budget (*Resolution*) (17)
- AHHC – Meeting of March 5, 2026
- Informal TRI Advisory Committee – Meeting of March 10, 2026
- Other reports?

CORRESPONDENCE:

#18 TO #29

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Township of Perry – Kearney withdrawal notice from SEPSDPB Resolution (30)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Health Unit – Discontinuation of Routine Beach Sampling (31)
- Municipal Election Candidates – Information Session Invitation (32)
- Joint Audit Compliance Committee – Recruitment of Members 2026-2030 (33)
- Public Meeting Notice: S-01/24 Zoning By-law Amendment - Prentice (34)

CLOSED SESSION: IF REQUIRED

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- March 12, 2026 – DSSAB
- March 16, 2026 – Historical Society Meeting & AGM
- March 17, 2026 – St. Patrick's Day
- March 18, 2026 – Library Board Meeting
- March 18, 2026 – Municipal Office Closed – Staff Training
- March 19, 2026 – Agricultural Society Meeting
- March 24, 2026 – Prentice Subdivision Zoning By-law Amendment Public Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- March 24, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting - **BRING YOUR BUDGET BINDERS**

Any member of the public who wishes to attend the Council meeting virtually may contact the Clerk by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 via telephone at 705-382-3332 or by email at clerk@armourtownship.ca



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TRI COUNCIL MINUTES

February 23, 2026

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, February 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Young at Heart Community Centre.

Those in attendance were:

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

Village of Burk's Falls Council present included Mayor Chris Hope, Councillors Nancy Kyte, Ryan Baptiste, Sean Cotton and Ashley Brandt; Staff: Denis Duguay, CAO/Clerk, Camille Barr, Senior Administrative Assistant, Graham Smith, Arena Manager and Christina Merrick, Assistant Arena Manager.

Township of Ryerson Council present included Deputy Mayor Glenn Miller, Councillors Beverley Abbott, Dan Robertson and Delynne Patterson; Staff: Brayden Robinson, Treasurer, Nancy Field, Acting CAO/Clerk, Kelly Morissette, Administrative Assistant and Joe Readman, Fire Chief.

Guests: Nieves Guijarro, Diane Brandt, Laura Richardson, Steve Page, Jon Hind, Marie Stitt and Doreen Monk.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Glenn Miller, acting as Chair for the meeting, at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Glenn Miller welcomed all of the participants.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The notes of the regular meeting held on October 27, 2025 were approved as amended. Councillor Jerry Brandt noted a spelling error in Diane Brandt's name.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Budgets and Reports

Arena

The Arena Manager and Assistant Arena Manager presented the 2026 final draft arena budget and a 2025 summary report. Highlights included that 2025 marked the strongest year for ice and hall rentals since the pandemic, increased hydro costs due to higher consumption and global adjustment rates, and ice plant repairs and maintenance pressures due to increased usage. Discussion ensued regarding hydro cost volatility, staffing and working alone mitigation strategies, long-term capital planning and the impact of no-charge and subsidized rentals. The Arena Manager reviewed the 10-year capital forecast, including the condenser replacement (2026), generator capital contract and demand regulators, arena man-gate safety upgrades, floor resurfacing and long-term ice plant and structural requirements. The Capital request impact for the 2026 Capital budget is \$168,323. The operating budget is increasing from \$356,515 to \$381,818, representing an increase of \$25,303 or 7.1%. The capital budget is increasing from \$132,100 to \$168,323, representing an increase of \$36,223 or 27.4%. Overall, the 2026 Arena Budget will increase from \$488,615 to \$550,141, reflecting a total increase of \$61,526 or 12.59%. The Township of Armour's contribution for 2026 is projected at \$183,380.

A capital surcharge was discussed on services and will be considered by the Village of Burk's Falls when they update their Fees and Charges By-law.

TRI Council discussed the budget. Questions were asked and answered.

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Waste Management

The Waste Management Administrator presented the 2026 final draft waste management budget and the 2025 landfill operational review report. Due to the changes to the recycling collection, the operating budget for Waste Management is increasing from \$251,800 to \$268,800 an increase of \$17,000 or 6.75%. The increase is reflected in finance/auditing, freight and landfill monitoring. The capital budget is decreasing from \$65,700 to \$16,440, a difference of \$49,260 or 75.0%. The capital difference is reflected in the compactor repair and pole barn repair accounts. Overall, the 2026 Waste Management Budget is decreasing from \$317,500 to \$285,322 a decrease of \$32,178 or 10.13%. Armour's contributions for 2026 is projected at \$139,099.

A sub-committee was suggested to assess the landfill site's layout, protocols for addressing lithium ion battery fires that are becoming more frequent and diverting construction waste.

TRI Council discussed the budget, questions were asked and answered.

Fire Department

The Fire Chief presented the 2026 final draft fire budget. The operating budget for the Fire Department is increasing from \$460,792 to \$521,042, representing an increase of \$60,250 or 13.08%. Due to the construction of the new fire hall, the capital budget is increasing from \$1,558,030 to \$3,828,934, an increase of \$2,270,904 or 145.75%. A potential NOHFC Fire Hall Grant was detailed in the amount of \$1,850,000 and a loan in the amount of \$1,850,000. Overall, the 2026 Fire Department municipal levies are increasing from \$542,522 to \$649,876, representing an increase of \$107,354 or 19.79%. Armour's contributions for 2026 is projected at \$310,901.

TRI Council discussed the budget, questions were asked and answered.

First Due Software

TRI Council reviewed the Fire Chief's report regarding the implementation and operational benefits of the First Due software platform for the Burk's Falls and District Fire Department. Discussion highlighted improvements to emergency reporting, records management, and overall operational efficiencies. TRI Council acknowledged that the purchase of First Due Software was included in the draft 2026 budget, and that the Fire Chief will enter into an agreement for its implementation and continued use, subject to final review of terms and conditions acceptable to the participating municipalities. Council acknowledged the first-year cost of \$17,150.00, which includes software acquisition, configuration, customization, and initial staff training, and reviewed the ongoing annual subscription cost of \$13,150.00 beginning in year two.

Update New Fire Hall

The Fire Chief provided an update on the new fire hall project. The land severance has been completed. Construction permits have been submitted and foundation work has commenced. The Township of Ryerson is awaiting final design renderings and there has been ongoing coordination with project partners.

The Fire Chief announced that Ransome Well Drilling will drill the well at no cost to the municipalities.

The loan for the new fire hall is at a fixed 25-year term and there has not been a grant announcement to date.

Council discussed project timelines and next steps.

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Library Lease Report

Mayor Chris Hope summarized the library lease report for TRI Council for informational purposes. The report outlined the financial and maintenance status of the municipal library building in the Village of Burk's Falls, explaining that recent rent increases were implemented to address a gap between below-market lease rates (previously under \$5 per square foot versus commercial rates exceeding \$20) and the true cost of operating and maintaining the facility. While the library is a vital community asset, rental income has not consistently covered annual operating expenses—projected at about \$9,343 in 2026—or contributed to long-term capital needs, such as the estimated \$381,500 in future repairs identified in the Asset Management Plan, which was developed with support from Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. to comply with Ontario Regulation 588/17. Past deficits have required municipal subsidies, and without a sustainable funding model, the Village faces risks including deferred maintenance, higher future repair costs, service disruptions, and increased budget pressure. Burk's Falls Council may consider either establishing a shared-service funding model with community partners or continuing to subsidize the library as a core public service to ensure its long-term sustainability.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2026 and will be hosted by the Township of Armour.

ADJOURNMENT:

The TRI Council meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #TRI-2026-1 - Moved by Chris Hope, seconded by Delynne Patterson; 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 October 27, 2025, as amended. Carried

Resolution #TRI-2026-2 - Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Delynne Patterson; 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 8:21 p.m. until the next regular TRI Council meeting scheduled for May 25, 2026 to be hosted by the Township of Armour. Carried

Rod Ward, Mayor

Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk

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The regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were: Mayor Rod Ward; Councillors Rod Blakelock, Jerry Brandt, Wendy Whitwell and Dorothy Haggart-Davis; Delegations: Barry Burton and Diane Brandt, Burk's Falls & District Historical Society; Guests: Nieves Guijarro, Doreen Monk, Tiffany Monk, Alice Hewitt, Don Murphy, Carl Martin, Mark Armstrong, and Grace McCoy; Staff: Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk, Alison McGregor, Treasurer, Danika McCann, Recreation Co-ordinator and Dave Gray, Chief Administrative Officer.

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 February 10, 2026 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:

No pecuniary interest and general nature thereof were declared.

DELEGATIONS:

Barry Burton, Director and Diane Brandt, President of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society, addressed Council regarding the need for a heating system in the new Red Building at the Watt Century Farm House. The estimated cost to install the system is \$17,301.11 plus HST. As the Historical Society does not own the property, it was noted that the Society would be prepared to contribute \$5,000 toward the installation costs, if required, provided the Township is willing to proceed with the capital investment. It is recognized that fundraising is required. Two resolutions from the Historical Society's meeting held on February 16, 2026, were presented for Council's consideration, one regarding refocusing Heritage Festival and the other regarding the heating of the Red Building. Following questions and discussion regarding flooring, increased utility costs, removal of the chicken coop, fire suppression, accessibility requirements, humidity concerns on the artifacts, etc., Council requested that the Historical Society compile a comprehensive list of required repairs and renovations for the Farm House and report back to the CAO. The submission will then be reviewed to determine if funding is available.

Council advised that the heating system installation will be considered during the 2026 budget deliberations.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL: None

APPLICATIONS:

Council reviewed a planner's report from Planscape Inc. regarding a request to reconsider Condition #6 of the February 9, 2026, Notice of Decision issued by the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board, which required an Official Plan Amendment for a proposed lot line adjustment. The report outlined the planning history of the property, including approval of Official Plan Amendment #5 and the creation of

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APPLICATIONS: cont'd.

Section 3.1.1(g) in the Township of Armour Official Plan, permitting the recreation of previously merged lots and clarifying that they were not considered backlots. Council was advised that the current application seeks only to adjust a shared lot line to provide usable frontage along Skyline Drive, does not create a new lot or backlot, and conforms with Section 3.1.1(n) of the Official Plan, which permits boundary adjustments. The report further concluded that, with the removal of Condition #6, the application remains consistent with the 2024 Provincial Planning Statement, conforms to the Township's Official Plan, and continues to represent good planning, with a future zoning amendment still required under Condition #7. Council passed a resolution supporting the report.

Council reviewed a report from Robert Miller, Township's former planner, advising that the Township's Zoning By-law is now outdated with respect to shipping container provisions due to 2022 amendments to the Ontario Building Code increasing the threshold for building permit requirements to 15 m² (161.5 sq. ft.). He explained that most standard shipping containers (8 feet by 20 feet) are now under this threshold and no longer require building permits, meaning they cannot be regulated as buildings or structures in the same manner as previously provided under Zoning By-law Amendment No. 26/2017. Mr. Miller noted that updates are required to ensure conformity with current regulations. He recommended permitting only shipping containers less than 15 m² as accessory storage uses on lots where a permitted principal use already exists. Council passed a resolution supporting the zoning by-law amendment request and directed Robert Miller to proceed with drafting the amendment.

BY-LAWS:

By-law #11-2026 being a by-law to appoint a Chief Building Official was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

By-law #12-2026 being a by-law to enter into a shared service agreement for Chief Building Official and Building Inspectors with the Township of Lake of Bays, Town of Huntsville and Township of Perry was read in its entirety and passed by resolution.

REPORTS:

Council reviewed the 2024 Financial Indicator Review (FIR). The Treasurer answered questions.

Council reviewed the draft minutes from the February 16, 2025 Historical Society meeting and two resolutions: one regarding heating in the Red Building, and one supporting the Township of Armour's refocused Heritage Festival with a reduced budget. The next meeting will include the Annual General Meeting and be hosted at the Township of Armour's Council Chambers.

Council discussed the TRI Council meeting of February 23, 2026, various priority projects, and reviewed the 2026 budgets for the Arena, the Fire Department and Waste Management. After some discussion, Council passed resolutions approving all of the budgets as presented. Per the shared services agreement, the budgets are to be finalized in February.

Council reviewed the Fire Chief's Report detailing the replacement of CodeRED. Although the new First Due Software Platform is included in the 2026 Fire Department's budget, Council passed a resolution approving the purchase and implementation of the software and directing that the Township's CEMC be informed of the transition from the existing CodeRED service currently utilized by the three municipalities.

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REPORTS: cont'd.

Council reviewed the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre (AHC) financial statements and deficit contribution invoices for 2024 and 2025. A meeting was held by AHC's Building Sub-Committee after the invoice was issued to participating municipalities with a municipality expressing concerns on the invoicing and the transfer of reserves reflected in the billing. It was suggested that an agreement be put in place going forward without including capital costs, maintenance worker contract costs and reserves transfers. Council defeated a resolution approving payment of the invoices until a broader agreement is in place that is driven by the Village of Burk's Falls in conjunction with AHC and the participating municipalities.

Council reviewed the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board's February 11, 2026 draft minutes, the 2026 draft budget and the approved minutes from the January 14, 2026 meeting. The next meeting will be held on April 8, 2026. Final contribution amounts owing from each municipality will be finalized after some adjustments are made.

Council reviewed the agenda package from the February 18, 2026 Library Board meeting. A verbal report was given on the meeting. Health and Safety concerns with only one access point for the building were discussed by Council. A working alone policy is to be investigated by the Board as the staff have been exposed to volatile situations. The library's CEO forwarded an email to advise Council that the House of Commons Finance Committee approved amendments to Bill C-15 and reinstated the reduced postage rates for library materials lent between libraries.

A verbal report was given on the February 19, 2026 Agricultural Society meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council reviewed a letter from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit requesting support in petitioning the Provincial Government to strengthen social assistance in Ontario as a priority for the 2026 Ontario budget. Council passed a resolution of support.

Council received a resolution from the Municipality of Magnetawan calling upon the Provincial and Federal Governments to strengthen affordability requirements for federal broadband funding and universal access programs. Council passed a supporting resolution.

Council reviewed a newsletter from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit providing highlights from the January 2026 Minister of Health's report.

Council reviewed a public notice advising the public of the municipal 2026 draft budget meeting.

Council reviewed an Ontario News Release advising that Ontario is expanding support for road safety initiatives. Applications are open for funding to support traffic-calming measures.

Council reviewed an Almaguin News publication regarding PowerBank's appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal after Council's refusal of the lithium battery energy storage system on 219 Peggs Mountain Road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council reviewed the employment advertisement for the Office Administrator position. The job posting closes on February 27, 2026.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed the draft Terms of Reference for the Shared Services Advisory Committees, establishing the Arena Advisory Committee, Fire Advisory Committee, and Waste Management Advisory Committee. Council passed a resolution approving the Terms of Reference.

Council reviewed the draft Request for Expressions of Interest regarding an Almaguin Health and Innovation Hub for the property known as the Peggs Mountain Road Development lands. Council passed a resolution approving the draft Request for Expressions of Interest and directed staff to report back to Council with a summary of responses received and recommended next steps following the closing of the process.

Council reviewed two resolutions from the Village of Burk's Falls: Resolution #2026-45 approving the Township of Armour's By-law #10-2026 and authorizing the payment of their portion of the fire hall property and Resolution #2026-42 approving the draft Terms of Reference for the Shared Services Advisory Committees.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2026-51 - Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on February 10, 2026, as circulated. Carried

Resolution #2026-52 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; Whereas, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Armour hereby receives the planner's report B-049/25 Lot Addition (Armstrong), 723 Skyline Drive, Pt. Lot 21, Con 4 Pt. 1, 42R-22453 dated February 20, 2026.

And Whereas, the applicants have requested Council consider the removal of Condition #6 of the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board Decision, dated February 9, 2026.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Council of the Township of Armour continue to support consent application B-049/25, Part Lot 21, Concession 4, 723 Skyline Drive submitted by Mark and Susan Armstrong for a lot addition and request the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board remove Condition #6 from their February 9, 2026 decision. Carried

Resolution #2026-53 – Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour accepts the recommendation from Robert Miller, Land Use Planner and authorize the planner to proceed with the zoning by-law amendment to By-law 26-2017 for shipping container provisions. Carried

Resolution #2026-54 - Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #11-2026 being a by-law to appoint Andrew McGee as the Chief Building Official and that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

Resolution #2026-55 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #12-2026 being a by-law to enter into a shared service agreement with the Town of Huntsville, the Township of Perry and the Township of Lake of Bays for the services of chief building officials/building inspectors for the Township of Armour and that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto. Carried

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RESOLUTIONS: cont'd.

Resolution #2026-56 - Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour approves the 2026 TRI R Waste Management budget, in the net amount of \$285,322, with the Township of Armour's share being \$139,099. Carried

Resolution #2026-57 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approves the 2026 Armour Ryerson Burk's Falls Memorial Arena budget, in the net amount of \$550,141, with the Township of Armour's share being \$183,380. Carried

Resolution #2026-58 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour approves the 2026 Burk's Falls and District Fire Department budget, in the net amount of \$649,876, with the Township of Armour's share being \$310,901. Carried

Resolution #2026-59 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the Fire Chief's Report dated February 24, 2026 and approve the purchase and implementation of the First Due software platform at a first-year cost of \$17,150.00, including software, configuration, and initial training; And Further That Council approve the ongoing annual subscription cost beginning in year two in the amount of \$13,150.00 per year; And Further That Council acknowledges that the implementation of First Due will replace the existing CodeRED service currently utilized by the three municipalities. Carried

Resolution #2026-60 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour approves the payments of \$3,338.00 to the Village of Burk's Falls for the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre 2024 Deficit and \$8,353.00 to the Village of Burk's Falls for the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre 2025 Deficit. **Defeated**

Resolution #2026-61 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; Whereas, improved financial stability allows municipal residents to participate, contribute, and invest in their local economies and communities; and

Whereas, poverty puts additional pressure on municipalities, who are responsible for delivering necessary public and social services to support residents who are struggling with the consequences of inadequate income; and

Whereas, poverty, homelessness and food insecurity have detrimental impacts on physical and mental health; and

Whereas, income is an important social determinant of health that greatly impacts a household's ability to pay for the basic costs of living, including housing and food; and

Whereas, the 2025 North Bay Parry Sound food affordability results show that households reliant on social assistance do not have enough money for the costs of living; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Township of Armour support efforts to raise awareness about, and work to reduce poverty, homelessness and food insecurity; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, That the Township of Armour endorses the recommendations from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and call on the Province of Ontario to increase Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program rates to reflect the costs of living, and index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward. Carried

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Resolution #2026-62 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Wendy Whitwell; That the Township of Armour supports the Municipality of Magnetawan and calls upon the Government of Canada, including ISED, to strengthen affordability requirements tied to federal broadband funding and universal access programs. Carried

Resolution #2026-63 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour hereby approve the draft Terms of Reference for the Shared Services Advisory Committees; and

Further That Council direct staff to circulate the approved Terms of Reference to the Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls for consideration and corresponding approval; and

Further That the Terms of Reference take effect upon adoption by all participating municipalities. Carried

Resolution #2026-64 - Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; That the Council of the Township of Armour approves the draft Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI# 2026-01) regarding the Almaguin Health & Innovation Hub on the Peggs Mountain Road Development Lands and directs staff to undertake all necessary administrative actions to facilitate the REOI process.

Furthermore, Council directs staff to report back to Council with a summary of responses received and recommended next steps following the closing of the process. Carried

Resolution #2026-65 - Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Rod Blakelock; That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourn this regular council meeting at 9:03 p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for March 10, 2026 or at the call of the Mayor or the Clerk. Carried

Rod Ward, Mayor

Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk

LIST OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS FOR MARCH 10, 2026

ITEM # ON AGENDA

(1)

That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the TRI Council meeting held on February 23, 2026, as circulated.

ITEM # ON AGENDA

(2)

That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on February 24, 2026, as circulated.

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(4)

That the Council of the Township of Armour appoints _____ as the municipal representative on the TRI-R Landfill & Recycling Advisory Waste Committee.

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(5)

That the Staff Report from the Roads Supervisor dated March 10, 2026, regarding Roads Tender #2026-01 to Supply and Apply 35% Calcium Chloride be received and that Council award the contract to Pollard Distribution Inc. for a tender price of \$70,905 plus HST.

ITEM # ON AGENDA

(7)

That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the March 2026 accounts, in the amount of \$278,676.71 for payment, and the Mayor and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign cheques for same.

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(8)

That the Council of the Township of Armour accept the application for a zoning by-law amendment as a requirement of Consent File B-049/25, submitted by Mark and Susan Armstrong, Part Lot 21, Concession 4, described as 723 Skyline Drive and request the municipal planner proceed with drafting the zoning amendment by-law.

ITEM # ON AGENDA

(9)

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Armour received a Planning Report dated March 5, 2026 from the Township's Consulting Planner, Planscape Inc., regarding Motion 2026-37 and a request from Almaguin Data Inc. to purchase a portion of municipally owned lands within the Highway 520 Industrial Park for the development of an AI Data and Infrastructure Use (AI Compute Facility);

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes that the subject lands were identified for future employment uses and economic development opportunities within the Township;

AND WHEREAS the Planning Report indicates that while the proposed use may be generally consistent with the intent of the Township's Official Plan and the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, additional information is required to fully evaluate the proposal and potential impacts prior to any commitment to sell municipal lands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Township of Armour receives the Planning Report dated March 5, 2026 from Planscape Inc. for information;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to request that Almaguin Data Inc. provide additional information regarding the proposed AI Compute Facility, including but not limited to:

1. a conceptual site plan illustrating the full build-out of the development;
2. confirmation of the number and type of permanent local employment opportunities;

3. details regarding water supply and septic servicing requirements;
4. confirmation from Hydro One regarding electrical servicing capacity and potential impacts to the local power grid;
5. information regarding potential impacts related to noise, vibration, ventilation, and land use compatibility; and
6. a preliminary operational and emergency response plan for the proposed facility;

AND FURTHER THAT the applicant shall address the requirements identified in the Pre-Consultation Checklist dated January 26, 2026 to the satisfaction of the Township's Municipal Planner;

AND FURTHER THAT Council advises the applicant that any future consideration of the sale of municipal lands will be conditional upon the submission of the above information, the satisfaction of the Municipal Planner with respect to the Pre-Consultation Checklist requirements, and the completion of any required planning approvals, including but not limited to a site-specific Zoning By-law Amendment and supporting technical studies as required under the Township's Official Plan and the Planning Act.

ITEM # ON AGENDA (9)

WHEREAS Council of the Township of Armour has received a planning report dated March 5, 2026 from Ryan Lloyd, Consulting Planner with Planscape Inc., regarding a request from Almaguin Data Inc. to purchase a portion of municipally owned land within the Highway 520 Industrial Park for the development of an AI Data and Infrastructure (AI Compute Facility);

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes that the subject lands have been identified for future employment uses and economic development opportunities within the Township of Armour;

AND WHEREAS Council has directed the proponent to provide additional information and supporting studies to allow for a complete evaluation of the proposed development and its potential impacts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Township of Armour expresses its willingness, in principle, to enter into negotiations for the sale of a portion of the municipally owned lands within the Highway 520 Industrial Park to Almaguin Data Inc., subject to the proponent satisfying the requirements identified in the March 5, 2026 planning report and any additional requirements of the Township;

AND FURTHER THAT Council's support in principle is conditional upon the submission and satisfactory review of the required information, studies, and technical reports, and the completion of all necessary planning approvals, including but not limited to a site-specific Zoning By-law Amendment and supporting technical studies, as required under the Township's Official Plan and applicable legislation;

AND FURTHER THAT any agreement for the sale of municipal lands shall be subject to final approval by Council and the execution of a formal Agreement of Purchase and Sale on terms satisfactory to the Township.

ITEM # ON AGENDA (10)

That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #13-2026 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its February 2026 meetings and that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

ITEM # ON AGENDA (11)

That the Council of the Township of Armour have read and approve By-law #14-2026 being a by-law to establish a Committee of Adjustment and repeal By-law #62-2025 and that we authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign this by-law and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

ITEM # ON AGENDA (17)

That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the draft 2026 Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board budget, in the net amount of \$14,872.15, with the Township of Armour's share being \$1,322.58.

ITEM # ON AGENDA

(18)

Whereas the RORAB Shrine Club has requested permission to conduct its annual Tag Day fundraising event within the Township of Armour on May 30, 2026;

And Whereas Tag Day is a charitable fundraising initiative in support of the charitable activities of Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children;

Now Therefore be it Resoled that the Council for the Township of Armour hereby approves the request from the RORAB Shrine Club to designate May 30, 2026 as Tag Day within the Township of Armour.

ITEM # ON AGENDA

(19)

That the Council of the Township of Armour supports to Town of Kingsville and opposes the consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities without knowing the full financial and operational impact to municipalities and the conservation authorities.

ITEM # ON AGENDA

(20)

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are legislated to preserve records of enduring and historical value, and community archives play a critical role in fulfilling this responsibility, particularly in rural and smaller municipalities; and

WHEREAS The Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) is the only provincial operating grant available to grassroots, non-profit heritage organizations, including community archives and historical societies across Ontario; and

WHEREAS The maximum annual HODG grant of \$1,545 per organization has remained effectively unchanged for more than 15 years, resulting in a significant erosion of its real value due to inflation, such that its current purchasing power is approximately two-thirds of what it was in 2010; and

WHEREAS Rising operating costs related to insurance, utilities, records preservation, digitization, accessibility, and volunteer coordination have increased financial pressure on heritage organizations, often requiring municipalities to absorb additional costs to ensure continuity of service; and

WHEREAS Strengthening HODG would represent a modest but high-impact provincial investment that would help stabilize community archives, reduce pressure on municipal budgets, and safeguard Ontario's public records and local heritage for future generations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour formally support a review and modernization of the Heritage Organization Development Grant, including restoring its real purchasing power through inflationary adjustment and exploring options for increased or multi-year operating stability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT This resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, and Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

ITEM # ON AGENDA

(21)

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris is planning the construction of a new fire hall that will serve as a regional fire training centre for fire departments including from across the Nipissing, East Parry Sound, and East Sudbury districts;

AND WHEREAS the closest accredited and operational training facilities are currently located in Huntsville, Haileybury, and Sault Ste. Marie, requiring significant travel, increased costs, and reduced training frequency for volunteer and composite departments in our region;

AND WHEREAS the summer 2025 storm in the Municipality of Calvin demonstrated the effectiveness of regional collaboration under a declared state of emergency, highlighting the value of joint training and coordinated emergency response;

AND WHEREAS a regional training centre in East Ferris would allow firefighters to train closer to home, reduce operational costs, foster inter-departmental collaboration, and improve readiness for future emergencies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Municipality of East Ferris in its application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for funding assistance to construct the East Ferris Regional Fire Training Centre;

AND FURTHER THAT that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Municipality of East Ferris to demonstrate our municipality's support for this important regional initiative.

ITEM # ON AGENDA

That the Council of the Township of Armour adjourns this regular council meeting at _____ p.m. until the next regular council meeting scheduled for March 24, 2026 or at the call of the Mayor or the Clerk.

Charlene Watt (Deputy Clerk)

From: Amy Tilley
Sent: February 24, 2026 10:40 AM
To: Denis Duguay (clerk@burksfalls.ca); Nancy Field (clerk@ryersontownship.ca); Dave Gray
Cc: Charlene Watt; Brayden Robinson
Subject: Landfill & Recycling Committee

Good Morning CAOs,

I am sending this email as a formal request for members of your council to join the Waste Committee.

I anticipate the first meeting to occur around the last week of March, perhaps 24th or 25th . This meeting will set the ground work for site review and will provide members an opportunity to review the assets to be discussed. Feel free to add yourself if your schedule allows, however I will provide agenda and minutes for all meetings as follow for all councils.

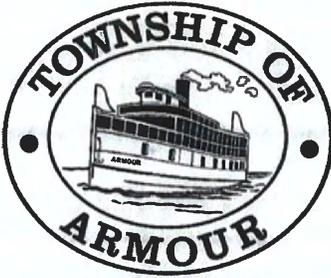
I had several members approach me after the meeting adjourned, and have them noted, however please discuss with council and advise me of your selection.

Thank you,

Amy Tilley
Waste Management Administrator
Township of Armour
705-382-3332

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Note: The enclosed information is confidential and/or legally privileged. If you have received this information in error, please contact our office immediately. WARNING: Photocopying, distribution and/or disclosing this information to others is a serious offence.



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STAFF REPORT

Date: March 10, 2026
To: Council
From: Dave Creasor, Roads Supervisor
Subject: March Monthly Update

Recommendation:

That the Staff Report from the Roads Supervisor dated March 10, 2026, regarding the monthly update be received for information and that,

1. **ITEM # ON AGENDA**

That the Staff Report dated March 10, 2026, regarding Tender # 2026-01 for the Supply and Application of Calcium Chloride for dust suppression on gravel roads be received and that Council provide prebudget approval, and award the contract to Pollard Distribution Inc., for a tender price of \$70,905 plus HST.

Overview:

This report provides Council with an update on the Township of Armour's early spring maintenance operations as of early March. While our equipment fleet remains fully operational due to diligent upkeep. Roads department is preparing for the spring freshet. Spring load restrictions were put in place Monday March 09th. These load restrictions are expected to stay in place into mid to late May depending on the conditions of the roads.

Equipment Update:

- **2016 Wester Star Plow Truck:** The front springs have been replaced to handle heavy hauling and snow plowing loads safely. This was due to a broken front spring.
- **2013 Volvo Grader:** The Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) cooler replaced. The EGR cooler is significant as lowers ending combustion temperatures and reduces emissions. A failure can lead to both the engine overheating and can plug up the exhaust after treatment filters.
- **2001 Thompson Steam Genie:** Maintenance has been completed and the unit has been thawing frozen culverts to manage early meltwater and prevent flooding of roads due to frozen culvert.

Upcoming Projects:

Active Tenders:

7,500 Tonnes of Quarried Gravel Delivered and Placed:

1. Location:North Pickerel Lake Road (gravel portion)

From: End of surface treatment east side of River Road intersection and North Pickerel Lake Road bridge to the next bridge located 300 meters north of intersection of Colbourne Road.

2. Location: Eli Side Road

From: Pickerel and Jack Lake Road to North Pickerel Lake Road

3. Location:Doe Lake Road (gravel portion)

From: Fawn Road to Sohomish Road

Surface Treatments

1. **Ferguson Road:** Surface Treatment from 343 Ferguson Road to 834 Ferguson Road approximately 2.5kms
2. **Skyline Drive: Micro Surface (slurry seal):** from the intersection of Chetwynd Road to the end of the surface treatment approximately 2.7kms

Conclusion: Roads Department is monitoring the flood risks moving forward including weather, water levels and water content level of the snow pact.

Contract Award and Budget Analysis:

Item1:

Tender # 2026-01 for the Supply and Application of Calcium Chloride

Background:

The Township of Armour issued the joint Request for Tender 2026-01 along with Strong Township, for the Supply and Application of Calcium Chloride for dust suppression on gravel Roads, on February 17, 2026 and closed March 04, 2026. The tender was advertised on the Township website and in the Almaguin Online News and, was sent to four (4) known suppliers.

Analysis:

Three submissions were received for 2026-01, there were no late submissions.

	BIDDER	Calcium Chloride Unit Price/Litre	2026 BID (plus HST)
1	Pollard Distribution Inc	\$0.435/L	\$70,905
2	Da-Lee Services Inc.	\$0.495/L	\$80,685
3	Newman Petroleum 1998 Inc.	\$0.600/L	\$97,800

Low tender from Pollard Distribution Inc. was checked for mathematical errors and conformity to the Tender requirements. No errors or omissions were noted during this analysis. The proposal from Pollard Distribution Inc is compliant and recommended for award.

Armour Township's Historical Pricing for Calcium Chloride

The Almaguin Road Supervisors Association issued a group tender for Calcium in 2023 with a 2 year extension based on Consumer Price Index increase. This expired in 2025. The Almaguin Road Supervisors Association has not released a tender for Calcium since 2023.

Based on market trends for 2026, the increased prices for calcium chloride used for dust suppression in Ontario are driven by increases in demand, supply chain constraints, and increased operations costs. In recent years, shortages have forced suppliers to prioritize municipal contracts.

	Year	Calcium Chloride Unit Price/Litre	Percent Increase
1	2023	\$0.367	
2	2024	\$0.379	3.27%
3	2025	\$0.386	%1.85
	2026	\$0.435	%12.69

Financial Considerations:

The 2025 Operations Budget for Loose top Maintenance was \$75,000 and remain the same for the draft budget for 2026. The tender is within budget at **\$70,905 plus HST**.

Respectfully submitted,
 Dave Creasor AS.c.t., CRS
 Roads Supervisor
 Township of Armour

Charlene Watt (Deputy Clerk)

From: Dave Creasor (Roads Supervisor)
Sent: March 3, 2026 8:03 AM
To: Dave Gray
Cc: Jason Newman (Bylaw Enforcement Officer); Bryan Austin; Chief Building Official; Building Administrator; Amy Tilley; Charlene Watt; Ashley Soundy (Administrative Assistant); Mayor Rod Ward; Councillor Wendy Whitwell; Councillor Dorothy Haggart-Davis; Councillor Rod Blakelock; Councillor Jerry Brandt
Subject: Load Restrictions Monday March 09th

Good morning,

Load restriction information below has been made public.

Notice: 2026 Spring Load Restrictions – Township of Armour

Effective Date: Monday March 09, 2026

Anticipated End Date: Late May, 2026 (Subject to weather and road conditions)

Reason for Restrictions

During the mild weather of the spring thaw, frozen road bases begin to melt. Water becomes trapped between the upper pavement and the still-frozen soil beneath, saturating the gravel. This causes the road to lose its structural integrity and bearing capacity, making paved roads and gravel roads susceptible to damage from heavy vehicles.

Restriction Details

In accordance with **Section 122 of the Highway Traffic Act**, vehicle loads on designated municipal roads are restricted to **5 tonnes (5,000 kg) per axle** when signs are posted.

Vehicle Examples & Application

Commercial Transport (e.g., Log Trucks, Fuel Trucks, Dump Trucks): Must reduce their total load so no single axle exceeds 5 tonnes. For instance, a truck that normally carries 10 tonnes per axle must operate at "half-load" capacity. In practice, some trucks including concrete trucks are among the most severely impacted vehicles by spring load restrictions because their empty weight often sits right at or very near the 5-tonne (5,000 kg) per axle limit.

Passenger Vehicles: Standard cars, SUVs, and pickup trucks are generally exempt as they rarely exceed the 5-tonne per axle limit.

Emergency & Essential Services: Fire Trucks, public utility emergency vehicles, Township Road maintenance equipment completing road maintenance activities are exempt.

Primary Reporting Channels

Local Municipal Enforcement (Armour Township)

- o For violations on **Township roads**, contact the Armour Township [By-law Enforcement Department](#) directly.
- o **By-Law Enforcement Officers:**
- o Jason Newman: 705-477-3793 | bylaw@armourtownship.ca
- o Bryan Austin: 705-571-4453 | enforcement@armourtownship.ca
- o **Main Office:** 705-382-3332
- o *Note: Provide the vehicle's description, license plate, company name (if visible), and the specific road where the violation occurred, pictures and videos.*

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

- o The OPP enforces the Highway Traffic Act on both provincial and municipal roads.
- o **Non-Emergency Line:** 1-888-310-1122

Ministry of Transportation (MTO)

- o The MTO's Commercial Inspection and Enforcement Branch monitors commercial vehicle safety and compliance.
- o **General Inquiries/Reporting:** 1-800-268-4686 or 416-235-4686.
- o **Email:** MTOINFO@ontario.ca
- o

Essential Information for Your Report

To increase the likelihood of enforcement, include these details:

1. **Exact Location:** The name of the road and the nearest intersection.
2. **Vehicle Details:** Make, model, colour, and especially the license plate number.
3. **Company Identifiers:** Any name or USDOT/CVOR number printed on the side of the truck.
4. **Direction of Travel:** Which way the vehicle was heading.
5. **Evidence:** Photos or videos are helpful, provided they were taken safely and show the vehicle in a continuous recording

Regards,

Dave Creasor A.Sc.t, CRS
 Road Supervisor
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<https://www.armourtownship.ca/>





STAFF REPORT

Date: March 4, 2026
To: Council
From: Danika McCann – Recreation Coordinator
Subject: March Update

2026 Event Update to Council

The Recreation Department is pleased to report that the 2026 Katrine Winter Karnival was a great success, with the event running smoothly across the three days of programming from February 20 to February 22, 2026.

Through a combination of event activities and fundraising components, the Karnival generated \$8,573.61 in event income over the three days. This amount reflects revenue from activities such as door donations, the silent auction, community dinner, pancake breakfast, elimination draw, and other event related fundraising, and does not include sponsorship contributions.

In addition, strong community sponsorship support ensured that all aspects of the Karnival were fully covered through sponsorship contributions, allowing the event income generated over the weekend to remain as fundraising revenue for the event.

Friday, February 20

The weekend kicked off with Family Bowling at Riverbowl in Burk's Falls, which saw excellent participation despite poor weather conditions. The event was fully booked and served as a strong start to the Karnival weekend.

Friday evening continued with the Family Dance at the Katrine Community Centre featuring DJ music, a bar, and late night snacks. Attendance was strong throughout the evening, with staff and volunteers frequently bringing out additional chairs as the hall filled.

Saturday, February 21

Saturday featured the majority of Karnival programming, with both outdoor and indoor activities taking place throughout the day.

Outdoor programming included pony rides provided by Crooked Creek Ranch, a wood carving demonstration by Northern Rhodes, the Log Saw and Nail Driving Competition, public skating, and the toboggan hill, which was a huge hit with families throughout the day. The log competition in particular drew a large crowd, and the addition of outdoor music and a speaker system helped create a lively and welcoming atmosphere around the grounds.

Indoor programming included face painting, live entertainment, family activities, and the community dinner.

Entertainment scheduling worked very well this year. Tobin Spring, who appeals strongly to younger families and daytime audiences, performed earlier in the afternoon and helped draw families into the hall during the daytime hours. Later in the day, Double D's (Don and Friends), a band that attracts a more senior and older generational audience, performed and brought in a strong evening crowd. This staggered entertainment approach created a natural flow of attendees throughout the day rather than having one group occupy the hall for extended periods.

The Donut Eating Contest was also a highlight of the afternoon and proved to be very entertaining for attendees.

Saturday evening included the community spaghetti dinner, which saw good attendance, followed by the announcement of the Elimination Draw results. Moving the Elimination Draw to Saturday rather than Sunday proved to be a very successful change and allowed the weekend to wrap up more efficiently.

Sunday, February 22

The Family Pancake Breakfast ran from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. While attendance was slightly lower than previous years, this was anticipated due to the Canada vs. USA Olympic hockey game taking place that morning.

The Silent Auction also took place Sunday morning, concluding shortly after breakfast with winners announced at 10:15 a.m.

Event Highlights and Future Opportunities

Overall, community feedback was extremely positive and attendance was strong across most activities.

One activity that generated significant interest was the Donut Eating Contest. Staff recommend scheduling the contest between band intermissions next year to further build excitement and visibility, as this activity has the potential to grow into a signature Carnival event.

Staff have also identified several opportunities to enhance the event moving forward.

1. Partnering with a local community group such as the Snowmobile Club to operate the Saturday lunch portion of the event would allow another organization to benefit while also increasing attendance through their membership base.
2. Staff will also explore the possibility of bringing in a unique outdoor entertainer, such as a fire performer or similar winter attraction, to further enhance outdoor programming.

Acknowledgement

Staff would like to extend sincere thanks to Council, the many volunteers, sponsors, performers, community partners, and attendees who helped make this year's Katrine Winter Carnival another successful community celebration.

Upcoming Events:

Bunny Brunch

Planning is underway for the Bunny Brunch taking place on April 4. This event will feature a Family Pancake Breakfast along with a Kids Easter Egg Hunt at the Katrine Community Centre. The event is expected to provide another family friendly community gathering following the success of the Winter Carnival.

Ball Hockey

Registration for the 2026 Ball Hockey program has opened early for previous participants as a way to thank returning families for their continued support. Registration will open to the public on March 9.

Opening registration to previous families first has allowed staff to complete a soft launch of the program registration through our new recreation system, Amilia, rather than opening directly to the public. This approach has provided the opportunity to identify and address any minor glitches before registration is opened to a larger audience.

Soccer

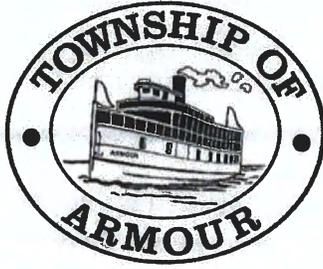
Similar to Ball Hockey, registration for the 2026 Soccer program has also opened for previous participants and will open to the public on March 9. This phased approach has helped ensure the system is functioning properly before public registration begins.

Day Camp

Registration for upcoming day camp programming has begun and is already seeing strong interest. At this time, overall camp registration is approximately 25 percent full, with several individual days nearing the halfway point for capacity.

Heritage Festival

Staff are planning to meet with representatives from the Historical Society in the near future to discuss the future direction of the Heritage Festival and explore potential opportunities for heritage focused programming moving forward.



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Public Notice

Heritage Festival Update

The Recreation Department and Heritage Festival Planning Committee wish to advise the community of important changes to the direction and format of the Heritage Festival moving forward. After thoughtful consideration and careful review of the festival's long-term vision, it has been decided that the event will not operate as a large-scale fairground-based festival at this time.

The Department and Committee are currently working to evaluate various event options that celebrate the area's vibrant artistic, cultural and heritage features.

The Township of Armour wishes to extend sincere thanks to all of our valued event partners, contributors, and attendees for making the event possible. Over the coming weeks, the committee will be consulting with various festival partners to explore opportunities that bring new experiences to our community.

We recognize that this may come as a shock to many who have come to look forward including Heritage Festival in their summer plans. We encourage you all to stay tuned to the Armour Township Facebook Page to remain up to date on event details and information.

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COMPUTER CHEQUE

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
19389	2026-02-24	Anna Kalat				
		Deposit Refund		KCC - Deposit Refund	225.00	225.00
19390	2026-02-24	Carol Costello				
		001/26		G/KCC - January Cleanings	2,047.50	2,047.50
19391	2026-02-24	Collins YIG				
		Feb 10/26		G - Council meeting	40.67	
		Feb 18/26		G - Cleaners/milk/air freshener	50.08	90.75
19392	2026-02-24	Peter Renton Design				
		Feb 18/26		G - WF Tube heater design	802.30	802.30
19393	2026-02-24	Town of Huntsville				
		8785	Accrual	G - Dec/25 - building services	3,152.07	
		8793		G - Jan/26 building services	2,753.78	5,905.85
					Total Computer Cheque:	9,071.40

EFT

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
6324	2026-02-23	ADR Chambers Inc				
		9813		G - Annual Retainer Fee	565.00	565.00
6325	2026-02-23	Amazon.com.ca Inc.				
		CA6ABEY2RF0		KCC - Office supplies/window film	56.49	
		CA6ABEY2VGN		KCC - Office supplies/cutlery/bowl:	271.14	
		CA6ABEY3L5J		G - CEMC binders	117.82	
		1WX1-FGPC-GXNN		TRI R - Credit export fee jackets	-9.82	435.63
6326	2026-02-23	Capstone Ventures Inc.				
		2026 Jan - Fuel		Rds - Fuel	255.40	255.40
6327	2026-02-23	Corporate Express				
		72396750		G - Labeller	62.14	
		72458007		G - Paper/laminating pouches/clips	278.76	340.90
6328	2026-02-23	Data Fix				
		11352		G - VoterView Event 2026	1,200.63	1,200.63
6329	2026-02-23	Innov8 Office Solutions				
		415846		G - Canon Copies 2/9-3/8	463.59	463.59
6330	2026-02-23	Joe Keizer				
		Feb 9/26		Rds - Coveralls x 2	56.50	
		Feb. 9/26		Rds - JK Workboots	234.34	290.84
6331	2026-02-23	MAP Sundridge				
		967081/3		Rds - DEF fluid 208L	337.32	
		967264/3		Rds - Parallel wire	78.31	415.63
6332	2026-02-23	Moore Propane Limited				
		1504565		Tri R - Cyl Refill	35.87	
		9021112		KCC - 2155.50L propane	1,492.57	1,528.44
6333	2026-02-23	Near North Laboratories Inc.				
		2600028		KCC - Water sample	53.29	53.29
6334	2026-02-23	Near North Industrial Solution				
		105218		Rds - Repairs plow mount	408.36	408.36
6335	2026-02-23	Nummax				
		17084		G - Digital Sign Repair	925.47	925.47

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6336	2026-02-23	Professional Loss Control Inc	INV4-0110616	G - Peer Review 12/29-1/23	186.45	186.45
6337	2026-02-23	Russell Christie	Feb 3/26	G - General Matters	212.05	
			Feb. 3/26	G - Firehall Property	597.83	
			Feb 3, 2026	G - SolarBank BESS	1,106.67	1,916.55
6338	2026-02-23	Safetycare Inc	70662	G - Safetyhub Renewal 2026-2028	5,763.00	5,763.00
6339	2026-02-23	Tulloch Engineering Inc.	2033209	G - Hwy 520 Development	3,838.16	
			2033256	G - BESS public meeting	17,026.05	20,864.21
6340	2026-02-23	United Rotary Brush	C153385	Rds - Poly/Wire Conv Wafer	2,545.71	2,545.71
6341	2026-02-23	W.O. Stinson & Son Ltd.	25005880	Tri R - 882.40L Dyed Diesel	1,254.87	
			25005881	Rds - 1200.20L Dyed Diesel	1,706.81	
			25005882	Rds - 2633L Clear Diesel	4,012.18	6,973.86
				Total EFT:		45,132.96

OTHER

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1	2026-02-24	Collabria Visa (KCU)	Feb/26 - AM	G - Visa Expenses	3,229.85	3,229.85
1	2026-03-10	Bowman Fuels Ltd	835885	Rds - 10W 30 - 205L Drum	1,144.35	1,144.35
2	2026-02-24	Collabria Visa (KCU)	Feb/25 - CM	G - Visa Expenses	1,544.26	1,544.26
2	2026-03-10	Hydro One Networks Inc.	Feb 26/26	KCC - 1/3-2/3	1,494.80	1,494.80
3	2026-02-24	Collabria Visa (KCU)	Feb/25 - CW	G - Visa Expenses	774.17	774.17
3	2026-03-10	Hydro One Networks Inc.	Feb. 26/26	G - 12 3 Mile 1/3-2/3	43.28	43.28
4	2026-02-24	Collabria Visa (KCU)	Feb/26 - DC	G - Visa Expenses	977.63	977.63
4	2026-03-10	Hydro One Networks Inc.	Feb 26, 2026	G - Park 1/3-2/3	45.58	45.58
5	2026-02-24	Collabria Visa (KCU)	Feb/26 - DaG	G - Visa Expenses	518.15	518.15
5	2026-03-10	Hydro One Networks Inc.	Feb 27/26	G - WF 1/6-2/4	120.93	120.93
6	2026-02-24	Collabria Visa (KCU)	Feb/26 - DoG	G - Visa Expenses	74.76	74.76
6	2026-03-10	Hydro One Networks Inc.	Feb. 27/26	Tri R - 1/6-2/4	404.88	404.88
7	2026-02-24	Collabria Visa (KCU)	Feb/26 - DM	KCC - Visa Expenses	1,016.87	1,016.87
7	2026-03-10	Lakeland Energy	121-008723	KCC - Internet	175.09	175.09

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8	2026-02-24	Enbridge Uniongas				
	Feb 12/26			Tri R - 1/13-2/9	357.39	357.39
8	2026-03-10	Lakeland Energy				
	121-009764			G - Office Internet	124.24	124.24
9	2026-02-24	Francotyp-Postalia Canada Inc.				
	Feb 11/26			G - Postage	2,825.00	2,825.00
9	2026-03-10	Newt Fibernetics Corporation				
	779030			KCC - Phones	98.81	98.81
10	2026-02-24	Francotyp-Postalia Canada Inc.				
	Feb 13/26			G - Postage	2,825.00	2,825.00
10	2026-03-10	Newt Fibernetics Corporation				
	779980			G - Office Phones	152.31	152.31
11	2026-02-11	Hydro One Networks Inc.				
	Feb 11/26			G - Office 12/18-1/20	749.85	749.85
11	2026-03-10	Canada Revenue Agency				
	Feb 1-15/26-002			G - CRA 002	1,308.40	1,308.40
12	2026-02-24	Hydro One Networks Inc.				
	Feb 12/26			Rds - 12/18-1/17	805.38	805.38
12	2026-03-10	Canada Revenue Agency				
	Feb 1-15/26-001			G - CRA 001	42,348.42	42,348.42
13	2026-02-24	Telus Health Canada Ltd				
	2513619			G - Telus Health	65.26	65.26
13	2026-03-10	Canada Revenue Agency				
	Feb16-28/26-001			G - CRA 001	17,719.20	17,719.20
14	2026-03-10	The Benefits Trust				
	March 2026			Group Benefits	13,988.12	13,988.12
15	2026-03-10	Hydro One Networks Inc.				
	Mar 2/26			G - BCC 1/7-2/5	27.37	27.37
					Total Other:	94,959.35

PROPOSED PAYMENTS

Payment #	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
PP -	Abell Pest Control Inc				
	A7735291		KCC - Pest Control	68.32	68.32
PP -	Amazon.com.ca Inc.				
	CA6ABEY55EC		G - Election/Cleaner supplies	85.74	85.74
PP -	Amilia SmartRec				
	1593680		KCC - Subscription/trans/terminal	1,593.17	1,593.17
PP -	Andrew McGee				
	March 1/26		G - AMc Hotel Expenses	1,015.64	1,015.64
PP -	Bayshore Broadcasting Corp				
	6946-00008-0000		KCC - Cornhole radio ad	113.00	
	6946-00009-0000		KCC - Daycamp radio ad	113.00	
	6946-00010-0000		KCC - Karnival radio ad	565.00	791.00
PP -	Carol Costello				
	002/26		G/KCC - February Cleanings	2,307.50	2,307.50
PP -	Charlene Watt				
	Dec/Jan Cell		G - CW 50% cell Dec/Jan & cards	79.10	79.10
PP -	Collins YIG				

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Payment #	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
		Feb 24/26	G - Council meeting	51.70	51.70
PP -	Corporate Express				
		72537263	G - Adding rolls	24.28	24.28
PP -	Dollywood Foundation of Canada				
		0326522	KCC - Literacy Program	117.38	117.38
PP -	Environmental 360 Solutions				
		459383	KCC - Rental	275.16	275.16
PP -	Glen Martin Limited				
		428957-1	KCC - Disinfectant wipes	100.24	
		430943	G - Ice Melt x 4/ cleaning supplies	233.32	
		428957-2	KCC - First Aid kit/mat	97.13	430.69
PP -	Hamilton & Sons Property				
		2432	G - Rink Maintenance	2,655.50	2,655.50
PP -	Home Building Centre				
		2270578	Rds - Mailbox	47.45	
		2270676	Rds - Yellow tape	7.56	
		2270705	Rds - Hose coupling	11.29	66.30
PP -	Jenny Marshall				
		Deposit Refund	KCC - Refund Rental Deposit	65.00	65.00
PP -	Julie Bailey				
		Mar 3/26	KCC - Bartender/tips	308.75	308.75
PP -	MAP Sundridge				
		968023/3	Rds - Fuse holder	15.80	15.80
PP -	Metroland Media Group				
		7775056	G/Rds - Advertising	257.64	
		7775558	G/Rds - Advertising	267.81	525.45
PP -	Michelle Mableson				
		2026 Karnival	KCC - Karnival Face painting	150.00	150.00
PP -	Mid Ontario Disposal				
		0000028969	KCC - Bin Rental	200.58	200.58
PP -	Moore Propane Limited				
		9021238	Rds - 800.20L Propane	597.24	
		158019059	G - WF 1188.40L Propane	910.54	
		158019063	Rds - 1809.40L Propane	1,376.03	
		1512198	Tri R - Cyl Rent	27.12	2,910.93
PP -	Municipality of Magnetawan				
		2026-009	G - Clerks Meeting Lunch	30.00	30.00
PP -	Munisoft				
		2026/27-00293	KCC - Battery backup x 2	518.15	518.15
PP -	Near North Industrial Solution				
		105964	Rds - Swivel/hydraulic oil	108.17	108.17
PP -	North Bay Parry Sound District				
		March 2026	G - March Levy	4,054.68	4,054.68
PP -	Purolator Inc				
		545267203	G - CBO Agreement - Perry	6.28	6.28
PP -	Robert J Miller				
		INV026-009	G - Shipping Container By-law Am	700.00	
		INV026-010	G - Hwy 520 Review	800.00	1,500.00
PP -	Russell Christie				
		Feb 23/26	G - Site Plan Sclater/Gray	1,410.97	
		Feb 25/26	G - General Matters	369.02	1,779.99

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Payment #	Vendor Name Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
PP -	Shell Burks Falls February 2026	G/Rds - Bylaw/CBO/Rds Fuel	523.24	523.24
PP -	Thompson Machine Shop 54168	Rds - Valve for Steamer	456.52	456.52
PP -	Three Mile Truck and Trailer 3048	Rds - Replace leaf pack/bushing	3,980.43	3,980.43
PP -	Wurth Canada Limited 26782137	Rds - Degreaser 20L/foam gun	408.71	408.71
PP -	Xerox Canada Ltd F65356963	G - 1/27-2/26 copies	625.04	625.04
			Total Proposed Payments:	<u>27,729.20</u>

Total AP: 176,892.91

NET March Payroll: \$101,783.80

Total: \$278,676.71

Certified Correct This March 6, 2026

Treasurer

Mayor



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ZBA-2026-02 (8)
TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR
Application for a Zoning By-law Amendment
Under Section 34 of the Planning Act

TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

1. General Information

Registered Owner Mark and Susan Armstrong	Telephone No.
Address	Postal Code
Applicant / Agent Same as owner	Telephone No.
Address	Postal Code
Agent or Solicitor none	Telephone No.
Address	Postal Code
Mortgagee none	Telephone No.
Address	Postal Code

All correspondence should be sent to: Owner Applicant Agent/Solicitor

2. Location of Property

Lot part of 21	Concession 4		
Registered Plan No. 42R-22453	Lot(s)	Reference Plan No.	Part(s)
Municipal Address Skyline Drive Katrine	Parcel No.		

3. Particulars of Property (in metric and imperial units)

Frontage	Depth	Area
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4. Related Land Division

- a. How long has the subject property been in the owner's possession?
- b. Is the 66 ft. shore road allowance owned by the applicant (if applicable)? Yes No
- c. If consent to sever is required, has a severance application been made?
 No Yes File No. _____

Note: If a decision on the severance has been made, please enclose a copy of the decision with this application.

- d. Does the proposed amendment involve a subdivision or condominium application?

No Yes Ministry of Municipal Affairs No. _____



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5. Existing Use of Property

- Permanent Residential Seasonal Cottage Industrial Commercial
 Farmland Vacant Other

6. List any Existing Buildings or Structures on the Property

Buildings or Structures	All Yard Setbacks				Building Dimensions	Ground Floor Area	Building Height	Year Erected (if known)
	Front	Rear	Side	Side				
1. none								
2.								
3.								

7. Previous Use of Property (Before Present Use)

- Residential Industrial Commercial Farmland
 Vacant Other

8. Proposed Use of Property, and why the Amendment is Required

- Residential Industrial Commercial Farmland
 Vacant Other

Need for Amendment We are requesting the the permitted road frontage be changed to accomodate the severance application. When the severance is complete, Part of Lot 21, concession 4 will have 645 feet (196 meters) of road frontage.

9. List of Proposed Buildings or Structures (Zoning Application Only)

Buildings or Structures	All Yard Setbacks				Building Dimensions	Ground Floor Area	Building Height
	Front	Rear	Side	Side			
1. none							
2.							
3.							

10. Armour Township Official Plan Designation

Existing _____
 Proposed _____

11. Armour Township Zoning

Existing _____
 Proposed _____



PLANNING REPORT

56 Ontario Street, PO Box 533,
Burk’s Falls, Ontario, P0A 1C0
705-382-3332

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

Date: March 5, 2026
To: Council
From: Ryan Lloyd, MCIP, RPP (Planscape Inc.)
File No.: Re: Motion 2026-37/AI Infrastructure Project
Civic Address: Highway 520 Industrial Park
Legal Address: Pt. Lot 1, Con 8 (Pt. 3, 42R-12212)
Roll No.: 49190000212320

Origin:

The Township received a recent request from Almaguin Data Inc. (Matt Fuller) to purchase a portion of municipally owned land at the Highway 520 Industrial Park for an AI Data and Infrastructure Use (AI Compute Facility). An initial Pre-consultation took place on Monday January 26, 2026, followed by a presentation from Almaguin Data Inc. to Council on Tuesday February 10, 2026.

Request:

Council tabled a resolution to support the proposed development in principle pending a report and recommendations in part from the Municipal Planner (Planscape Inc.).

Background: Highway 520 Industrial Park

The proposed Highway 520 Industrial Park is legally described as Part of Lot 1, Concession 8; Part 3 of Plan 42R—12212, in the Township of Armour, District of Parry Sound. It is our understanding that the Township of Armour acquired the land in 1991. The property has approximately 375 m of road frontage along Highway 520 and is approximately 8 ha (20 ac). The property is located to the west of the Village of Burk’s

Falls and Highway 11 and is directly east of the Township of Ryerson boundary line. The property location is shown in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1: Property Location



The Township of Armour in or around 2016 retained several qualified consultants and obtained the following reports:

- Preliminary Servicing Feasibility Study (March 2016)
- Phase One Environmental Site Assessment Report (April 2016) by D.M. Wills Associates Limited
- Preliminary Servicing Feasibility Study (March 2016) by D.M. Wills Associates Limited
- Species at Risk Assessment (June 2016) by D.M. Wills Associates Limited
- Preliminary Drainage Master Plan (January 2017) by Tulloch Engineering
- Traffic Impact Study (March 2019) by Tulloch Engineering

A series of Development Concept Plans were drafted in 2016 and 2017 for the Industrial Park. Concept 4 shown below in Figure 2 contemplated a one lot creation with future development. It also illustrates the current access to Highway 520. Figure 3 shows Concept 5, a potential design for the complete Industrial Park.

Figure 2: Development Concept 4

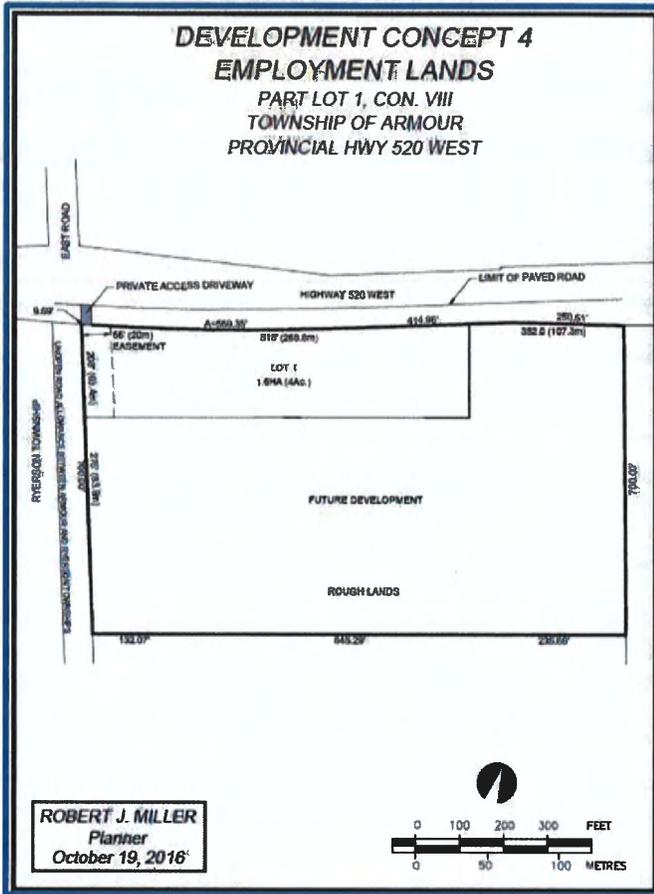
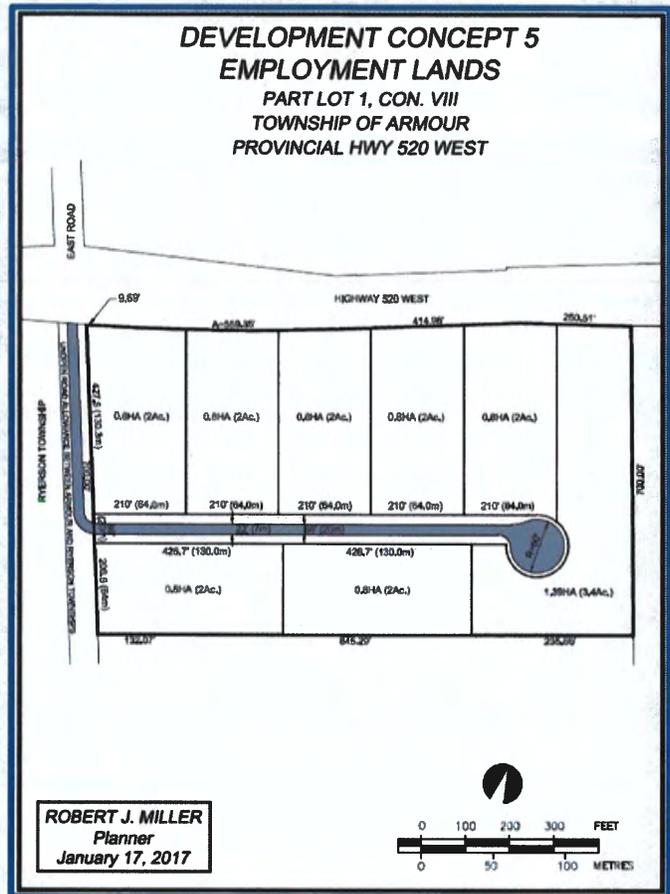


Figure 3: Development Concept 5



The Highway 520 Industrial Park was raised and highlighted in 2017 and 2018 during an economic development exercise and partnership with the Village of Burk’s Falls and the Township of Ryerson. McSweeney & Associates were retained and authored Target Sector and Business Opportunity Analysis Report for the Village of Burk’s Falls and surrounding area. The Highway 520 Industrial Park was recommended as a priority location for investment and job creation.

Recommendations from the McSweeney report included:

- 1 That the municipality proceed with the preparation of a draft plan of subdivision for the lands as suggested by the Official Plan. It is not necessary however, for the municipality to register the plan of subdivision.
- 2 That the subject property be re-zoned to Rural Industrial M Zone, and that:
 - a. The following “Section 15.1 Permitted Uses” be excluded as permitted uses on this property: Convenience store

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- i. Exhibition/conference hall
 - ii. Factory outlet retail store
 - iii. Financial institution
 - iv. Institutional uses
 - v. Place of recreation
 - vi. Restaurant
 - vii. Shopping centre
 - viii. Vehicle sales and rental establishment
- b. Further to the definitions and uses of *Light Industrial* and *Light Industrial Mall*, the following uses also be considered for inclusion as permitted uses on this property:
- i. Agricultural supply
 - ii. Crematorium
 - iii. Truck and equipment rental, sales, service including equipment used in the agricultural, mining and forestry industries
 - iv. Emergency services
 - v. Manufacturing, welding, machining, fabrication; assembly and processing of materials and operations
 - vi. Medical marijuana production facility
 - vii. Merchandise service and repair shop
 - viii. Waste processing or transfer facility, or recycling or composting facility
 - ix. Warehouse
 - x. Wholesale establishment

The McSweeney report also provided a list of recommended next steps that include:

- That the municipality proceed with a rezoning of the property as recommended.
- That a conceptual subdivision design and preliminary road layout and lotting plan be completed, as well as a confirmation of high-level servicing estimates.
- That the Township of Armour establish municipal policies with respect to the purchase, development, marketing and sales of industrial lands. Policies should also address the use of an industrial land reserve fund to receive the revenue from industrial land sales to fund any associated debt repayments, and to fund future investments in industrial land development or other worthwhile economic development projects.
- That a financial analysis/business case be prepared to assist Council in understanding the total costs of development, property sales projections and revenue estimates, return on/of investment and the financial risks.

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- That a draft plan of subdivision be prepared upon completion of the above work.

The property was deemed surplus in 2019 and sold to Indie Magic Studies for a commercial use in 2020. The conditions of the purchase were not fulfilled and the Township recovered ownership of the land in 2024.

Background: AI Compute Facility

Almaguin Data Inc. (Matt Fuller) first reached out to Township staff in December 2025. A formal Pre-Consultation meeting was facilitated with Planscape Inc. and staff on January 26, 2026. A checklist was provided to the applicant that included the need for Council Support the purchase lands within the Industrial Park (attached to this report).

As previously noted, the applicant appeared in front of Council proposing to purchase 6 to 8 acres of the Industrial Park for a phased development of AI infrastructure, addressed some key concerns identified during meeting with staff and planning consultants and proposed a development timeline.

Policy Analysis

The following policy review has been prepared for Council's consideration.

Provincial Planning Statement, 2024:

The lands are intended for future employment where Section 2.8 of the Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) addresses policy supporting a "Modern Economy:"

1. *Planning authorities shall promote economic development and competitiveness by:*
 - a) *providing for an appropriate mix and range of employment, institutional, and broader mixed uses to meet long-term needs;*
 - b) *providing opportunities for a diversified economic base, including maintaining a range and choice of suitable sites for employment uses which support a wide range of economic activities and ancillary uses, and take into account the needs of existing and future businesses;*
 - c) *identifying strategic sites for investment, monitoring the availability and suitability of employment sites, including market-ready sites, and seeking to address potential barriers to investment;*
 - d) *encouraging intensification of employment uses and compatible, compact, mixed-use development to support the achievement of complete communities; and*

e) *addressing land use compatibility adjacent to employment areas by providing an appropriate transition to sensitive land uses.*

2. *Industrial, manufacturing and small-scale warehousing uses that could be located adjacent to sensitive land uses without adverse effects are encouraged in strategic growth areas and other mixed-use areas where frequent transit service is available, outside of employment areas.*

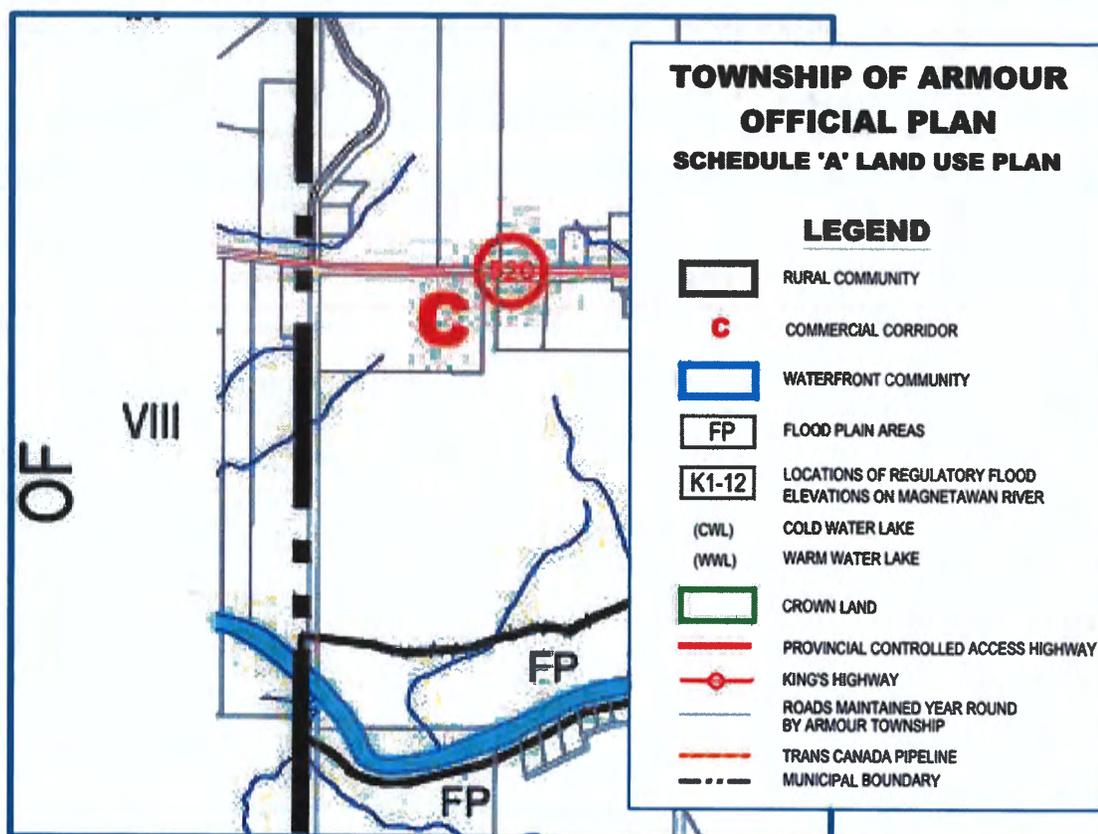
Does the proposed AI Compute Facility follow this policy approach seems to be the key question? The PPS does not define industrial uses or specifically light industrial uses but generally is implied to include areas of employment in the form of manufacturing, processing or assembling of goods and services.

It is our opinion that the AI Compute Facility could easily fit into this general use, provided it will create several full time, local onsite employment opportunities. The proposal, on the surface, is consistent with the general intent of the PPS.

Township of Armour Official Plan:

The subject lands are considered part of the “Commercial Corridor” as shown on Schedule ‘A’ of the Official Plan and identified as having Mineral Aggregate Resources on Schedule ‘B’. Additionally, there appears to be a small extension of a stream or creek near the south boundary of the property, and a previous Environmental Site Assessment was prepared for the Township of Armour Figure 4 and Figure 5 below are excerpts from the Official Plan Schedules.

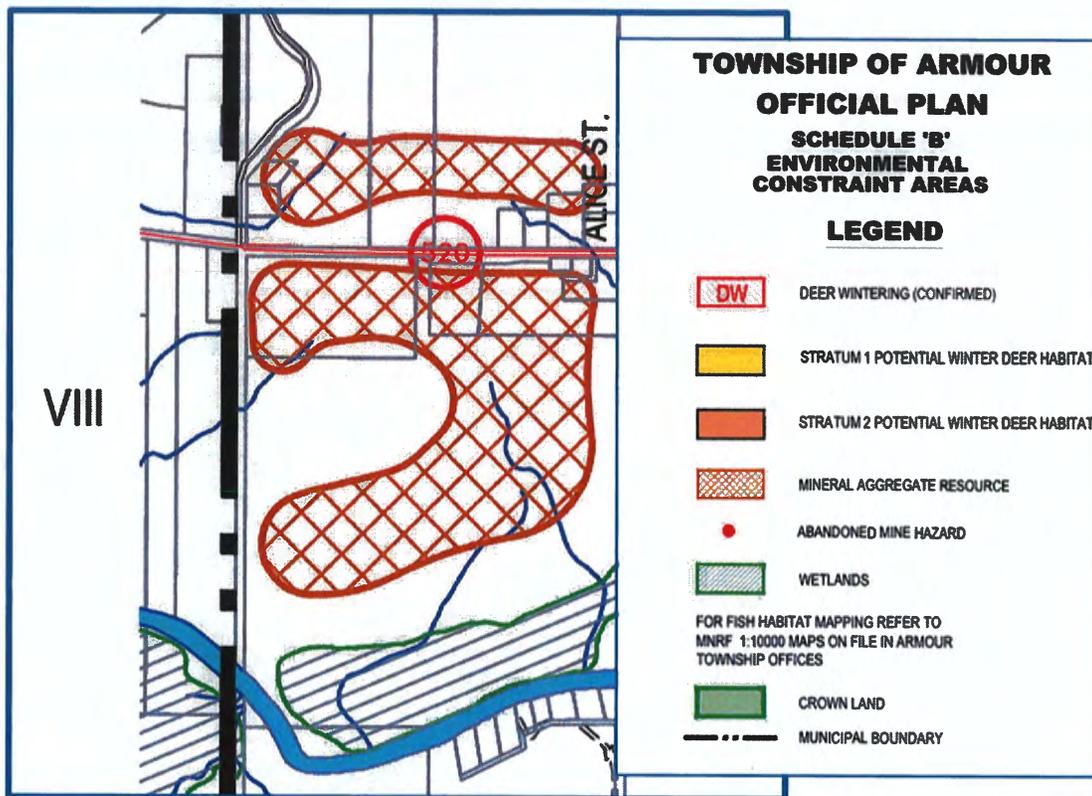
Figure 4: Official Plan Schedule 'A'



Section 1.2.4 of the Official Plan recognizes the “Promotion of New Businesses and Job,” and specially states:

A large amount of commercial assessment was lost to expropriations for the widening of Highway 11. The Official Plan encourages new commercial development along the new service roads and especially at the new interchanges on Highway 11. The Official Plan promotes these areas as economic development gateways now that all other points of access to Highway 11 have been closed off.

Figure 5: Official Plan Schedule 'B'



Goals of the Official Plan are outlined in Section 1.3 where goals include:

To guide the Township toward its fullest economic potential by striving to obtain a wider commercial/industrial assessment base and to increase employment opportunities while ensuring a high level of environmental and servicing standards while ensuring that new development or redevelopment is compatible with and appropriately separated from surrounding uses

...

To take a coordinated and integrated approach to development adjacent to the boundaries of the Village of Burk's Falls.

Highway 520 West is identified as a Commercial/Industrial Redevelopment Corridor in Section 2.1.3 d) of the Official Plan. Policy states:

New or redeveloped commercial/industrial uses shall be subject to zoning by-law amendments and/or site plan agreements under Section 41 of the Planning Act. In the process of amending the zoning by-law and drawing such agreements, the Ministry of Environment Conservation & Parks D-Series Guidelines for Land Use Compatibility (D-1 and D-6) shall be applied.

An accessory dwelling unit may be permitted above or attached to a principal commercial use, except automotive uses.

Where considered desirable by the approval authority, a study shall be required by a qualified Professional Engineer to indicate:

- That a private well for an individual on-site water service can be located without danger of contamination by any on-site or off-site sewage system; and*
- That suitable conditions exist for an individual on site sewage disposal system.*

The Highway 520 site is intended for (limited) Industrial uses with the goal of creating employment for the Township of Armour and surrounding areas. Section 2.1.3 c) of the Official Plan further describes industrial uses in the Rural Community as:

- i. The industrial use of land in the Rural Community shall be for manufacturing, assembly, processing, fabrication, warehousing and storage of goods and materials. This policy also permits compatible commercial, public and institutional uses deemed suitable and accessory to industrial operations such as factory outlets, offices, restaurants and caretakers' apartments.*
- ii. Council shall exercise discretion in zoning lands for industrial uses in order to permit only dry industries in the municipality. Dry industries are defined as those whose fluid waste discharge consists of nothing more than the domestic waste water of employees and customers and does not exceed 10,000 litres/day.*
- iii. Industrial uses in the Rural Community shall be required to locate only where access is available to a municipal road maintained by the Township on a year-round basis with no seasonal load limits.*
- iv. Industrial uses shall be sited to screen outside storage from view by means of buffering and setbacks.*
- v. Industrial uses shall only be permitted by amendment to the Armour Township Zoning By-law and shall be subject to Site Plan Agreements under Section 41 of the Planning Act. Prior to a decision to amend the Zoning By-law, MOECP's D-Series Guidelines for Land Use Compatibility (D-1 and D-6) shall be applied, the appropriate technical studies carried out, and the recommendations from these studies implemented through such tools as (but not limited to) the Zoning By-law, site plan agreements, holding provisions, and MOECP Certificates of Approval.*
- vi. Where considered desirable by the approval authority, a study shall be required by a qualified Professional Engineer to indicate:*

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- *That a private well for an individual on-site water service can be located without danger of contamination by any on-site or off-site sewage system; and*
 - *That suitable conditions exist for an individual on site sewage disposal system.*
- vii. *Where a land use change or industrial development is proposed that may adversely affect existing uses, a land use compatibility study that assesses the impacts of odour noise, vibration, particulate or other emissions may be required in accordance with provincial D-series guidelines.*

The subject lands are considered to have Mineral Aggregate Resources potential as shown on Schedule 'B' of the Official Plan where Section 2.43 states:

(a) Mineral Aggregate Resource Areas

...

New proposals for alternative land uses, or expansion of existing land uses, in or adjacent to mineral aggregate resource areas identified on Schedule "B", will only be permitted if the following criteria are met:

- *Extraction would not be feasible; or*
- *The proposed land use or development serves a greater long-term interest of the general public than does aggregate extraction and issues of public health, public safety and environmental impacts are addressed; or*
- *The proposed land use or development would not significantly preclude or hinder future extraction.*

Considering this site has been identified as a limited industrial site, the extraction of the identified resources is not desirable.

The Species at Risk Assessment (June 2016) by D.M. Wills Associates Limited identified potential wildlife habitat for Species at Risk (SAR), considered an environmental constraint of Section 2.4.3 where:

(c) Significant Habitat of Endangered and Threatened Species and Significant Wildlife Habitat

Council recognizes the importance and value of both the significant habitat of endangered and threatened species and significant wildlife habitat in Armour Township and supports their protection.

- i. *Development and site alteration shall not be permitted in habitat of endangered and threatened species, except in accordance with provincial and federal requirements.*

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- ii. *A range of significant wildlife habitats (in addition to deer wintering habitat) may occur in Armour Township, as described in the MNRF Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide. New development and site alteration shall only be permitted within the significant wildlife habitat or adjacent lands (generally within 120 metres) to the significant wildlife habitat if it has been demonstrated through a site-specific assessment (i.e. Environmental Impact Study) that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or their ecological functions.*
 - iii. *While a small number of locations of significant habitat of endangered and threatened species and significant wildlife habitat are known, the majority can only be identified through site assessment. Accordingly, before new site-specific planning approvals are granted for larger scale development (e.g. subdivisions/condominiums, major industrial or commercial developments), Council will generally require that an appropriate level of site assessment be carried out by a qualified professional before new planning approvals are granted. This will ensure that such significant habitats, if present, are identified. In the case of habitat of endangered species and threatened species, development and site alteration shall not be permitted, except in accordance with provincial and federal requirements.*

The McSweeney report recommended that the Township of Armour create a draft Plan of Subdivision for the intended Industrial Park to meet Official Plan policy of Section 3.1 recognizing that that each new could be severed one lot at a time by Consent:

3.1.2 INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL SEVERANCES

Industrial/commercial lots may be severed one lot at a time subject to site plan agreements and compliance with the relevant provisions of this Plan and the Armour Township Zoning By-law.

Where industrial or commercial uses are proposed on the basis of private on-site sewage services or private on-site water services, these uses shall be restricted to dry industrial and commercial uses, unless demonstrated, through a hydrogeological assessment, prepared to the satisfaction of Council by a qualified professional in accordance with applicable MECP guidelines, procedures, and standards, that adequate on-site sewage and water services can be provided without unacceptable impacts.

For the purposes of this policy, “dry industrial or commercial uses” are defined as those uses in which only the disposal of domestic waste of employees is permitted and treated and no industrial liquid wastes, wash or cooling water or process wastes are permitted.

Where an industrial area is being revitalized, a Record of Site Condition is required under Regulation 153/04 where a land use is changing to a more sensitive use, as defined in the Regulation.

3.1.3 PLANS OF SUBDIVISION - GENERAL

- a) Where a new roadway or roadway extension is necessary, Council shall encourage development by registered plans of subdivision pursuant to Section 51 of the Planning Act, rather than by individual land severances.*
- b) Council shall recommend only those draft plans of subdivision which comply with the policies and land use designations of this Plan and which can be supplied with adequate services by the Township including municipally owned and maintained roads or common element condominium roads.*
- c) Council shall ensure that all new plans of subdivision provide a high standard of design compatible with adjacent existing planned development and that all costs associated with any development of the land are born by the developer.*
- d) Where required under the Ontario Water Resources Act, permits, approvals, and registrations may be required for proposed stormwater management facilities.*

During the Pre-Consultation meeting it was discussed that an Official Plan Amendment may be required for the proposed use of the AI Infrastructure or data storage and that a Zoning By-law Amendment was mandatory. Upon further consideration, it is our opinion that a site-specific Official Plan Amendment application is not necessary as the proposed use conforms to the general intent of the Official Plan.

A site-specific zoning amendment is required for the reasons contained in this report. The following studies and agency comments should be required to form part of a complete zoning amendment application.

- a) Additional Agencies to be contacted:
 - MECP (water usage), Hydro-One, Village of Burk's Falls
- b) Planning Justification Report, to address:
 - Section 1.2.4 (Promotion of new businesses and jobs) and 1.3 Goals of the Official Plan
 - Section 4.4 Energy Conservation and Climate Change policies "To promote energy efficiency in the growth and management of the Township."
 - Financial Consideration (Section 3.1.7)
 - Policies previously noted above.

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- c) Comment of the land Use and market needs for this use
 - d) Conceptual Site Plan (full buildout)
 - e) Storm Water Management Plan
 - f) Hydrogeological Study & Private Sewage/Water Servicing
 - g) EIS (SAR assessment)
 - h) Air Quality, Noise and/or Vibration Study and land use compatibility study (MECP)
 - i) Hydro Corridor Land Use Application
 - j) Public Consultation Strategy
 - k) Commissioning/Decommissioning Plan
 - l) Fire Emergency Response/Training Plan
 - m) Acquisition of Lands agreement with Twp. of Armour (formal council support to purchase lands)
 - n) Signed cost acknowledgement form with additional deposit to cover off 50% of peer review study quotes.

Township of Armour Zoning By-law Considerations:

The subject lands are zoned RSH-55 in the Township of Armour's Zoning By-law No. 23-2010 that would permit the following uses of the RS zone in Section 7.1:

- a) *One single detached dwelling on one lot and uses, buildings and structures accessory thereto.*
- b) *Home occupations, home professions and bed and breakfast businesses.*
- c) *Non-profit community institutions, retirement homes, residential intensification and redevelopment including additional residential units (see Section 5.2[b]) and land lease community homes. (22-2013) (57/2024) (12-2025)*

Further, in 2016 a Zoning By-law Amendment was passed with the following:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7 (Residential Settlement RS Zone) this land may also be used for the following uses, subject to the provisions of Section 13, Commercial C Zone of this By-law:

- *bake shop*
- *business or professional office*
- *commercial greenhouse*
- *commercial health club*

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- *community centre*
 - *convenience store*
 - *financial institution*
 - *firehall/police station/ambulance*
 - *institutional uses*
 - *place of recreation*
 - *personal service establishment*
 - *printing and publishing establishment*
 - *restaurant*
 - *service industry*
 - *service shop*
 - *shopping centre*
 - *warehouse*

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7 this land may also be used for Light Industrial uses subject to the provisions of Section 15.2 Zone Requirements for Rural Industrial (M) uses. (27/2016)

The Zoning By-law defines Light Industrial in Section 2.104 as:

... the use of land, buildings or structures primarily for processing and assembling of goods or raw materials and the repair and servicing of goods including light industrial malls and transportation terminals.

It would also appear that the “Holding” symbol/zone was included to ensure Council and the public were aware of any future use on the subject lands. However, considering the lands are owned by the Township, and future use must be reviewed by Council through the offer to purchase process, the Holding Zone is not necessary. It is recommended that this be removed from the property.

Conclusion

The Official Plan and supporting documents make it clear that the intention of the subject lands is for the purpose of future employment, specifically for light industrial uses.

The AI Data and Infrastructure Use (AI Compute Facility) does potentially fit as a permitted use within this designation, provided it follows the defined “dry industrial” use. The applicant has reasoned during their presentation to council and during discussions with staff and Planscape, that the use would be a permitted light industrial use. While there does appear to be justification, it should also be noted that it is unlikely that when

policy was created, AI Infrastructure was considered as a long-term industrial use. In addition, there is very little information on similar uses being developed in Ontario.

Given the relatively new AI Infrastructure use, there are many unknowns of the use, of other regulations or long-term potential impacts of this type of development.

Council should proceed with caution and be completely informed about the use prior to selling the lands to the applicant. At this stage, it is our recommendation that this is premature as there are several questions that remain unclear on the intended use, possible future impacts to the power grid and impacts to future growth in the area, proposed water and septic usage, potential issues with noise, vibration, ventilation, etc., including compatibility with future uses from being permitted in this industrial park. Other questions that remain unclear at this point are confirmation of local employment and potential safety concerns. It would be beneficial for the applicant to provide an operation plan that could clarify staffing, hours of use and emergency plans for the site.

In addition, it is unclear how much land is needed, what the total buildout could look like and where on the property this use could be located to ensure the balance of the property remains open for future uses. The Township did retain multiple consultants starting in 2016 and had a few preliminary concept designs, but no final direction was agreed to. As the property was sold in 2020, it is understandable that these decisions were no longer an issue at the time. If the Township direction is to open the Industrial Park for business, they should consider finalizing previous targets or confirm if potential tenants or landowners will be required to fulfill some of the requirements.

Should Council agree to sell the lands, it would be appropriate for Almaguin Data Inc. to apply for a site-specific zoning amendment to support this use and provide a clear definition for inclusion on the By-law. The amendment application must include the supporting documentation in accordance with the applicable Official Plan policies and included in this report.

Recommendations:

- In an effort to determine if the proposed AI infrastructure will meet one of the main goals to create local jobs and if the Township wants to enter into an agreement to sell lands to Almaguin Data Inc. being respectful of the applicant's timeline, the applicant should work with staff to provide Council and the public with additional basic information on the intended use, future site plan for the total buildout, number and type (e.g. onsite or remote) of permanent full-time local employees, water and septic usage, confirmation from Hydro on any potential impacts to future hydro usage in the area (should this entire proposal be built-

out) and confirmation of potential noise, vibration, and ventilation requirements to ensure other future uses are not impacting this site.

Yours truly,

PLANSCAPE INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ry - Lloyd".

Ryan Lloyd, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Township Consulting Planner

Appendices:

- Appendix A – January 2026 Pre-Consultation Checklist

Reviewed By:

Dave Gray, Chief Administrative Officer and Deputy Clerk
Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk



DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PRE-CONSULTATION CHECKLIST

Prior to formal application, Armour Township policy requires a pre-consultation interview (no fee) with individuals intending to make development applications for the following:

- Official Plan Amendment
- Zoning By-law Amendment
- Minor Variance or Permission
- Consent to Sever land/Lots/Rights of Way
- Road / Shore Road Allowance Purchase
- Draft Plan of Subdivision / Condominium
- Final Subdivision / Condominium Approval
- Subdivision / Condominium Agreement
- Site Plan Control Agreement

The purpose of the pre-consultation interview is to implement the municipal plan review process established by the Provincial government thus incorporating a review of Provincial concerns under the provisions of the *Planning Act* at the beginning of the approvals process. This review will include Provincial concerns and the Armour Zoning By-law and Official Plan compliance review.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to take the time to have a reasonably detailed site plan or concept sketch available for review during the interview with staff and or council. This will assist all parties in clarifying proposals and identifying/narrowing issues as quickly as possible.

Pre-Consultation Interview Date: Monday January 26, 2026 @ 10:00am

Staff present: Dave Gray CAO, Charlene Watt (Clerk); Stefan Sczcerbak & Ryan Lloyd (Planscape Inc.)

Owner(s) present: Matt Fuller (applicant); property owned by Twsp of Armour

Mailing Address: _____

Agent present: Melissa Markham

Contact Info.: melissa@mmp planning.ca;

(Address, Email,
Phone #'s, etc.) _____

Site Address: CON 8 PT LOT 1 RP42R12212 PART 3 PCL 24738 SS

Assessment Roll No.: 491900000212320

Site Frontage / Area: ± 362 m; 7.84 ha (19.4 ac)

APPLICATION TYPE (check boxes where applicable):

Official Plan Amendment

Zoning By-law Amendment or Holding Zone removal

Consent [**municipally led**] (**Developer to pay for survey & legal costs**)

Road / Shore Road Allowance Purchase

Site Plan: Plans & Drawings

Plan of Subdivision

Plan of Condominium

Standard

Common Element

Vacant Land

Subdivision / Condominium Agreement

Other (specify) _____

1. Brief description of the proposed development: _____

“Digital Infrastructure Campus” to house “Modular Data Center” Units for AI

2. Armour Township Official Plan designation: _____

Rural Community (Commercial Corridor)

3. Application conforms with Official Plan land use designation? Yes No

If “NO” what is the nature of the amendment needed? _____

Describe the intended use.

4. Existing Zoning: **RSH-55 (Planned Commercial/Industrial Park)**

Application conforms with existing zoning? Yes No

If “NO” what change is proposed to the zoning? _____

To permit the described industrial use; Official Plan policy 2.1.3 d) requires Zoning By-law amendment for new commercial/industrial uses

5. **FEES REQUIRED**

Official Plan Amendment & Re-zoning:	\$6,000 Deposit	\$2,000 + HST Admin. Fee
Re-zoning:	Deposit	Admin. Fee
Consent:	Deposit	Admin. Fee.
Road / Shore Allowance:	Deposit	Admin. Fee. (+ Cost of Land)
Plan of Subdivision:	Deposit	Admin. Fee.
Plan of Condominium:	Deposit	Admin. Fee
Site Plan Control Plans & Drawings:	\$7,000 Deposit	5% of cost of site work (min \$2,000 + HST) Admin. Fee

Note: Fees are payable based on fee schedules in effect on the date the complete application is made. Administration fees are non-refundable and HST applied to all services provided. Please contact the appropriate organizations/agencies for all other applicable fees.

6. Additional agencies to be contacted: _____
MTO; MECP; Hydro-One; Village of Burk's Falls

7. Required information for a complete application: (check where applicable)

X Planning justification report (at application) (during processing)

Any proposal for development or site alteration should demonstrate that it conforms with the goals, objectives and policies of Provincial plans and the Armour Official Plan and whether it is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

X Land Use / market needs study (at application) (during processing)

Any proposal for **major** commercial or residential development should address the supply of available land and future land use needs of the Township.

X Conceptual site plan layout (at application) (during processing)

Any proposal where a site plan agreement is required should include plans illustrating how the proposal will be compatible with the character of adjacent uses and the surrounding area. These plans and related descriptive details may include building elevations, slopes, landscaping, drainage issues, effects on neighbouring properties, access issues, etc.

Storm water management plans (at application) (during processing)

Any **major** development or site alteration proposal should address how storm water runoff will be handled in terms of water quality and quantity, lot grading and drainage controls, and erosion and sedimentation measures.

Minimum distance (MDS I&II) separation report (at application) (during processing)

Any non-agricultural use proposed within 300 metres of an active or potential livestock facility shall include a review of these facilities and calculations to determine conformity of the proposal with the MDS formulae requirements.

Mineral aggregate resources (at application) (during processing)

Where development or site alteration is proposed on lands within or adjacent to an area of mineral aggregate resources identified in the Official Plan, it shall be demonstrated that access to the aggregate resources will not be hindered in the future, that aggregate extraction is not feasible, or that the proposed development serves a greater long term public interest than access to the aggregate deposit.

Hydrogeological study & private sewage/water servicing (at application) (during processing)

Any development proposing private sewage disposal and private drinking water systems should provide an assessment of soil and groundwater conditions, an evaluation of the ability of the site to accommodate private services and a plan illustrating the location of the services, drainage and lot grading.

Environmental contamination report (at application) (during processing)

Any development or site alteration on lands or adjacent to lands that were previously used for a purpose that may have caused contamination of the property should be reviewed to address the need for further environmental testing or remediation in accordance with Provincial regulations/guidelines.

Traffic / parking impact study (at application) (during processing)

Any development or site alteration that may have a significant impact on traffic flow and safety may be required to provide an analysis of proposed parking and anticipated traffic flows.

Flood plain demarcation (at application) (during processing)

For any development or site alteration proposed adjacent to the regulatory flood elevation as defined in Section 2.3.3 of the Official Plan, an Ontario Land Surveyor should provide spot elevations to determine the boundaries of the Flood Plain. Where development or site alteration is proposed adjacent to the Flood Plain as estimated by another method (ie. aerial photographic analysis), an applicant may be required to obtain a Flood Plain study by a qualified hydrological engineer to determine the boundaries and location of the regulatory flood elevation.

Site assessment / environmental impact study (at application) (during processing)

A preliminary site assessment may be required for certain types of development proposals as outlined in Official Plan Section 5.1.2(f). Such an assessment would determine whether more detailed work is warranted by a specialist. Any proposal for

development or site alteration within or adjacent to any environmental constraint area including wetlands identified in the Official Plan or through a preliminary site assessment shall provide an inventory and assessment of sensitive features and functions to determine areas to be protected and any mitigation measures necessary. This assessment may include a tree or wetland preservation plan if the proposed development may have an adverse effect on wetlands or a significant tree or group of trees including a woodlot.

Property has small watercourse –location and industrial park layout to be confirmed

X Air quality, noise and/or vibration study (at application) (during processing)

Any development of a sensitive land use that is located near a major facility such as a transportation corridor, industrial use, sewage treatment facility, railway or landfill operation should provide a study addressing potential air quality, noise and/or vibration issues.

Land assembly documents (at application) (during processing)

Hydro corridor land use application (at application) (during processing)

X Financial impact assessment (at application) (during processing)

Any major residential or commercial development should provide evidence to address the financial implications of the proposal on the provision of municipal services and utilities by the Township and the surrounding municipalities that share in the cost of providing those services, such as the Landfill / Recycling Centre.

Archaeological report (at application) (during processing)

An archaeological assessment shall be required for any development or site alteration proposed in proximity to lands that contain known archaeological resources or areas of archaeological potential.

Heritage impact analysis (at application) (during processing)

Any development or site alteration proposed on or adjacent to lands, structures or buildings designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act* or listed on a heritage resource inventory approved by Council shall require a heritage impact assessment.

X Other (specify)

- **Public Consultation Strategy;**
 - **Commissioning/Decommissioning Plan;**
 - **Land Use Compatibility Study/Report (Air, Noise and Vibration study as per MECP Guidelines) including any generators**
 - **Hazard Mitigation Analysis with NFPA compliance analysis**
 - **Emergency Response Plan (Fire Chief/CEMC approvals)**
 - **Firefighter Training Schedule**
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- **Community Benefit Plan**
 - **Vegetation Management Plan**
 - **Hydro One Emergency Response Agreement**
 - **Servicing Letters / Utility Load Letters: Confirm coordination, capacity and servicing documentation from utilities**
 - **Power Demand Study: Substation Impact Analysis (if applicable), Power Backup Generation Plan, Peak Load Projections with grid reliability analysis, Phasing Plans**
 - **Water Demand Study with Drought Resilience Plan**
 - **Sustainability & Energy Report: Energy Efficiency Narrative, Carbon Impact Statement, Renewable Energy Strategy, Waste Heat Recovery Plan**
 - **Report on Potential Development Impact(s) to remaining property owned by the Township**
 - **Clarification that the facility is NOT crypto mining**
 - **Continuous vs. peak energy usage explanation**
 - **AI workload characterization**
 - **Building Permit required: Building & Engineering Documentation: Structural Calculations, Mechanical / Electrical / Plumbing (MEP) Plans, Energy Code Compliance, Cooling System Description**
 - **Acquisition of Lands and Development agreement with Twsp of Armour; (council support to purchase lands)**
 - **Financial Consideration (Section 3.1.7)**
 - **Address Section 1.2.4 (Promotion of new businesses and jobs) and 1.3 Goals of the Official Plan. Economic Impact Study / Employment Impact**
 - **Address Section 4.4 Energy Conservation and Climate Change policies “To promote energy efficiency in the growth and management of the Township.”**
 - **Signed Cost Acknowledgement Form with Application – additional deposit may be required to cover 50% of peer review study quotes**
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NOTES

1. It may be determined during the review of the application that additional studies or information will be required as a result of issues arising during the processing of the application. There may also be financial requirements arising from the application including, but not limited to, park dedications, payment of outstanding property taxes, and reimbursements for road widening or road improvements.
2. The purpose of this checklist is to identify the information required to be submitted with this development application, plus information anticipated to be required later during the processing of the application.
3. Pre-consultation does not imply or suggest any decision whatsoever on behalf of Armour Township staff or the Corporation of the Township of Armour to either support or refuse the application.
4. An application submitted without the information identified in this pre-consultation checklist may be recommended for refusal based upon insufficient information to properly evaluate the application.
5. The Township of Armour considers the application forms and all supporting materials, including studies and drawings, filed with any application to be public information and to form part of the public record.

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THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

BY-LAW #13-2026

**Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings
of Council at its meeting.**

WHEREAS Section 5 of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, Chapter M.25, as amended, requires a municipal Council to exercise its powers by by-law, except where otherwise required;

AND WHEREAS Council or a Committee of Council often authorizes action to be taken which does not lend itself to an individual by-law;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Armour deems it desirable to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meetings hereinafter set out.

Be it enacted as a By-law of The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour hereby enacts as follows:

1. Ratification and Confirmation

That the action of this Council at its meetings set out below with respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by this Council at its meetings (except where the prior approval of The Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) is required) is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if such proceedings and actions were expressly adopted and confirmed by By-law;

Regular Council Meetings

- February 10, 2026
- February 24, 2026

TRI Council Meeting

- February 23, 2026

2. Execution of all Documents

That the Mayor of the Council and the proper officers of the Township of Armour are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required and except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents and to affix the corporate seal of the Township of Armour to such documents.

3. Administrative Corrections

The Clerk of the Township of Armour is hereby authorized to make any minor modifications or corrections of an administrative, numeric, grammatic, semantic or descriptive nature or kind to the by-law and schedule(s) as may be deemed necessary after the passage of this by-law, where such modifications or corrections do not alter the intent of the by-law.

4. That this by-law shall come into force and effect on the date of passing.

Read in its entirety, approved, signed and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 10th day of March, 2026.

Rod Ward, Mayor

Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

By-Law #14-2026

**Being a by-law to establish a Committee of Adjustment
and repeals By-law #62-2025**

WHEREAS Section 44(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended, may by by-law constitute and appoint a Committee of Adjustment.

AND WHEREAS the powers of a Committee of Adjustment are set out in Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 13, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour enacts as follows:

1. The following persons are hereby appointed and shall hereafter constitute the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Armour:
 1. Rod Ward
 2. Rod Blakelock
 3. Jerry Brandt
 4. Wendy Whitwell
 5. Dorothy Haggart-Davis
 6. Andrew McGee
2. The members of the committee who are not members of municipal council shall hold office for the term of the council that appoint them and the members of the committee who are members of municipal council shall be appointed annually.
3. This By-law repeals By-law #62-2025.
4. The Clerk of the Township of Armour is hereby authorized to make any minor modifications or corrections of an administrative, numeric, grammatic, semantic or descriptive nature or kind to the by-law and schedule(s) as may be deemed necessary after the passage of this by-law, where such modifications or corrections do not alter the intent of the by-law.
5. This by law shall take effect on March 10, 2026.

Read in its entirety, approved,
signed and the seal of the
Corporation affixed thereto and
finally passed in open Council
this 10th day of March, 2026.

Rod Ward, Mayor

Charlene Watt, Municipal Clerk

Planning Department Report

Consents

Roll #	Address	Date	File #	Status	Note
3-19700	Con 13 Part Lot 11	11/25/2022		Legal, CBO, By-law, Engineers Involved	Site Alteration / Rezoning issue / FP update
3-21300	1476 N Pickerel Lake Road	05/16/2025	B-006/25	Suitable Entrance Condition Satisfied	Create 1 new residential lot + retained
2-28300	348 Woods Road	02/13/2026	B-051/25; B-052/25 & B-053/25	Notice of Decision	Create 3 new lots + Retained
3-23800	183 Pevensey Road	02/25/2025		Pre-consultation Meeting	Sever to create 1 new lot, 1 lot addition and retained
3-17500	Con 13, Part Lot 3	01/13/2025		Awaiting Application	Create 4 new lots + retained - concerns with suitable entrances
2-17600	13 Garage Road	10/02/2025	B-015/25 & B-016/25	CIL paid	Sever to create 1 new lot, 1 rural industrial lot and retained
2-29420	123E Nicolía Drive	02/24/2026	B-032/25 & B-033/25	CIL Requested	Create 2 new lots + retained
2-29200/2-23700	Con 9 Lot 20 / Con 10 Lot 20	04/28/2025		Inquiry	Sever 2 merged lots to create 2 lots with road frontage
1-09105	809A Cherry Hill Road	06/09/2025		Inquiry	Lot addition
3-11010	273 Berriedale Road	07/31/2025		Awaiting Application	Create 3 new lots + Retained
2-23700	820 Garage Road	09/03/2025		Pre-consultation Meeting	Create 3 new lots + Retained
1-59320	195 Madill Road	03/04/2026	B-005/26	Planner's Report	Create 1 new lot + Retained
1-63700/1-63900	723 Skyline Drive	02/24/2026	B-049/25	Planner Recommendation - Re OPA	Lot addition from 1-63700 to 1-63900
3-04250	1137 Pickerel & Jack Lk Rd	01/20/2026		Awaiting PJR, lake capacity study, OPA required - backlot	Create 2 new lots, one waterfront, one backlot
1-29500	201 Three Mile Lake Road	02/26/2026		Awaiting Application	Create 1 new lot and lot addition to retained
1-63600	Con 4, Pt Lt 18 - Sunnylea Aven	03/04/2026		Pre-consultation Meeting - Not Supported by Planner	Backlot Development - Create 4 lots plus retained - OPA too
2-12320	Industrial Park	02/24/2026		Planner's Report per Council Request	Proposed Industrial Development - AI Compute Infrastructure
2-22310	242 Woods Road	02/26/2026		Pre-consultation Meeting	Create 2 new lots + retained

Subdivisions

Roll #	Address	Date	File #	Status	Note
1-08900	Cherry Hill Rd / Deer Lake	02/12/2026	S-01/24	Planner	15 lot subdivision with common element road
3-18900	Con 13 Part Lot 8	02/26/2026		Pre-consultation Meeting	192 lot subdivision with sewage treatment & water treatment systems.

Shore Roads / Road Allowances

Roll #	Address	Date	File #	Status	Note
1-34000	98 Doe Lake Peninsula	02/02/2026		Legal	Trf shore road - 1988 Admin Error
1-08610	879 Three Mile Lake Road	01/27/2026		Legal	Purchase shore road across the road
1-31500	78 Skyline Drive	12/18/2025		Deposit Requested	Partial Purchase shore road

Planning Department Report

Site Plans

Roll #	Address	Date	File #	Status	Note
3-23905	809 Berriedale Road	06/14/2023		File Closed - LOC File Remains Open	New rural industrial business
3-07625	Con 11 Part Lot 32	08/08/2024		By-law Officer - review regeneration	Tim Bryson sent recommendations via email
2-32200	2214 Pickerel & Jack Lake Road	11/04/2024		Road Boring to address in agreement	Demo - Rebuild in FP-48
1-34000	98 Doe Lake Peninsula	02/02/2026		Legal - SPA registration pending by LRO	Demo/Rebuild - shore road trf too
1-69900	39 Magview Drive	01/06/2026		Invoice - Reminder to Pay	New dwelling on Mag River
Pending	303 Relative Road	01/13/2025		Pre-consultation	RC use of property
				Require support from Village for municipal water services	
2-07002	5 Hill Top Road	09/16/2025			Construct a car wash - site plan amendment

Zonings

Roll #	Address	Date	File #	Status	Note
2-07015	51 Commercial Drive	02/28/2023		Pre-Consultation- PJR Required	Site Specific - Commercial w Residential units
3-19716 to 3-1972	240-268 N Pickerel Lake Road	10/21/2024		Application Refused - Engineer Disagree	FP mapping update after site alteration
Pending	303 Relative Road	01/13/2025		Awaiting Application	RC use of property
ARMOUR		02/25/2026		Update Shipping Container Provisions	
1-63700	723 Skyline Drive	03/10/2026		Application to Council	ZBA per Consent B-049/25 - Condition of Consent
1-08900	Cherry Hill Rd / Deer Lake	03/24/2026		Public Meeting	ZBA per Subdivision S-01/24 - Conditions of Subdivision

Official Plan Amendments

Roll #	Address	Date	File #	Status	Note
SOLARBANK	219 Peggs Mountain Road	02/13/2026		Appeal Uploaded to OLT Portal	Solar Battery Storage Facility (OPA/ZBA)
1-63600	Sunnylea Ave: Con 4 Pt Lot 18	03/04/2026		Pre-consultation - Not Supported by Planner	Consents to create 4 lot - Backlot Severances

TOTAL # OF TELECONFERENCE PRE-CONSULTATION MEETINGS TO DATE FOR 2026: 9

**SOUTHEAST PARRY SOUND DISTRICT
PLANNING BOARD
Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
VIA ZOOM**

Hearings:

6:30 p.m.: 1) B-055/25 - D. DOUGLASS

Regular Meeting:

1. Review and Approval of the Minutes
2. Business Arising from the Minutes
3. Administrative
 - Review subdivision fees
4. Correspondence
5. Status of Applications
 - Request for exemption from Archaeological Assessment
 - Complete application requirement – Hydrogeological Assessment
6. Financial Report
 - Cost of Living increase
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 2026
Via Zoom
(ATTACHMENT)

Attending Members: R. Ward
D. O'Halloran
N. Hofstetter
C. Hope
G. Miller (alternate)

Attending Staff: L. Moyer

Absent: C. Philip

APPLICATIONS TO BE HEARD:

The meeting for hearings was opened at 6:34 p.m. The meeting was Chaired by R. Ward. At the commencement of the hearings R. Ward provided introductory comments and prior to the completion of the hearing, L. Moyer advised the applicant(s) and/agent that the Notice of Decision would be forthcoming by mail/email.

B-049/25

M. & S. Armstrong

The Applicants were not present.

Consent application B-049/25 is a proposed consent to provide for one lot addition to the adjacent lands (Part Lots 22, 23 & 24, Concession 4). The subject lands are located in Part Lot 21, Concession 4 (Part 1, 42R-22453) within the Township of Armour. The severed parcel will have an approximate frontage of 225.5 m. (740 ft.) on Skyline Drive, an approximate depth of 188 m. (617 ft.), an approximate area of 2 ha. (4.94 ac) and is presently vacant. The parcel to be retained will have an approximate frontage of 196.6 m. (645 ft.) on Skyline Drive, an approximate depth of 250 m. (820.21 ft.), an approximate area of 2.42 ha. (6 ac.) and is vacant.

The members were circulated the planning report prepared by Lanny Dennis (LannyD.Planning). L. Dennis recommended that consent application B-049/25 be approved subject to standard conditions and an Official Plan Amendment to permit land division in the waterfront and rural community.

The members were circulated comments from the Township of Armour. The Township advised that they have no objection to the application subject to conditions to obtain an Official Plan Amendment to recognize that the consent will not result in a new lot for development; to obtain a Zoning By-law Amendment to recognize the lot addition and to bring the lands into conformity with the Official Plan Amendment; that the consent be approved for lot addition purposes only; that the lands legally merge with the benefitting lands.

L. Moyer noted the requirement of an Official Plan Amendment and a Zoning By-law Amendment. No issues were raised.

L. Moyer reported that there were no concerns or objections received from the public or agencies circulated.

Consent application B-049/25 cont'd.

MOTION 01/26

Moved by: D. O'Halloran
Seconded by: C. Hope

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Consent Application B-049/25 be approved subject to the conditions presented to the Board. Provisional consent is given for the following reasons:

- The application conforms to the Provincial Planning Statement**
- The municipality supports the subject application.**
- No concerns or objections have been raised through the circulation of the application."**

- CARRIED

B-050/25

J. & E. Marshall

The Applicants and/Agent were not present.

Consent application B-050/25 is a proposed consent to provide for one lot addition to the adjacent lands (Part 1, 42R-13734). The subject lands are located in Part Lot 13, Concession 12 (Part 2, 42R-10672) within the Township of Perry. The severed parcel will have an approximate depth of 199.3 m. (654 ft.), an approximate area of .43 ha. (1.06 ac) and is presently vacant. The parcel to be retained will have an approximate frontage of 127.16 m. (417.19 ft.) on Old Government Road, an approximate depth of 189.85 m. (622.86 ft.), an approximate area of 5.7 ha. (14.09 ac.) and has a dwelling and accessory buildings located on it.

The members were circulated the planning report prepared by Lanny Dennis (LannyD.Planning). Having reviewed the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-law as well as the Provincial Policy Statement, it was recommended that consent application B-050/25 be approved subject to the standard conditions.

The members were circulated comments from the Township of Perry. The Township advised that they have no objection to the applications subject to standard conditions.

L. Moyer noted the condition that if required the owner of the benefitting lands must apply to the Planning Board for a certificate of cancellation of consent to ensure the lands merge in title. No issues were raised.

L. Moyer reported that there were no concerns or objections received from the public or agencies circulated.

MOTION 02/26

Moved by: G. Miller
Seconded by: D. O'Halloran

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Consent Application B-050/25 be approved subject to the conditions presented to the Board. Provisional consent is given for the following reasons:

- The application complies with the approved Zoning By-law in effect for the municipality.**
- The application conforms with the Provincial Planning Statement.**
- No concerns or objections have been raised through the circulation of the application."**

- CARRIED

B-051/25

C. & C. James

B-052/25

The Agent T. Williams (EJ Williams Surveying) was present.

B-053/25

Consent applications B-051/25, B-052/25, and B-053/25 are proposed consents to create three new lots for residential purposes. The subject lands are located in Part Lot 11, Concession 10 (Part 1, 42R-4377) within the Township of Armour. Severed 1 will have an approximate frontage of 172 m. (564.3 ft.) on Wood's Road,

Consent applications B-051/25, B-052/25 & B-053/25 cont'd.

an approximate depth of 55 m. (180.45 ft.), an approximate area of .81 ha. (2 ac.) and is presently vacant. Severed 2 will have an approximate frontage of 61 m. (200.13 ft.) on Wood's Road, an approximate depth of 110 m. (360.9 ft.), an approximate area of .82 ha. (2.03 ac.) and is vacant. Severed 3 will have an approximate frontage of 152 m. (498.69 ft.) on Wood's Road, an approximate depth of 110 m. (360.9 ft.), an approximate area of .85 ha. (2.1 ac.) and is vacant. The parcel to be retained will have an approximate frontage of 154 m. (505.25 ft.) on Wood's Road, an approximate depth of 126 m (413.39 ft.), an approximate area of 1.4 ha. (3.46 ac.) and has a dwelling, garage and shed located on it.

The members were circulated the planning report prepared by Lanny Dennis (LannyD.Planning). Having reviewed the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-law as well as the Provincial Policy Statement, it was recommended that consent applications B-051/25, B-052/25, and B-053/25 be approved subject to the standard conditions and that the Township is satisfied that the issue of wildfire has been addressed.

The members were circulated comments from the Township of Armour. The Township advised that they have no objection to the applications subject to standard conditions.

L. Moyer noted the condition that the Planning Board must be advised in writing by the Township of Armour that the issue of wildfire has been addressed to their satisfaction. R. Ward confirmed that this condition should be included. No issues were raised.

L. Moyer reported that there were no concerns or objections received from the public or agencies circulated.

MOTION 03/26

Moved by:

N. Hofstetter

Seconded by:

C. Hope

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Consent Applications B-051/25, B-052/25, and B-053/25 be approved subject to the conditions presented to the Board. Provisional consent is given for the following reasons:

- **The applications conform to the approved Official Plan of the municipality.**
- **The applications comply with the approved Zoning By-law in effect for the municipality.**
- **The applications conform with the Provincial Planning Statement.**
- **The municipality supports the subject applications." – CARRIED**

B-054/25

J. Ratcliffe

The Agent, L. Dennis (LannyD.Planning) was present.

Consent application B-054/25 is a proposed consent to create one new lot for residential purposes. The subject lands are located in Part Lots 13 & 14, Concession 2 within the Township of Perry. The parcel to be severed will have an approximate frontage of 65 m. (213.25 ft.) on Long Lake Road and approximately 835 m. (2,739.5 ft.) frontage on Long Lake, an approximate depth of 900 m. (2,952.76 ft.), an approximate area of 6.6 ha. (16.3 ac.) and has a dwelling located on it. The parcel to be retained will have an approximate frontage of 410 m. (1,345.14 ft.) on Long Lake Road and approximately 247 m. (810.37 ft.) frontage on Long Lake, an approximate depth of 1,005 m. (3,297.24 ft.), an approximate area of 37.9 ha. (93.65 ac.) and is vacant.

L. Moyer informed the Board Members that there is no report from the Planning Board's planner for consent applications B-054/25 (Ratcliffe) as he is acting as the agent for the applicant.

The members were circulated comments from the Township of Perry. The Township advised that they have no objection to the applications subject to the condition that the Township requires that a \$500 administrative fee be paid.

Consent application B-054/25 cont'd.

L. Moyer reported that there were no concerns or objections received from the public or agencies circulated.
L. Moyer noted that the lands had previously merged in title.

L. Dennis stated that they are looking at a conservation easement on the severed parcel, beyond the building envelope.

G. Miller asked about the transfer of a road deviation to the Township. L. Moyer explained that condition four relates to the reference plan and transfer of a deviated road. L. Moyer advised that the Township can request survey of the parcels even if not required by Registry to transfer the lands. No other issues were raised.

MOTION 04/26

Moved by:

D. O'Halloran

Seconded by:

G Miller

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Consent Application B-054/25 be approved subject to the conditions presented to the Board. Provisional consent is given for the following reasons:

- The application complies with the approved Zoning By-law in effect for the municipality.***
- The application conforms to the Provincial Planning Statement.***
- The municipality supports the subject application.***
- No concerns or objections have been raised through the circulation of the application."***

- CARRIED

The hearings were concluded.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer

SOUTHEAST PARRY SOUND DISTRICT PLANNING BOARD

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 2026
VIA ZOOM

Attending Members: R. Ward
D. O'Halloran
N. Hofstetter
C. Hope
G. Miller (alternate)

Attending Staff: L. Moyer

Absent: C. Philip

MINUTES:

The meeting opened at 6:34 p.m. The meeting was chaired by R. Ward. The administrative portion of the meeting was held after the hearings. Hearing Minutes are attached. The agenda order was rearranged to accommodate those present.

B-010/24 (HAIST) – Amend Conditions

A request was received from the agent for the application Lanny Dennis, to further amend the approval for application B-010/24 (Haist/Sandoe) to add an additional easement /right-of-way over Lot 6, 42M-685, Part 9, 42R-20975 / Parts 1 & 2, 42R-22782, in favour of the adjacent property (Lot 5, Plan 42M-685).

L. Moyer advised that if approved, the resolution will require circulation of the amendment and an appeal period which will extend the lapsing date for the application.

L. Dennis commented that he has no concerns.

MOTION 05/26

Moved by:

D. O'Halloran

Seconded by:

N. Hofstetter

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the approval for consent application B-010/24 (HAIST/SANDOE) is further amended by adding an additional easement/right-of-way over Lot 6, 42M-685, Part 9, 42R-20975 / Parts 1 & 2, 42R-22782, in favour of the adjacent property (Lot 5, Plan 42M-685).” – CARRIED

S-01/24 (PRENTICE) – Amend Conditions

A request was received from the agent for the application Lanny Dennis, to amend condition of approval no. 3 for subdivision application S-01/24. It is requested that the condition be amended to remove the requirement that written evidence be provided from MNR confirming that Lots 1 – 5 are not a confirmed deer habitat, as MNR does not comment on site specific planning applications and/or clear conditions. It is requested that the condition be revised to read “a zoning by-law amendment be applied for and received which recognizes the minimum lot frontage of 61 m for lots 1-5.”

The Township of Armour Resolution in support of the revision was circulated to the members. Additional correspondence from the Township was also provided clarifying MNR's role in the planning process.

S-01/24 (PRENTICE) – Amend Conditions cont’d.

Correspondence received from Don Murphy opposing the change was provided to the members.

L. Dennis, D. Prentice, A. Shaw and D. Murphy were in attendance.

L. Moyer explained how MNR cannot clear the condition or provide comment on site specific applications.

L. Dennis explained Municipal Plan Review and changes to the planning process in 1995 or 1997. L. Dennis also commented that the lots are subject to site plan control and 30 m. setbacks.

D. Murphy submitted comments and advised that MNR confirmed that the area is an active Stratum 1 & 2 Deer Yard and that corridors must be identified.

A. Shaw (Riverstone Environmental) commented that it is not true that only MNR can assess the lands as stated by Mr. Murphy. He added that MNR very recently provided consultants with documents relating to Deer Yards and quoting from the documents the significant deer yard assessment schedule mapping was broad scale and may not reflect current conditions. Site specific assessments are therefore appropriate. Additionally, he commented that MNR recognizes that they have been significantly reduced in ability to get on site and consultants provide more current information.

D. Murphy asked A. Shaw if he would refute the MNR data.

A. Shaw replied that his information is definitely more up to date than what was done in 1995. He added that he is not sure when the flights were done and they concentrated on Crown Lands.

R. Ward commented that Armour is quite satisfied with the many conditions and site plan controls. Armour’s Resolution supported the change.

C. Hope commented that there is a massive deer/moose yard in the area and believes more studies should be done.

The members further discussed site plan control, setbacks and building envelopes.

MOTION 06/26

Moved by:

G. Miller

Seconded by:

D. O’Halloran

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the conditions of Draft Approval for Subdivision Application S-01/24 (PRENTICE) are revised as follows:

Condition no. 3 is deleted and replaced with the following:

“That a zoning by-law amendment be applied for and received which recognizes a minimum lot frontage of 61 m. for proposed Lots 1 – 5.”

It is the opinion of the Planning Board that the above change to the conditions is minor and therefore further notice is not required.” - CARRIED

1. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

No minutes were presented to the Board for approval.

2. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Resolution to MMAH Re: Town of Kearney Withdrawal from the Planning Board

The Resolution tabled at the November 26, 2025 meeting was brought back to the members. The members were provided with two draft resolutions, one in support of Kearney's request to withdraw from the Board and the other requesting that the Town withdraw its request and work with the other members to address their concerns.

MOTION 07/26

Moved by: D. O'Halloran

Seconded by: G. Miller

"Whereas the South East Parry Sound District Planning Board ("Planning Board") was formed with six members in 1997 as the consent-granting authority for those six municipalities;

And whereas the Planning Board has been primarily funded through application fees and has been self-sufficient for most of its operations;

And whereas only minimal additional funding has been requested from municipalities due to shortfalls in 2015 and 2016 (a total of \$4,000 per municipality over 28 years);

And whereas recent improvements have been implemented at the Planning Board including a fee structure which better reflects today's costs and the addition of part-time dedicated resources to assist with workload with no additional cost to the Planning Board members;

And whereas the Planning Board offers a regional approach to planning, taking advantage of expertise, communication and information from other member municipalities;

And whereas the Planning Board offers a non-political and personal approach to planning decisions;

And whereas the Planning Board retains the services of an Independent Professional Planner to prepare planning reports on most applications;

And whereas the time spent by staff with consultations, inquiries and public submissions provides assistance and added value for municipalities;

And whereas the expertise and consistency with members and staff of the Planning Board are beneficial, particularly with legislative changes and complex development proposals;

And whereas staff dedicated to the planning process with experience in planning and legal matters provide a valuable resource to the members and their municipalities;

Now therefore be it resolved that

We respectfully ask that the Town of Kearney withdraw its request to cease its partnership with the South East Parry Sound District Planning Board and work with the other members to address its concerns and implement further improvements;

And that this resolution be forwarded to...

Clerks for each of the current member municipalities of the Planning Board, Christopher Brown – MMAH, Graydon Smith, MPP for Muskoka-Parry Sound." - CARRIED

3. **Administrative**

There were no administrative items.

4. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

5. Status of Applications

L. Moyer reported that there were 55 consent applications in 2025 and 1 plan of subdivision. To date there are 4 complete applications received.

6. Financial Report

L. Moyer reported that as of December 31, 2025 there was \$18,636.08 in the bank account; and to date there is \$25,673.92, less fees, in the bank account.

MOTION 08/26

Moved by:

N. Hofstetter

Seconded by:

C. Hope

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT we pay the bills in the amount of \$396.63 as presented and approve cheque no. 274 to L. Moyer for \$3,871.07; cheque no. 275 to L. Moyer for \$79.74; payment (online) to Township of Perry for \$1,004.37; cheque no. 276 to LannyD.Planning for \$1,356; payment (online) to Receiver General for \$1,832.16; payment (online) to Township of Perry for \$35; payment (online) to Virgin Plus for \$49.73; cheque no. 277 to L. Moyer for \$3,900.24; cheque no. 278 to L. Moyer for \$56.51; payment (online) to Receiver General for \$2,499.70; payment (online) to Virgin Plus for \$49.73; payment (online) to Township of Perry for \$313.73."

- CARRIED

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. until the next regular meeting on February 25, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

MOTION 09/25

Moved by:

D. O'Halloran

Seconded by:

G. Miller

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 7:53 p.m. until the next regular meeting on February 25, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair." – CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer

**ALMAGUIN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
(ACED)**

**MINUTES
January 22, 2026**

A regular meeting of the ACED Board was held at the Armour Township and virtually on January 22, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Present: Vicky Roeder-Martin, Township of McMurrich/Monteith
Sheri Norman, AHCC Representative
Margaret Ann MacPhail, Township of Perry
Luke Preston, Village of Sundridge
Rod Ward, Township of Armour
Dan Roberston, Township of Ryerson
Tim Bryson, Township of Strong
Wendy Whitwell, Township of Armour
Joe Lumley,
Trista Porter, MND
Noel Walker, FedNor

Regrets: Chris Nicolson, Township of Joly

Staff: Courtney Metcalf, Director of Economic Development
Megan Yemm, Communications and Marketing Officer
Dave Gray, CAO Armour Township

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of Thursday, November 27th, 2025 were adopted as presented.

Round table introductions took place.

Director's Report

The Director covered the following items from the report:

1. 2025 ACED Annual Report:
2. Some of the updates in the report included:

- a. Regional Results Report/KPI's – The Director reviewed KPIs and job creation. A potential Life Skills Workshop in 2026 was discussed. Increased content production was noted following the addition of a new CMO.
 - b. Regional Results Highlights – Regional results highlights were discussed and outlined. the Board discussed sharing the year-end infographic through municipal and ACED channels to highlight ACED's work to partners, stakeholders, and the community.
 - c. 2025 Longitudinal Survey Results: Key findings were presented and discussed.
 - d. Numbers and key outcomes were discussed as part of the Wrap Up Almaguin 2025 review.
3. 2026 ACED Workplan – The Director discussed 2026 focus will be continuing core focus including Strategic Plan & Signage plan. The board discussed the possibility of hosting a Almaguin Services & Trades Expo and discussions will continue at the next meeting.
 4. Recommendation – Recorded ACED Meetings – Board discussed the value of recording ACED meetings and resolution was moved to record future meetings.
 5. 2026 ACED Municipal Buy-In Packages – Municipal Buy-In Packages were outlined and discussed, a sub-committee will be formed to further discuss and in the interim focus will be spent on member municipalities.

FedNor Update

FedNor update was given, priorities for 2026 were noted as: tariff response, regional defence, manufacturing, and assisting in transitioning companies that don't manufacture themselves.

MND Update

Programs remain consistent with previous years, with a stronger focus on tariff response, economic development, agriculture, tourism, and forestry. Upcoming webinars and a potential in-person session were noted.

Resolutions

1. 2026-01– Moved by Margaret Ann MacPhail; Seconded by Luke Preston
Be it resolved that the Almaguin Community Economic Development Board approve November 27, 2025, meeting minutes, as circulated. Carried
2. 2026-02 – Moved by Wendy Whitwell; Seconded by Sheri Norman
Be it resolved that the Almaguin Community Economic Development Board has

received and reviewed the 2025 ACED Annual Report and requests that it be circulated to ACED partners for review at their upcoming council/board meetings.
Carried

3. 2026-03 – Moved by Tim Bryson; Seconded by Wendy Whitwell
Be it resolved that the Almaguin Community Economic Development Board has received and approves the 2026 ACED Department Work Plan as presented. Furthermore, that staff carry out the work set out in the Work Plan and advise the Board of any changes. Carried.
4. 2026-04 – Moved by Sheri Norman; Seconded by Tim Bryson
Be it resolved that the Almaguin Community Economic Development Board accepts the recommendation to proceed with recording ACED meetings, in a manner consistent with Armour Township's procedural bylaw. Carried
5. 2026-05 – Moved by Luke Preston; Seconded by Wendy Whitwell
Be it resolved that the Almaguin Community Economic Development Board approves that any 2025 surplus be transferred to the ACED reserve held by Armour Township, less the amounts owing to municipalities who withdrew December 31, 2025.

Adjournment

6. 2026 - 06 – Moved by Margaret Ann MacPhail; Seconded by Wendy Whitwell
Be it resolved that the Almaguin Community Economic Development Board has received the Municipal Fees for Service Staff Report for information and review, and feedback will be provided at the February ACED meeting. Carried
7. 2026 - 07 – Moved by Luke Preston; Seconded by Wendy Whitwell
Be it resolved that the Almaguin Community Economic Development Board adjourn the January 22nd, 2026 ACED Meeting at 8:11PM. Carried

The next meeting will be January 26th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Strong Township Office. If this changes, members will be advised.



Director of Economic Development (DoED) Report
February 26, 2026

Core Activity Tracking – (Since last report -January & February)

Activity:	Interactions	Description
Business Assistance		
Start Up Files	1	Sundridge
Expansion Files	1	South River
Developer Files		
General Support	2	Sundridge (2)
Brand Ambassador	1	Armour
High Priority		
Business Visits	2	Sundridge (2)
Program Referrals		
Non-Member Support Requests	5	Burk's Falls/South River/Magnetawan
Marketing*		
ACED Website Updates	4	Events, Tourism & Lifestyle News, ACED page updates, Lease & Investment Properties
Social Media Posting	25	(EXPLORE)15 (ACED) 10
Facebook/Instagram Reach	13,625	(EXPLORE) 12173 (ACED) 1452
Facebook/Instagram Views	68560	(EXPLORE) 54,160 (ACED) 14,400
Facebook/Instagram Likes/Followers	5892	(EXPLORE Facebook) 2947 (EXPLORE Instagram) 1103 (ACED Facebook) 1842
Website Tracking		
Total Users / Views	4.4k	
Most viewed pages		Events, Business Directory, Almaguin Community Economic Development, Screaming Heads
(besides landing page)		
Communications		
Email Blasts	2	ACED Buisness monthly
Organization Meetings	5	RCIP, NECO, SFEP, AHCC, Community Partners Meeting
Partnership Projects		
Municipal Visits	8	Perry, McMurrich.Monteith, Sundridge, Strong, Joly.
Member Interactions / Support Requests		
Media Comment Requests		

Current Files & Projects

Project 1A – Business Support

RCIP Update

The RCIP Board met on February 10th, with another 22 applicants reviewed and approved.

Contractors and Trades Support

A QuickBooks Workshop will be held on April 8 in partnership with the AHCC and The Business Centre. This introductory session is designed to support self-employed trades and contractors and will also serve as an initial engagement opportunity with the local trades sector. Participants will be invited to complete a survey to help identify industry needs, desired supports, and interest in an Almaguin Trades Show, including preferred timing and format.

Project 1C – AHCC Partnerships

No updates at this time.

Project 2B – Regional Recreation & Municipal Support

Village of Sundridge Support

The DoED developed a survey for Councillors to help collect further input and feedback for the proposed development project. Next steps include coordinating a follow up meeting with the private business and the Councillors that have been assigned to the planning sub-committee.

McMurrich/Monteith Support

The DoED developed a survey for McMurrich/Monteith businesses to collect business information for both the ACED and Municipal business directory, as well as to determine supports requested from the business community. The survey will be shared via website, email, social media, and municipal mail-out.

Project 3A – Almaguin Housing Task Force

No updates at this time.

Project 3B – Transportation

Almaguin Community Transportation Committee

No updates at this time.

The Return of Passenger Rail Service

The ACED Team had a phone call with Ontario Northland on Friday February 13th to discuss first-mile/last-mile supports. Further updates regarding potential projects and opportunities will be provided at the March meeting.

Project 3C AHSS Student Engagement

The DoED is scheduled to attend classroom presentations on March 4th, in partnership with The Business Centre's Summer Company Program presentations, to engage with students, speak about entrepreneurship, and request students complete the yearly student survey.

The DoED is also in communication with the Student Council representatives to continue building on the momentum created for the Life Skills Workshops, which began in 2024.

Project 3D Almaguin RED Strategic Plan Update

A resolution will be presented to The Board with a request to utilize up to \$25,000 of ACED reserves to hire a consultant to facilitate the development of the RED Strategic Plan Update. A Request for Proposals is being drafted, with the intention to promote the RFP at the end of March.

Project 4A – Brand Strategy Implementation

Phase 2 – Physical Brand Roll Out

The ACED Team received funding approval from the ROD Program for the Signage Plan. Currently we are awaiting an update from FedNor regarding the application that was submitted for funding. Depending on timelines, a re-application may be required for the ROD Program if an extension is not granted as we await confirmation for funding.

Social Media/Explore Almaguin Website/ Email Marketing/Content

The CMO developed the *Winter in Almaguin* campaign, including a Valentines feature article, as well as 3 Reels, 3 carousel posts, and 2 additional website articles featuring local businesses that are open for business all winter. The campaign generated a total of 14K views and over 300 likes.

The CMO refreshed the Brand Ambassador Spotlight, posting 3 features on local businesses that received 3,339 total views.

2026 ACED Department Workplan

The 2026 ACED Department Workplan has been updated to include exploring the development of an Almaguin Trades Show. As mentioned under 1A-Business Support, ACED Staff will begin by surveying business owners and gauging their interest and preference for time of year.

ACED Shared Services Agreement, Evolution of Service Delivery, ETC.

Finalizing the Revised Shared Services Agreement & Funding Formula

The Revised Shared Service Agreement and Funding Formula are currently being circulated to participating municipalities, which require signatures from the Clerks and Mayors. The Villages of South River and Burk's Falls have opted not to participate. To date, participation decisions have been received from all municipalities except Powassan.

A Municipal Service Packages Staff Report was presented and discussed at the January ACED meeting, outlining a new proposal for consideration by non-member municipalities. Following this discussion, a Sub-Committee was established to refine and finalize the proposal.

The Sub-Committee has discussed various considerations related to offering services to non-members. Discussions are ongoing, and a verbal report / presentation of options will be made at the February ACED meeting (or circulated beforehand if available). It was recommended that ACED staff prepare a letter emphasizing the importance of regional collaboration, along with an infographic highlighting key successes and measurable impacts of regional marketing efforts.

Subject to ACED Board approval, the full package will be distributed to all non-member municipalities, along with a formal invitation to participate.



EASTHOLME

East District of Parry Sound Home for The Aged

February 25, 2026
62 Big Bend Avenue
Powassan, ON P0H 1Z0

Dear Alison McGregor,

Re: Annual Levy

This has been another eventful year at Eastholme. We remain dedicated to providing excellent care for the residents and support for their families. The day-to-day operations include all services from housekeeping, laundry, maintenance and custodial work, meal preparation, dietitian assessments, recreation activities for resident engagement and of course full nursing care. Eastholme has two doctors (Medical Director and an Attending physician) as well as a Nurse Practitioner who can assist with our resident's medical needs. Contracted services include physiotherapy and occupational therapy and speech language pathology (for swallowing assessments).

We also support seniors in our community through the East Parry Sound Community Support Services Program, by delivering meals (warm and frozen), organizing seniors luncheons and exercise classes.

Our staff are the reason for the excellent services that we provide. Wages and benefits have consistently hovered around approximately 80% of all budget lines.

For 2026, the total year over year increase for the budget was \$2,161,600. The largest category increase was in wages and benefits representing 58% or \$1,252,300 (2025, 60.15% or \$989,500). The second largest category was equipment replacements representing 41.16% or \$889,400 (2025 was 29.13% or \$479,200).

The current year budget includes a \$56,900 or 3.5% increase to the 2025 levy. The total 2026 levy is \$1,682,900 (2025, \$1,626,000). We appreciate each municipality's contribution toward making Eastholme an excellent place for the people in our community.



EASTHOLME

East District of Parry Sound Home for The Aged

Eastholme would also like to welcome municipalities to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held on March 25th, 2025. Please respond to Shelley Reichstein at 705-724-2005 extension 379 or email, sreichstein@eastholme.ca to let us know if you plan to attend the in person AGM no later than Friday March 20th, 2026

Sincerely,

Odelia Callery, CPA, CA

Administrator

c. Eastholme Board of Management

**Eastholme
District of Parry Sound (East)
Home for the Aged
P.O. Box 400
Powassan ON. P0H 1Z0
Phone: 705-724-2005 Fax: 705-724-5429**

REQUEST FOR 1st QUARTER PAYMENT

February 28, 2026

Municipality of Township of Armour
Box 533
56 Ontario Street
Burks Falls, ON P0A 1C0

Total Levy for 2026	\$150,431.00
Amount paid to date	-0.00
Amount Outstanding	\$150,431.00

Schedule of Payments for 2026	
1st Quarter Due: March 31	\$37,607.75
2nd Quarter Due: June 30	\$37,607.75
3rd Quarter Due: Sept 30	\$37,607.75
4th Quarter Due: Dec 31	\$37,607.75
Total	\$150,431.00

**EASTHOLME
MUNICIPAL LEVY APPORTIONMENT CALCULATION
FOR 2026 LEVY**

FILE: EASTHOLME/EASTHOLME 2026 LEVY

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)						
Households per 2024 FIR Schedule 2	Households per 2021 Statistics Canada Census	Phase-In Taxable Asmt. (Wtd & Disc CVA) per 2024 FIR, Sch 26, row 9199, column 17	Phase-In PIL Asmt. (Wtd & Disc CVA) per 2024 FIR, Sch 26, row 9299, column 17	Hydro Power Dam Compensation per 2024 FIR, Sch 26, row 5236, column 2	Industrial Class Tax Ratio per 2024 FIR, Sch 22, column 5	Industrial Class Tax Rate per 2024 FIR, Sch 22 *	Weighted Equivalent Hydro Assessment ((C)/(E)*(D))	2026 Apportionment Base ((A) + (B) + (F))	% 2026	2025 Apportionment Base	% 2025	Current year phased-in assessment increase (decrease)	
Township of Armour	1,087	1,087	394,042,715	5,568,788	-	N/A	-	399,611,503	8.9388%	387,010,734	8.7955%	3.26%	
Village of Burk's Falls	523	523	85,792,350	836,860	7,658	1.420400	2.4963620%	435,731	1.9475%	87,100,627	1.9795%	-0.04%	
Municipality of Callander	1,842	1,758	578,601,235	1,724,372	-	N/A	N/A	-	580,325,607	12.9811%	571,902,287	12.9975%	1.47%
Township of Joly		155	63,020,393	52,800	-	N/A	N/A	-	63,073,193	1.4109%	61,773,805	1.4039%	2.10%
Town of Kearney	1,195	1,195	392,114,851	1,753,064	-	N/A	N/A	-	393,867,915	8.8103%	386,520,678	8.7844%	1.90%
Township of Machar	947	875	267,286,316	1,533,378	4,147	0.950000	1.5423540%	255,431	6.0188%	265,723,077	6.0391%	1.26%	
Municipality of Magnetawan	1,717	1,717	729,972,304	2,255,197	-	N/A	N/A	-	732,227,501	16.3789%	723,320,850	16.4388%	1.23%
Township of Nipissing	1,353	1,012	400,742,671	3,080,326	472	0.269800	0.4764270%	26,729	9.0336%	397,312,258	9.0297%	1.65%	
Township of Perry	1,800	1,710	494,911,374	2,247,842	-	N/A	N/A	-	497,159,216	11.1208%	487,171,756	11.0719%	2.05%
Municipality of Powassan	1,315	1,381	352,927,260	3,539,949	50,652	1.750069	3.0600920%	2,896,792	8.0385%	355,393,948	8.0770%	1.12%	
Township of Ryerson	555	555	193,455,387	149,600	-	N/A	N/A	-	193,604,987	4.3307%	189,758,229	4.3126%	2.03%
Village of South River	510	510	76,664,784	349,235	-	N/A	N/A	-	77,014,019	1.7227%	75,855,516	1.7240%	1.53%
Township of Strong	953	953	303,676,291	2,506,187	-	N/A	N/A	-	306,182,478	6.8489%	303,588,937	6.8996%	0.85%
Village of Sundridge	458	458	108,020,907	107,705	-	N/A	N/A	-	108,128,612	2.4187%	107,646,234	2.4465%	0.45%
	14,255	13,889	4,441,228,838	25,705,303				3,614,683	4,470,548,824	100.000%	4,400,078,936	100.000%	1.60%

COMMENTS:

1. Overall weighted average increase in phased in assessment = 1.60% for the current year.
Municipalities whose assessments increased by more than 1.60% will show an increase in their apportionment for the current year; those whose assessments increased by less than 1.60% will show a decrease in their apportionment.

2. The 2024 FIRs can be downloaded from:
<https://efis.fma.csc.gov.on.ca/fir/index.php/en/reports-and-dashboards/fir-by-year-and-municipality/>

* Basic approach re Hydro PIL's resulted from a February 2005 discussion with Lynnette Coy, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Finance branch.
Per Lynnette, Burk's Falls receives the municipal portion of hydro payments only, while Machar, Nipissing and Powassan receive both the municipal and school board portions.
Consequently, the tax rate reported in column 8 of Schedule 22 is used for Burk's Falls and that in column 11 is used for the other municipalities.

**Eastholme
East District of Parry Sound
Home for the Aged
Operating Budget 2026**

	Budget 2026	Level of Care Funding
Revenue		
Ministry operating funding	\$ 12,187,400	
Resident revenue basic fees	\$ 3,168,500	
TOTAL	\$ 15,355,900	
Ministry capital payment SW-construction subsidy	\$ -	
Resident revenue private accommodation fees	\$ 594,200	
Resident revenue semi-private accommodation fees	\$ 61,100	
Subsidy for Basic Revenue during covid19	\$ -	
Subsidy for Covid19 - containment funding	\$ -	
Subsidy - One time	\$ 388,000	
Interest	\$ 155,000	
Sub-Total	\$ 16,554,200	
Municipal Levy (3.5%) 1,626,000 x 1.035	\$ 1,682,900	
Transfer from reserve	\$ 1,116,700	
Total Revenue	\$ 19,353,800	
Expenses		
Program and Support Services	\$ 696,600	\$ 675,000
BSO phase 1 and 2	\$ 134,700	\$ 134,700
Raw Food	\$ 721,200	\$ 640,500
Nursing and Personal Care	\$ 10,544,200	\$ 10,544,000
Accommodation (OA*)	\$ 7,257,100	\$ 3,361,700
Total Expenses	\$ 19,353,800	\$ 15,355,900
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$ -	

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East District of Parry Sound Home for the Aged
62 Big Bend Avenue – Box 400 – Powassan, Ontario – P0H 1Z0
Telephone 705 724-2005 Fax 705 724-5429

DATE February 18, 2026 RESOLUTION NO. 4772

MOVED BY [Signature]

SECONDED BY [Signature]

THAT the Municipal Levy be set at \$ 1,682,900.⁰⁰
For the year 2026.

DISPOSITION OF RES.NO. _____ CARRIED DEFEATED _____

YEAS _____ NAYS _____

[Signature]
Chair

[Signature]
Secretary

Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee

Open Minutes

Date:

February 26, 2026

Time:

6:00pm

Location:

(on-line) ZOOM Meeting and on-line streaming of the meeting please click on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QrR6HjwibWOJRbLwnjcFQ/videos>

Members Present:

Jamie McGarvey - chairperson, Dan Robertson, Pearl Ivens, Shelly Foote, Scott Sheard

Regrets:

Joel Constable, Ann MacDiarmid

Present:

Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

Recording:

Sheri Skinner, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Matt Thomas, Manager EMS

Land Acknowledgment

1. Agenda

1.1 Additions to Agenda

1.2 Prioritization of Agenda

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Dan Robertson

Seconded by Pearl Ivens

That the February 26, 2026 Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Services Committee meeting agenda be approved.

carried

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Shelly Foote

Seconded by Dan Robertson

That the Minutes of the October 23, 2025 meeting of the Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Services Committee be approved as circulated.

Carried

3. Correspondence

4. Deputations

5. Emergency Services Director's Report

Moved by Shelly Foote

Seconded by Pearl Ivens

That the Emergency Services Director's Report dated February 26, 2026 be accepted as submitted.

Carried

6. Reports

6.1 EMS Statistical Report - December 2026

6.2 EMS Night Call Statistics - December 2026

6.3 EMS Vehicle Inventory - December 2026

Dave Thompson provided a descriptive overview of the various reports attached.

Resolution

EMS Committee members have received reports 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 as listed above.

Moved by Scott Sheard

Second by Dan Robertson

Carried

7. Ratification of Matters from Closed Agenda

8. Other Business

8.1 DT R&R South River EMS Base Relocation MOU - 2026

8.1.1 DT ATT#1 South River EMS Base Relocation MOU - 2026

Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee

Open Minutes

Dave Thompson spoke on the relocation and renovation of the South River EMS base with discussion on the rent increase vs. the beneficial facility upgrade.

Resolution

Moved by Scott Sheard

Seconded by Pearl Ivens

That the EMS Advisory Committee recommends Council for the Town of Parry Sound authorize the Director of Development and Protective Services to enter into an MOU substantially as attached that outlines the process for the renovation and relocation of the South River EMS Base to 309 Hwy 124 South River.

Carried

9. Adjournment @ 7:06pm

Moved by Scott Sheard

Seconded by Pearl Ivens

Carried

Charlene Watt (Deputy Clerk)

From: Beth Morton <beth.morton@townshipofperry.ca>
Sent: March 4, 2026 5:15 PM
To: Denis Duguay; Cheryl Marshall ; Nicole Gourlay; Nancy Field; Township of Joly ; Nancy Austin; Caitlin Haggart; Don McArthur; Brayden Robinson; Kerstin Vroom; Angela Loney; Charlene Watt (Deputy Clerk); Dave Gray
Cc: Kim Seguin
Subject: RE: Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board 2026 Budget
Attachments: 2026 OPP Board Budget.pdf; OPP Board Distribution.pdf

Good evening:

I am now in receipt of the property counts for all municipalities which is what the OAPSB membership is calculated from.

You will see within the attachments the total DRAFT budget for 2026 for the OPP Board is \$14,872.15.

The OAPSB membership is calculated at \$0.21 per property count. Each municipality’s calculation is broken down separately on the attachment based on their property count. The General Budget is based on 1/12.

I expect that the OPP Board will adopt the 2026 Budget at their next Meeting on April 8, 2026.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions on what has been provided.

Take care,

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator



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The Municipal Office is open to the public Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. **If you wish to discuss a planning application, kindly email me or call 705-636-5941 to schedule an appointment.** We also are continuing to provide services online, by telephone, and by email. You can also visit our website www.townshipofperry.ca for more information.

My working day may differ from your working day. Please do not feel obliged to reply to this email outside of your normal working hours.

2026 Almaguin Highlands OPP Board Cost Distribution

2026 OPP Board Budget: \$ 14,872.15

Municipality	Property Count	OAPSB Membership	General Budget	Total for 2026
Armour	1403	\$ 332.93	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,322.58
Burk's Falls	634	\$ 150.45	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,140.10
Joly	311	\$ 73.80	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,063.45
Kearney	1375	\$ 326.29	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,315.94
Machar	967	\$ 229.47	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,219.12
Magnetawan	2219	\$ 526.57	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,516.22
McMurrich/Monteith	922	\$ 218.79	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,208.44
Perry	1861	\$ 441.62	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,431.27
Ryerson	679	\$ 161.13	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,150.78
South River	602	\$ 142.85	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,132.50
Strong	1069	\$ 253.67	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,243.32
Sundridge	585	\$ 138.82	\$ 989.65	\$ 1,128.47
Total	12627	\$ 2,996.39	\$ 11,875.76	\$ 14,872.15

**Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board
2026 Budget**

Description	2026 Budget	Notes
OPP Board Insurance	\$ 3,888.00	
Honorarium - Provincial Appointee	\$ 370.92	One rep at \$61.82/meeting, 6 meetings
Honorarium - Community Representatives	\$ 741.84	Two reps at \$61.82/meeting, 6 meetings
Spring Conference	\$ 1,975.00	Conference, hotel, meals
Zone 1A Meeting - Sudbury	\$ 1,200.00	Meeting, hotel, meals, mileage
Zone 1A Meeting - Sault St. Marie	\$ 1,700.00	Meeting, hotel, meals, mileage
Appreciation Recognition	\$ 2,000.00	For OPP Detachment staff appreciation
Total for General OPP Board	\$ 11,875.76	Split evenly into 1/12 shares
OAPSB Membership	\$ 2,996.39	Split by property count - \$0.21 plus HST per property
Total Budget for 2026	\$ 14,872.15	



RORAB SHRINE CLUB



Serving the community since 1927

1260 Brookes St. North Bay, Ontario P1B 2P1

18 February 2026
Township of Armour
56 Ontario Street
P. O. Box 533
Burks Falls, Ontario
POA 1C0

To the Council:

The Shriners of North Bay and area would like to reserve Saturday May 30, 2026 as a Tag Day.

The Primary role of the Shrine is to support the operation of the various Shrine Hospitals for Children in North America, and particularly the Montreal Shrine Hospital for Children. It is our belief that no child, or family, should have to experience undue financial hardship because of the disease or sickness, or be denied medical services. There are several children in the North Bay area who have and or currently receive ongoing care at our Montreal Hospital because of the support of the local Rorab Shrine Club.

Annually the Rorab Shrine Club conducts a Tag Day in order to promote the work of the club, and to raise funds. In the past, we have been granted generous cooperation from both the North Bay and surrounding Municipalities, as well as various merchants of the area who allow us to tag on their properties. We are respectfully requesting that Saturday May 30, 2026 be set aside as Shriners Tag Day by the Municipality of Callander.

Sincerely,

Alan Immel
Rorab Shrine Club Secretary



2021 Division Road North
Kingsville, Ontario N9Y 2Y9
Phone: (519) 733-2305
www.kingsville.ca

November 19, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Public Input Coordinator
Via Email: ca.office@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Opposition to Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

Please be advised that at its Regular Meeting held Monday, November 17, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville passed the following resolution respecting the matter referenced in the above subject line:

195-11172025
Moved By: Councillor Neufeld
Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

Whereas the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990 (the "Act"), originally enacted in 1946, was established to allow municipalities to form conservation authorities that are equipped to develop and deliver local, watershed-based conservation, restoration and natural resource management programs on behalf of the province and municipalities;

And whereas there are thirty-six (36) conservation authorities in Ontario, each of which is distinct and reflects the unique environmental, geographic and community needs of its watershed;

And whereas on October 31, 2025, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks announced the Government's intention to introduce legislation which would amend the Act to create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven (7) regional conservation authorities.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville:

- Wishes to formally state that it opposes the consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities without knowing the full financial and operational impact to municipalities and the conservation authorities; and,

- Directs the Acting Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex, Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh, Trevor Jones, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.

Please accept this correspondence as an official confirmation of Council's decision with respect to the same. Any questions may be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Angela Toole
Acting Manager of Municipal Governance/Clerk
519-733-2305 ext. 223
atoole@kingsville.ca

cc. Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex
Lisa Gretzky, MPP, Windsor West
Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh
Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington
Essex Region Conservation Authority
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AMCTO
AMO
All Ontario Municipalities



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December 11, 2025

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Premier's Office
Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Opposition to Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their December 1, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

496-2025

Moved By: Ted Oke

Seconded by: Wendy McLeod-Haggitt

That South Huron Council supports the November 17, 2025 resolution of Town of Kingsville regarding Opposition to Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities; and

That the supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Thompson, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Result: Carried

I have attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
Municipality of South Huron
kwebster@southhuron.ca
519-235-0310 x. 232

Encl.

cc: Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack, rob.flack@pc.ola.org; MPP, Hon. Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; AMCTO, amcto@amcto.com; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca; and all Ontario Municipalities



TOWNSHIP OF JOLY
 P.O. Box 519 , Sundridge , Ontario , P0A 1Z0
 Tel: 705-384-5428

February 10, 2026

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2026-062

Agenda Item # 5.3 Support Opposition to consolidation of Conservation Authorities

Moved By : Tom Bryson

Seconded By : Chris Nicholson

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby support the Town of Kingsville Resolution number 195-11172025.

Whereas the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990 (the "Act"), originally enacted in 1946, was established to allow municipalities to form conservation authorities that are equipped to develop and deliver local, watershed-based conservation, restoration and natural resource management programs on behalf of the province and municipalities;

And whereas there are thirty-six (36) conservation authorities in Ontario, each of which is distinct and reflects the unique environmental, geographic and community needs of its watershed;

And whereas on October 31, 2025, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks announced the Government's intention to introduce legislation which would amend the Act to create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven (7) regional conservation authorities.

NOW Therefore Be It Resolved Council for the Corporation of The Township of Joly:

- Wishes to formally state that it opposes the consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities without knowing the full financial and operational impact to municipalities and the conservation authorities; and,
- Directs the Municipal Administrator to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, the Honourable Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Original copy Signed
Mayor
Township of Joly



Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: February 17, 2026 No: RESOLUTION - 56-2026
 Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien Disposition: CARRIED
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum Item No: 14.2

Description: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are legislated to preserve records of enduring and historical value, and community archives play a critical role in fulfilling this responsibility, particularly in rural and smaller municipalities; and
WHEREAS The Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) is the only provincial operating grant available to grassroots, non-profit heritage organizations, including community archives and historical societies across Ontario; and
WHEREAS The maximum annual HODG grant of \$1,545 per organization has remained effectively unchanged for more than 15 years, resulting in a significant erosion of its real value due to inflation, such that its current purchasing power is approximately two-thirds of what it was in 2010; and
WHEREAS Rising operating costs related to insurance, utilities, records preservation, digitization, accessibility, and volunteer coordination have increased financial pressure on heritage organizations, often requiring municipalities to absorb additional costs to ensure continuity of service; and
WHEREAS Strengthening HODG would represent a modest but high-impact provincial investment that would help stabilize community archives, reduce pressure on municipal budgets, and safeguard Ontario's public records and local heritage for future generations;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council formally support a review and modernization of the Heritage Organization Development Grant, including restoring its real purchasing power through inflationary adjustment and exploring options for increased or multi-year operating stability; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT This resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, and Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

[Signature]
 MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____	Yea	Nay
Mayor Lori Hoddinott	___	___
Deputy Mayor Scott Brum	___	___
Councillor Kevin Rosien	___	___
Councillor Robert Campbell	___	___
Councillor Jill Campbell	___	___

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: _____
 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote



March 5, 2026

Dear Municipal Council,

Re: Support for East Ferris Regional Fire and Emergency Services Training Centre

The Municipality of East Ferris is moving forward with plans to construct a new fire hall that will also serve as a regional fire training centre. We are writing to inform you of this initiative and to respectfully request your support as we pursue funding through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) to assist with construction costs.

At present, the closest accredited and operational training facilities are in Huntsville, Haileybury, and Sault Ste. Marie, requiring significant travel time and expense for many departments across Nipissing, East Parry Sound, and Sudbury East Districts. This distance can limit participation, increase overtime and backfill costs, and create scheduling challenges for volunteer and staffed departments.

The proposed East Ferris facility will provide a centrally located, accessible training hub that allows firefighters to train closer to home. By reducing travel, departments can lower costs related to fuel, accommodation, and staff coverage, while increasing the frequency and consistency of hands-on training opportunities.

Beyond cost savings, the centre will foster regional collaboration by creating a shared space for joint exercises, mutual aid training, specialized certifications, and knowledge exchange. Training together will strengthen inter-departmental relationships and improve coordinated emergency response across our region.

The value of this collaboration has already been demonstrated. During the summer 2025 storm that affected the Municipality of Calvin, neighbouring departments worked side-by-side under a declared state of emergency, responding quickly and effectively to save lives. This experience highlighted how well we function together when needed. The proposed training centre will allow us to build on that success in a proactive and planned way—training together before regional emergencies occur and ensuring we are even better prepared for future events.

We know this facility will be a long-term regional asset benefiting every firefighter and the communities we collectively serve.

As our NOHFC funding application timelines are time-sensitive, the Municipality of East Ferris kindly requests formal Council support at your earliest convenience. For your consideration, a sample resolution is attached. Completed resolutions may be forwarded to our Clerk, Kim Rose, at kim.rose@eastferris.ca no later than April 1st, 2026.

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E: municipality@eastferris.ca
25 Taillefer Road, Corbeil, ON. P0H 1K0

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Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this initiative further, our Fire Chief, Steph Amyotte, would be pleased to connect. He is available at firechief@eastferris.ca or (705) 752-2740 extension 224.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Rick Champagne
Mayor

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The proposed Sudbury Barrie Transmission Line

Join us at a community open house to learn more about this project

Ontario is facing historic growth in electricity demand over the next 25 years. To meet this demand, Hydro One will invest in a new priority transmission line between Sudbury and Barrie.

The proposed priority project is a new single-circuit, 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line that will span approximately 300 kilometres from the Hanmer Transformer Station (TS) in Sudbury to the Essa TS near Barrie, including associated station facility expansions. The line is expected to be in service in 2032.

The project includes the direction from the Ontario government to complete development work for a second new single-circuit, 500-kV transmission line. The proposed transmission line will be developed in partnership with First Nations and help support new generation opportunities in northern Ontario, strengthen reliability and prepare the system for future growth. A recommended in-service date for the second line will be determined by the Independent Electricity System Operator.

This critical infrastructure will support reliability, foster economic growth and investments and ensure a dependable power supply for the significant increase in electricity use anticipated in northern Ontario.

Next steps

Join us in person or online in March to learn more about the project.

This project will be subject to the Class Environmental Assessment Class (EA) for Transmission Facilities (2024), a planning process that includes opportunities for public and community input. Later this year, Hydro One will issue a Notice of Commencement to formally start the Class EA. At that time, we will also invite you to a second round of community open houses where we will share a project update, including route alternatives for the proposed lines.

If you'd like to be added to the project contact list, share comments or ask questions, please reach out to us anytime.

Community Relations

 1-877-345-6799

 Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

 See reverse for map

Join us at a drop-in community open house to meet the team, ask questions and share your input.

Monday, March 23
4 to 7 p.m.

East Bayfield
Community Centre
80 Livingstone St. E.
Barrie

Tuesday March 24
4 to 7 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 117
30 Mary St.
Parry Sound

Wednesday, March 25
4 to 7 p.m.

Centennial Arena
4333 Centennial Dr.
Hanmer

Thursday, March 26
4 to 7 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 232
21 Veterans Way
Huntsville

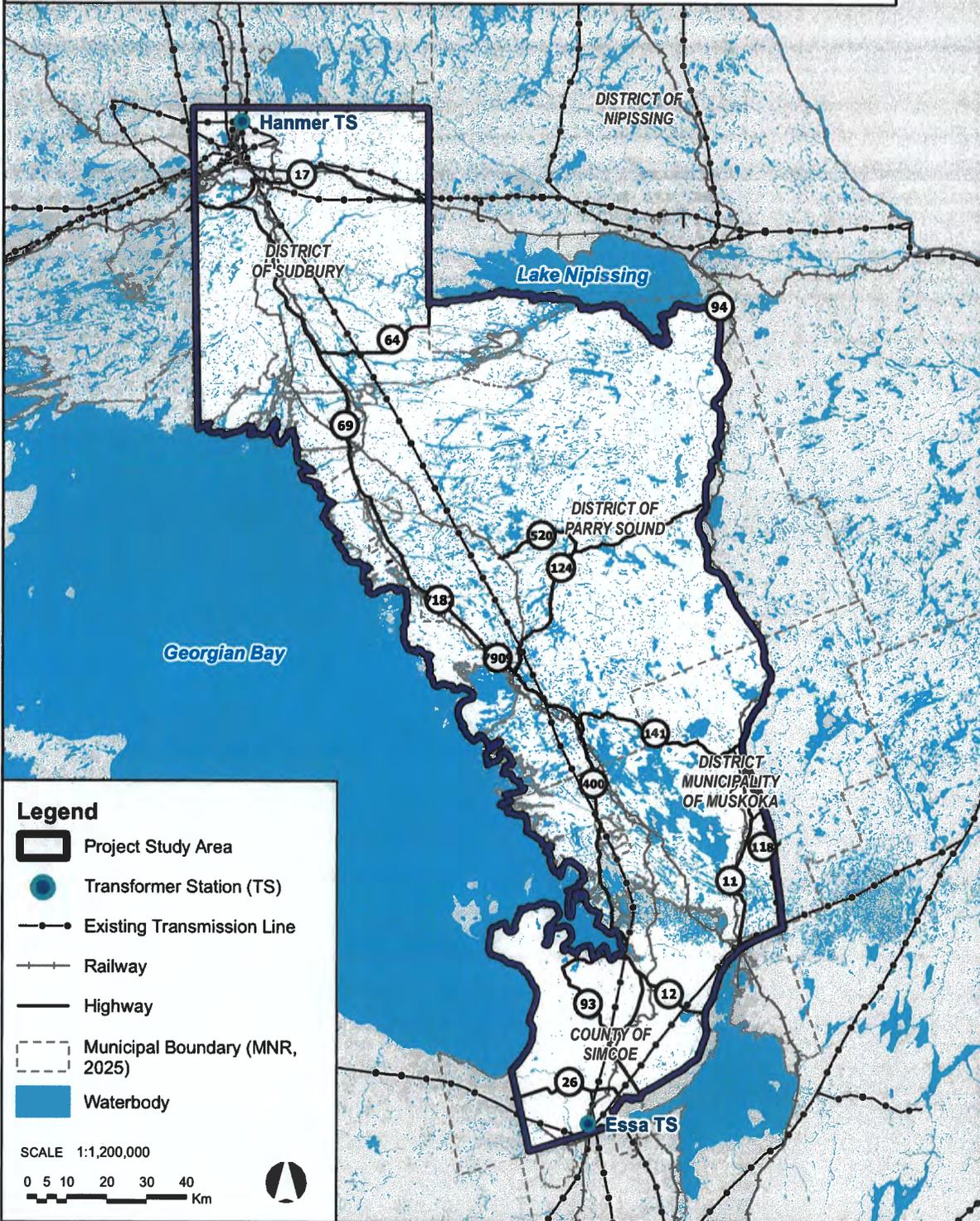
You can also attend an online community open house:

Please register at HydroOne.com/SBTL

Tuesday, March 31
6 to 7 p.m.

Platform: Microsoft Teams

Sudbury Barrie Transmission Line Project Study Area



Project study area – the area in which we are evaluating route alternatives and the final routes for the lines.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

All personal information included in your request – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, under the authority of Section 30 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) does not apply (s.37). Personal information you submit will become part of the available public record unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this Study, please contact Community Relations listed above.

NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Protecting Northern and Rural Livestock Producers

Province expanding eligibility and modernizing the Veterinary Assistance Program to support Ontario's agriculture sector

February 25, 2026

[Northern Economic Development and Growth](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is modernizing the Veterinary Assistance Program (VAP) by expanding eligibility and streamlining the application process to ensure livestock producers in Northern and rural Ontario have reliable access to veterinary care. As part of the government's plan to protect Ontario, these changes will help strengthen the province's agri-food sector and support the vital work of veterinarians to safeguard livestock health.

"In the face of economic uncertainty, our government is protecting Northern and rural Ontario's agriculture sector by cutting red tape and streamlining this vital program to help the industry thrive," said George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth. "The Veterinary Assistance Program has a long history of supporting veterinarians and farmers, and this redesign is an important first step in strengthening the program to better support agricultural production."

Ontario's agri-food sector supports more than 867,000 jobs and contributes \$51.4 billion to the province's GDP. By expanding eligibility, updating compensation rates and opening applications to all eligible veterinary practices, the province is taking action to help the livestock industry remain competitive and resilient.

First introduced in 1945, the Veterinary Assistance Program provides financial support to veterinarians delivering care to animals on farms across Northern and rural Ontario, including support for locum assistance, travel and continuing education costs. In 2024, the province completed the first formal review of the program since 2004, engaging veterinarians, producers and sector partners to identify opportunities to improve access, efficiency and long-term sustainability.

Updates to the Veterinary Assistance Program will take effect on April 1, 2026, and include:

- Expanding eligibility so all veterinary practices providing services in eligible areas can apply
- Streamlining the application process by allowing veterinary practices to submit applications directly to the Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth
- Recognizing registered veterinary technicians as eligible participants
- Adding honeybees and fish as eligible livestock
- Increasing the call compensation rate for isolated veterinarians by nine per cent and increasing the per kilometre compensation rate for non-isolated veterinarians by an additional 30 cents, while also making telemedicine an eligible expense
- Updating budget allocations to ensure available funding is fully utilized

“This initiative, together with others like the Veterinary Incentive Program, is making it easier for farmers and large animal owners to access veterinary care when and where they need it,” said Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness. “Veterinary services are essential to the strength of Ontario’s agri-food sector and our government is working to address the challenges farmers face in northern and rural communities to protect our province’s livestock industry.”

Through these changes, Ontario is ensuring veterinary practices have fair and equitable access to program funding while maintaining essential services for livestock producers. Veterinary practices may begin submitting applications for the 2026-27 round of funding in late March 2026.

Ontario will continue working with farmers, producers and veterinarians to explore further enhancements to the Veterinary Assistance Program as part of its ongoing commitment to protect Ontario's agri-food sector and build stronger, more resilient northern and rural communities.

Quick Facts

- VAP was established in 1945 by Ontario's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness and was transferred to the Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth in 1997.
 - Veterinarians were previously nominated to the program through the Veterinarian Services Committees and the Northern Producer Animal Health Network. Beginning in late March 2026, veterinary practices can submit an application directly to the Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth.
 - Beyond VAP, Ontario also supports access to veterinary services through its [Veterinary Incentive Program](#). The program provides grants of up to \$50,000 over five years to newly licensed veterinarians practicing in underserved areas of Ontario that provide care to animals such as cattle, sheep, goats and poultry.
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Quotes

"Given the significant economic impact livestock farmers have in our rural communities throughout the province, it is important to ensure they have access to the local services they need to succeed. Modernizing VAP is a great step forward to ensure veterinarians' businesses can thrive, so farmers can count on having access to valuable veterinary services, close to home."

- Lisa M. Thompson
Minister of Rural Affairs

MONTHLY JOBS REPORT

January 2026

The Labour Market Group
Guiding partners to workforce solutions.

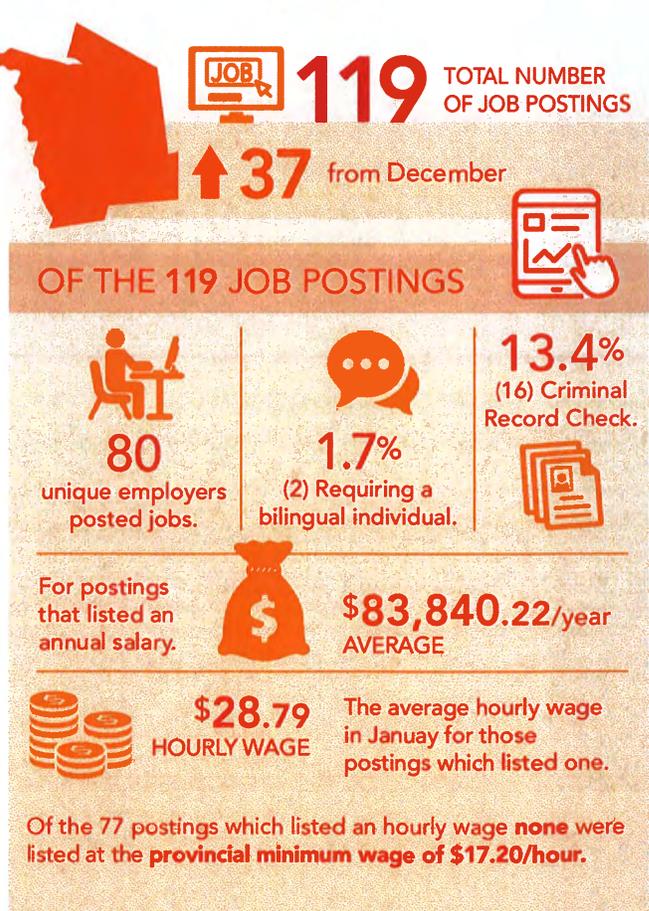
NIPISSING DISTRICT

There were 542 job postings recorded in January for the Nipissing District, a significant month-over-month increase of 58.9% (201 postings) compared to December. There was also a year-over-year growth (+7.5%, +38) over January 2025. Employer participation also rebounded by 35.5% from December, with 233 employers posting vacancies.



PARRY SOUND DISTRICT

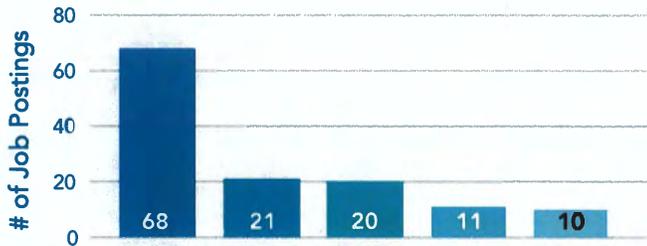
There were 119 job postings recorded in January for the Parry Sound District, representing a month-over-month increase of 45.1% (+37 postings). Despite this seasonal rebound and unlike Nipissing, the total volume remained 17.4% below January 2025 level (148 postings) and 17.1% below the previous four-year January average. Employer participation saw a significant recovery, with 80 employers posting vacancies, a 60% increase (+30 employers) from December.



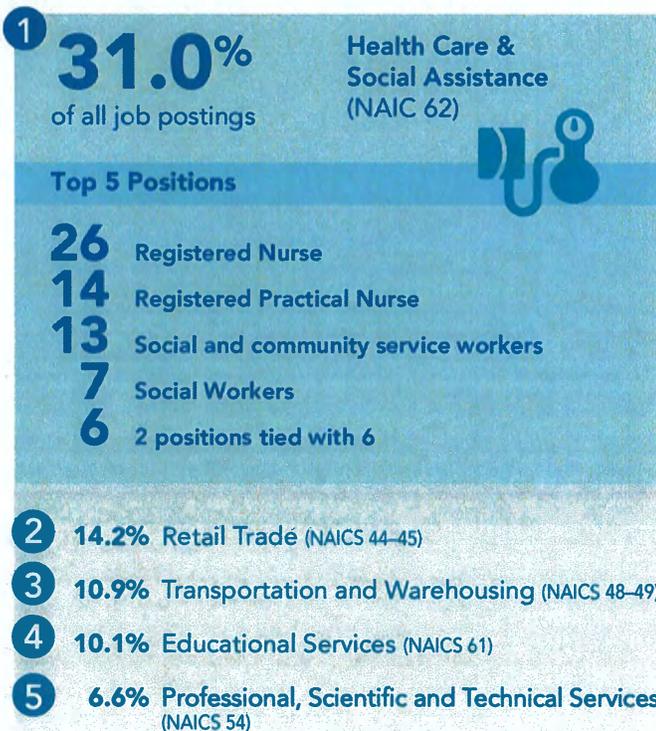
* North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is the system utilized by the governments of Canada, United States and Mexico in order to classify companies based on their primary functions/objectives.

TOP 5 EMPLOYERS POSTING JOBS

- North Bay Regional Health Centre
- Ontario Northland
- Voyageur Aviation Corp
- Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
- Conseil scolaire catholique Franco-Nord



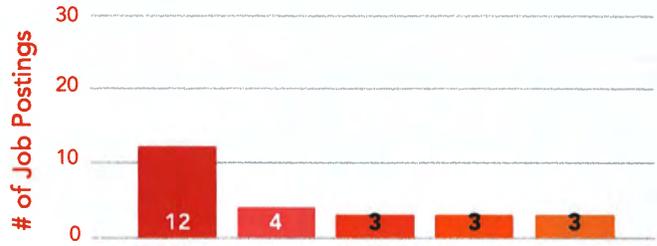
TOP 5 INDUSTRIES HIRING (NAICS)



The Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62) sector remained the largest contributor in January, accounting for 31.0% (168) of all postings. The largest month-over-month increase in volume occurred in Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45), which added 36 postings (+2.2%), making it the second largest contributor. The largest month-over-month decrease in share was recorded in the Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS 72) sector, which saw its share drop by 2.7%.

TOP 5 EMPLOYERS POSTING JOBS

- West Parry Sound Health Centre
- Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
- Aramark Canada Ltd
- CarePartners
- Magnetawan Grill and Grocery



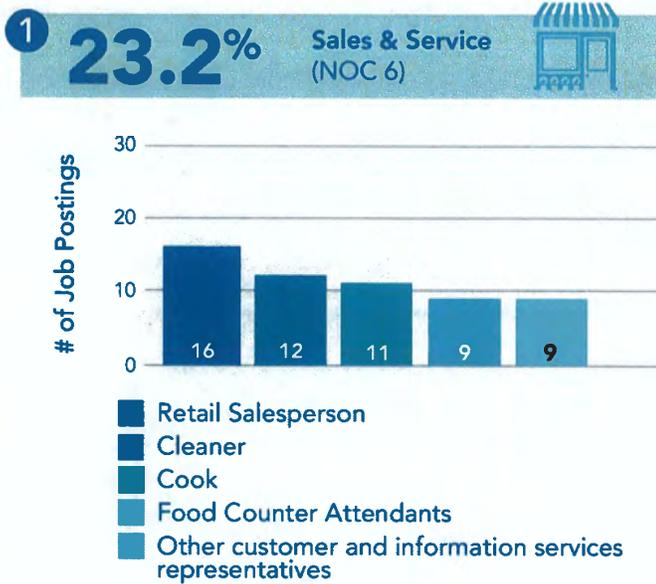
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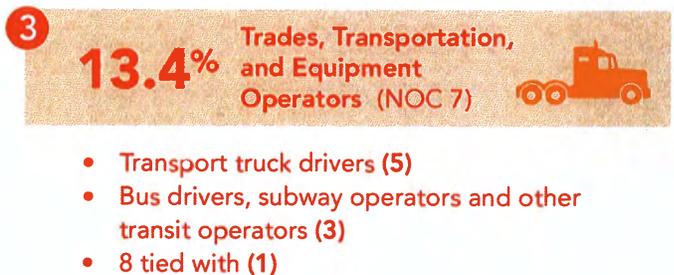
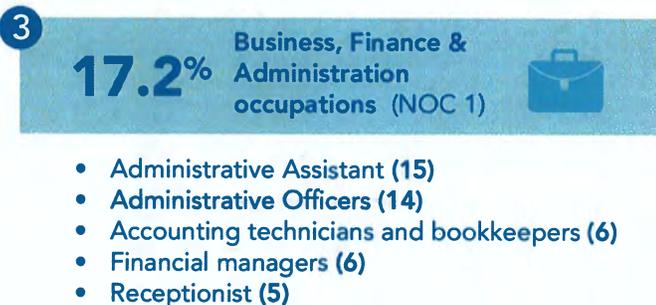
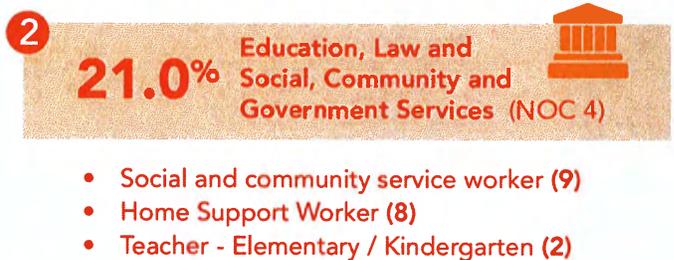
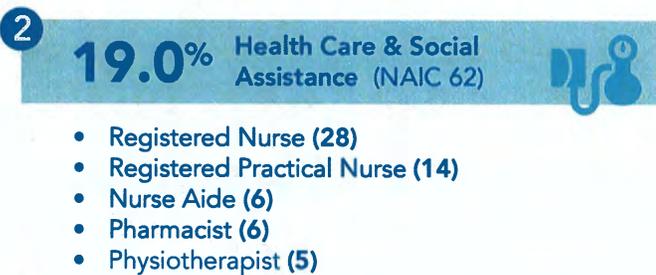
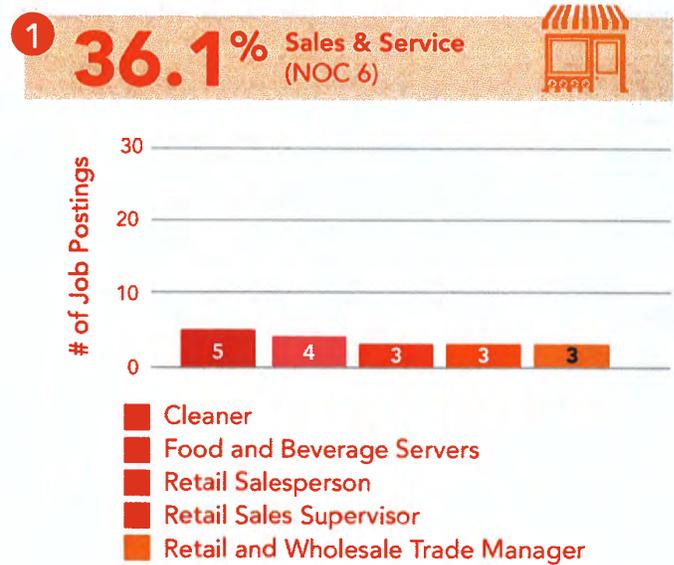
The Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62) sector remained the dominant industry, accounting for 29.4% (35) of all postings. The largest month-over-month increase in volume occurred in Educational Services (NAICS 61), which added 6 (+5%) postings as regional school boards reactivated recruitment for the new calendar year. Conversely, the largest month-over-month decrease in share was recorded in Arts, Entertainment and Recreation (NAICS 71), which saw its share drop by 7.2% (-5%).

* National Occupation Classification (NOC) is the system utilized by the Government of Canada to organize occupations based on the primary job requirements and skill level.

TOP 3 OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES (NOC)



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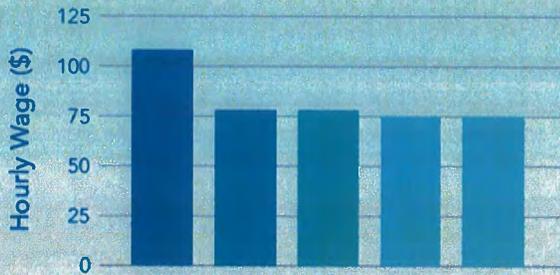
Sales and Service (NOC 6) remained the largest occupational group, making up 23.2% (126) of postings. The largest month-over-month increase was seen in Trades, Transport and Equipment Operators (NOC 7) with 42 (+3.7% additional postings, as technical and transport roles saw a significant early-year hiring push. Conversely, Health occupations (NOC 3) saw the largest month-over-month decrease in share, dropping 4.2%. 36 managerial postings were recorded in January, with the highest concentration in Sales and Service (13 roles), and 6 each in Business, Finance and Administration and Trades and Transport. There were 3 senior management positions, all in Healthcare and Social Assistance.

Sales and Service (NOC 6) remained the largest occupational group, making up 36.1% (43) of postings, led by demand for cleaners and retail staff. The largest month-over-month increase in volume was seen in Education, Law and Social, Community and Government Services (NOC 4), which added 14 (+7.6%) postings as community service agencies and school boards expanded their frontline teams. The largest decrease in share occurred in Business, Finance and Administration (NOC 1), which fell by 4.8% (just 1 posting though). 9 managerial positions were advertised in January of which, 6 were in Sales and Service. There were no senior manager roles posted this month.

TOP 5 HOURLY WAGE VACANCIES



\$115.00 Facility Supervisor
@ Black & McDonald Limited



- \$80.00** Physiotherapist @ Novo Peak Health
- \$80.00** Pharmacist @ Shoppers Drug Mart
- \$74.46** Nurse Practitioner @ North Bay Regional Health Centre
- \$74.46** Nurse Practitioner @ West Nipissing General Hospital

TOP 3 ANNUAL SALARY VACANCIES

\$193,446.00
Surintendance De L'Education
@ Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario

\$173,268.00
Director of Transportation
@ Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario

\$170,000.00
Dean - Environmental Studies And Health Science
@ Canadore College



Lowest Annual Salary \$36,260.00

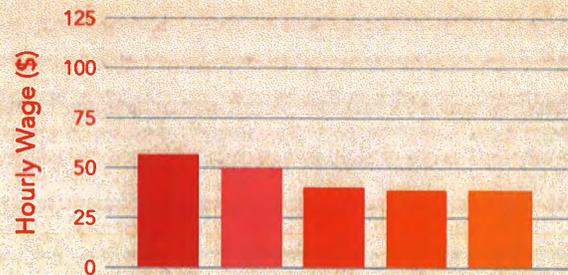
Palliative Care Services Intern
@ Near North Palliative Care Network (Nipissing-Parry Sound)

53.3% (289 postings) listed an hourly wage in January, with an average of \$32.70/hour. This is \$3.04/hour higher (+10.2%) than the 12-month average of \$29.66/hour. Only 1.0% (3 postings) were listed at the provincial minimum wage. For postings that listed an annual salary, the average was \$85,946.29, which is 8.2% higher (+\$6,479.76) than the 12-month average of \$79,466.53.

TOP 5 HOURLY WAGE VACANCIES



\$107.00 Social Worker/Psychotherapist
@ Sound Youth Counselling



- \$78.31** Nursing Manager @ West Parry Sound Health Centre
- \$57.68** Registered Nurse @ West Parry Sound Health Centre
- \$45.03** Registered Practical Nurse @ Ontario Works
- \$42.46** Human Resources Coordinator - Health And Safety @ District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board

TOP 3 ANNUAL SALARY VACANCIES

\$150,000.00
Financial Controller
@ Crofters Food Ltd

\$150,000.00
Real Estate Salesperson
@ Royal LePage Real Estate

\$104,541.00
By-law Enforcement Manager
@ Town of Parry Sound



Lowest Annual Salary \$41,600.00

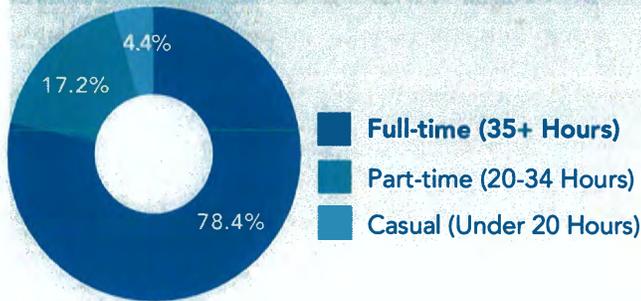
Hairstylist
@ Magic Scissors

64.7% (77 postings) listed an hourly wage in January, with an average of \$28.79/hour. This is \$1.30/hour higher (+4.7%) than the 12-month average of \$27.49/hour, following the regional trend of upward wage pressure. Notably, 0 postings were listed at the provincial minimum wage (\$17.60). For postings that listed an annual salary, the average was \$83,840.22, an increase of 14.2% over the 12-month average, though only 12.2% of jobs listed an annual salary so the figure should be interpreted with caution.

FULL-TIME / PART-TIME BREAKDOWN

78.4% of listings in January **↑ 6.6%** from December

78.4% of job postings (425) in January were for full-time positions. This represents an increase of 6.6% from December (71.8%).

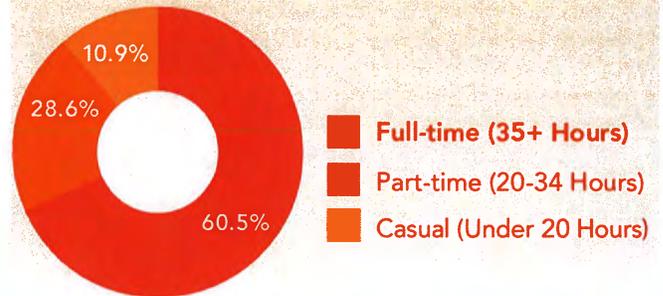


542 Postings listed hours offered (100%)

FULL-TIME / PART-TIME BREAKDOWN

60.5% of listings in January **↓ 6.6%** from December

60.5% of job postings (72) in January were for full-time positions, this represents a decrease of 6.6% from December (67.1%).

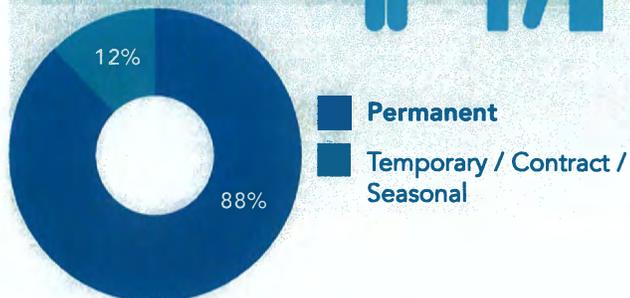


119 Postings listed hours offered (100%)

TERM OF EMPLOYMENT

88% of listings in January **↑ 1.2%** from December

88.0% (477) of postings in January were for permanent positions, compared to 85.6% in December, an increase of 2.4%.

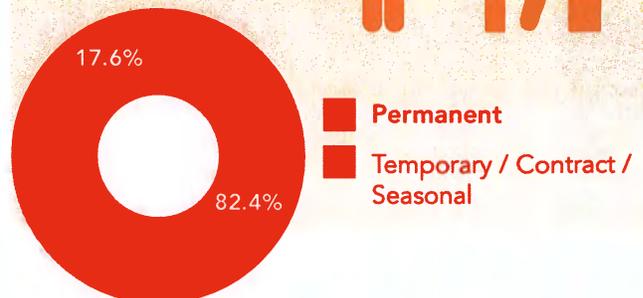


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TERM OF EMPLOYMENT

82.4% of listings in January **↑ 0.7%** from December

82.4% (98) of postings in January were for permanent positions, a slight increase of 0.7% from December (81.7%).



119 Postings listed hours offered (100%)

ALL EMPLOYERS WITH POSTINGS IN MONTH



NIPISSING DISTRICT

401 Auto - North Bay Chrysler
A&W (Sturgeon Falls)
AIDS Committee of North Bay
and Area
Adjusters SSA Limited
Aecom
Algonquin Nursing Home of
Mattawa
Apollo Transport
BMO - North Bay
Bath & Body Works
Battano Construction Limited
Bay Psychology
Bay Roofing and Exteriors Ltd.
Bay Truck Stop Family Restaurant
Bayshore Health Care
Bee-Clean Building Maintenance
Bentley Business Management
Services Inc.
Best Western North Bay Hotel
& Conference Centre
Binx Professional Cleaning
BioScript Solutions
Birch Lane Builders
Bishops Building Services
Black & McDonald Limited
Boart Longyear Inc.
Bradwick Property Management
Brainworks
Brand Momentum Inc.
Brandt Industries
Brookfield Global Integrated
Solutions
Bulk Barn Foods Limited
Bumper to Bumper - H.E. Brown
Burger World - Hammond
CIBC - North Bay
CTS Canadian Career College
Caisse Alliance
Campus Living Centres
Can-Blast Inc
Canadian Forces Morale and
Welfare Services
Canadian Mental Health Association
Canadian Shield Health Care
Services Inc.
Canadore College - College Drive
Canadore College - Commerce Court
Cannabis Jacks
CarePartners
Carter's/OshKosh
Cascades Casino
Cassellholme Home for the Aged
Cementation Canada
Chatters
Closing the Gap Healthcare
Columbia Forest Products Ltd
Comfort Inn - Lakeshore
Commissionaires
Community Counselling Centre
of Nipissing
Community Living North Bay
Conseil scolaire catholique
Franco-Nord

Conseil scolaire public du
Nord-Est de l'Ontario
Contrans Flatbed Group
Cosmoprof Canada
Crisis Centre North Bay
DECO Windshield Repair
David Reynolds and Associates Inc.
Dawson Dental - North Bay
Designed Roofing Inc
District of Nipissing Social Services
Administration Board
Dynamic Dentistry
Dyno Nobel
EMCO Corporation
Ecotrex Ltd.
Ed Seguin & Sons Trucking and
Paving
Enbridge Inc.
Englobe Corp.
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Estee Lauder
Express Parcel
FDM4
Fairstone Financial
FedEx Express
Feldcamp Equipment Limited
First Choice Haircutters
First Student / First Transit
Fur Harvesters Auction
GardaWorld
Gardewine
Gateway Optometry
GeoVerra Inc.
Goulet Contracting
Grant Thornton LLP
GreenFirst Forest Products Inc.
Guy's Tire Sales Inc
Hands, TheFamilyHelpNetwork.ca
Haskins Industrial Inc.
Hearing Life Canada
HearingLife Canada Ltd.
Home Instead Senior Care
Homewood Suites by Hilton
North Bay
Hopper Buick GMC
IG Wealth Management
IPC
Indigo Books & Music
Janveaux Forest Products
Karis Disability Services
(formerly Christian Horizons)
Kia North Bay
Kinoomaadziwin Education Body
LCBO
LOSS PREVENTION SERVICES
LIMITED
La Voyager Inc
Lavigne Vezeau Law Office
Lawn Care Plus
Linde Plc.
Loblaw Companies Limited
Mac Lang
MacLean Engineering & Marketing
Co Limited
Magnera Corporation
Manitoulin Group of Companies
Mario's Auto Body

Mark's Work Wearhouse Ltd.
McDougall Energy Inc.
Metro - Sturgeon Falls
Michaels
Miller Technology Incorporated
Ministry of the Attorney General
Ministry of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks
Motion
MyCar
National Veterinary Associates
Near North District School Board
Near North Palliative Care Network
(Nipissing-Parry Sound)
Neddy's North Bay Hyundai
New York Fries
Nipissing Transition House
Nipissing University
Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic
District School Board
Nordic Minesteel Technologies Inc.
North Bay Animal Hospital
North Bay Auto Group
North Bay Cycle and Sports
North Bay Endodontics
North Bay Food Bank
North Bay Golf & Country Club
North Bay Humane Society
North Bay Indigenous Hub
North Bay Life Care Pharmacy
North Bay Museum
North Bay Parry Sound District
Health Unit
North Bay Police Service
North Bay Public Library
North Bay Regional Health Centre
North Bay-Mattawa Conservation
Authority
North Care Dental
Northern Ontario Film Studios/
Hideaway Pictures
Northland Glass & Metal
Novo Peak Health
OCP Construction Supplies
OSL Retail Services
Old Dutch Foods
One Kids Place Children's Medical
Treatment Center of North East
Ontario - North Bay
One Plant
Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services
Ontario Health
Ontario Ministry of Natural
Resources and Forestry
Ontario Ministry of Transportation
Ontario Northland
Oxford Learning Centres, Inc.
P&G Auto Parts
PHARA
ParaMed Home Health Care
PepsiCo
PetSmart
Pharmacie Nipissing Pharmacy
Pilot Diamond Tools Ltd.
Pop's Cannabis Co.
Premier Mining Products
Quantum Lifecycle Partners LP

Queen Street Family Dentistry
RONA - McGaughey Ave.
Rainbow Concrete Industries Ltd.
Redpath Mining Contractors and
Engineers
Reliance Home Comfort
Royal Bank of Canada - North Bay
Royal LePage Real Estate
SPEEDY GLASS
Sally Beauty Canada
Sangster Law
Savage Ford Sales Limited
Science North
Scotiabank - North Bay
Screechy Clean Cleaning services
Seaboard Transport Group
Shoppers Drug Mart
Sienna Senior Living
Sobeys - North Bay
Sodexo Inc.
Spencer Gifts
Stantec
Staples Canada
Starbucks
Steeltech Machining Inc
Stock Transportation
Stockfish Automotive Group
Sturgeon Falls IDA
Subway - Lakeshore Drive
Subway - Pinewood Park Drive
Subway - Shirreff Ave.
Superior Propane
Syl's Neighbourhood Kitchen
Talize
The Beer Store
The Body Sculptors
The Children's Aid Society of
the District of Nipissing and
Parry Sound
The Corporation of the City
of North Bay
The Erb Group of Companies
The Home Depot - North Bay
The Lindsay Weld Centre
for Children
The Salvation Army
The Urban Cafe
Tim Hortons - North Bay
Trans Canada Safety
Transport Training Centres
of Canada
Valois Motel & Restaurant
Victim Services of Nipissing District
Victorian Order of Nurses / VON
Voyageur Aviation Corp
Voyago
Waggy Tails Resort
Walmart - North Bay
West Ferris Day Nursery
West Nipissing General Hospital
Westburne
Winmar Property Restoration
Wolves Den Gas Bar
YMCA of Northeastern Ontario
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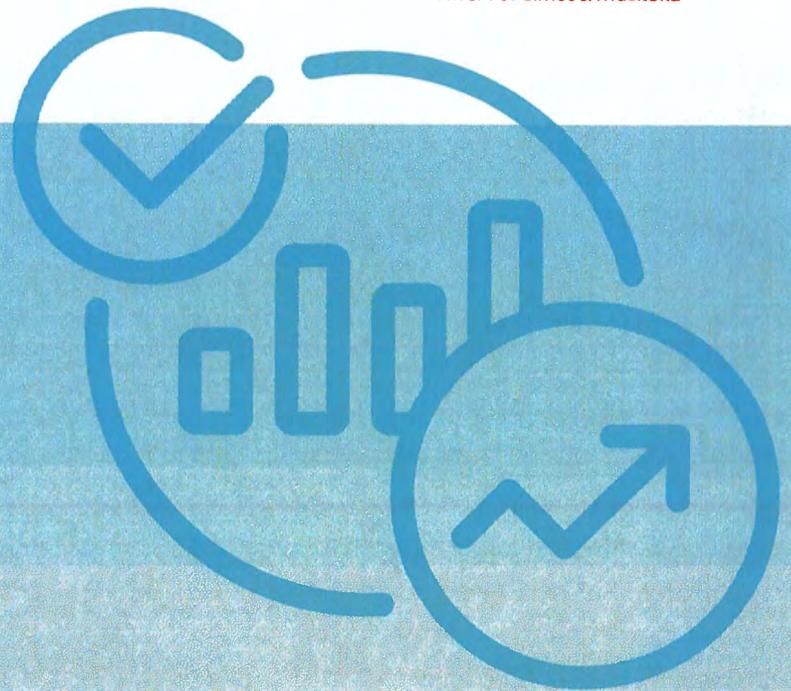
PARRY SOUND DISTRICT

1886 Lake House Bistro
 Adams Bros. Construction
 Air Liquide
 Almaguin Highlands Community Living
 Aramark Canada Ltd.
 Bayshore Health Care
 Bowes Dental Centre
 BrokerLink - Parry Sound
 Buffed Total Cleaning
 CSN Buchans
 Callander IDA
 Canada Post
 Canadian Shield Health Care Services Inc.
 Canadian Tire - Parry Sound
 CarePartners
 Closing the Gap Healthcare
 Community Living Parry Sound
 Constable Towing and Recovery Corporation of the Township of Seguin

Country Haven Acres Residential Services Inc
 Crofters Food Ltd
 Dairy Queen
 Dairy Queen - Parry Sound
 Dent Bay Baking Company
 District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board
 Eastholme Home for the Aged
 FYdoctors Parry Sound
 Fowler Construction
 G Force Security
 Gardens of Parry Sound Retirement Home
 Georgian Bay Travel Center
 Grand Tappattoo Resort
 Hands, TheFamilyHelpNetwork.ca
 Home and Community Care Support Services
 IBW Surveyors
 Kawartha Credit Union
 Lakeside Cottage Care

Lofthouse Manufacturing (a Division of Brawo Brassworking Limited)
 Magic Scissors
 Magnetawan Grill and Grocery
 Mark's/L'quipeur
 Marshall Well Drilling
 McDougall Insurance and Financial
 Ministry of the Attorney General
 Near North District School Board
 Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
 No Frills - Stacie and Troy's
 OUR Center Foster Care
 Oak Ridge Timber Company
 Ontario Health
 Ontario Public Service
 ParaMed Home Health Care
 Parry Sound Golf & Country Club
 Royal LePage Real Estate
 Scotiabank - Parry Sound
 Shawanaga First Nation
 Sound Youth Counselling

South Parry Lumber
 South River Freshmart
 Statistics Canada
 Subway - Parry Sound
 Superior Propane
 Terrace Suites
 The Friends
 The Gas Man
 The Home Depot - Parry Sound
 The Kart
 Tim Hortons - Parry Sound
 Town of Parry Sound
 Township of McKellar
 Township of Strong
 Value Buds
 Voyago
 Walmart
 Walmart - Parry Sound
 Wasauksing First Nation
 West Parry Sound Health Centre
 Wilson Transportation LTD
 Wine Rack
 YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka



WHAT IS THE LMG MONTHLY JOBS REPORT?

This Jobs Report is a monthly publication produced by the Labour Market Group. Each month we compile this report based on our job portal readysethired.ca. **Readysethired.ca** is an online job portal that provides and collects real time job postings within the districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound. These postings are updated daily and provide job seekers with a one stop shop for local current employment opportunities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT LOCAL JOBS, PLEASE CONTACT :

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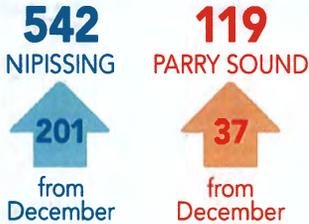
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CONTINUING THE REVIEW OF 2025

The goal of the **Employment Recruitment, Training and Retention Northeastern Ontario** is to gain some insight at the local level, and in this issue, the broader Northeastern Ontario region on employee recruitment, training and retention.

JOBS REPORT JANUARY 2026

TOTAL NUMBER OF JOB POSTINGS



TOP INDUSTRY WITH VACANCIES

NIPISSING
Health Care & Social Assistance (31%)

PARRY SOUND
Health Care & Social Assistance (29.4%)

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Succession Planning

When asked about succession planning, less than four in ten respondents have a succession plan in place either for key roles or for some key roles

39% acknowledge that they do not have a formal succession plan

10% of respondents say they do not know if their business had a succession plan

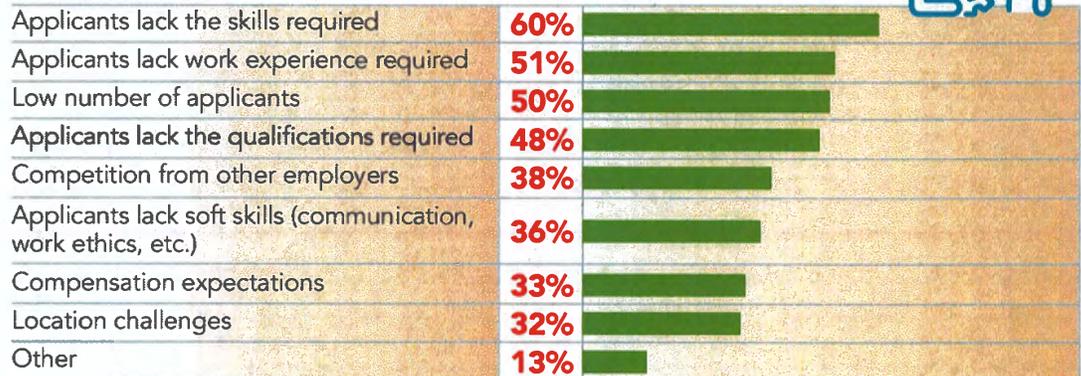
20% say that they have a succession plan in place for key roles

19% say that they have a succession plan in place for some key roles

12% say they are currently developing a succession plan

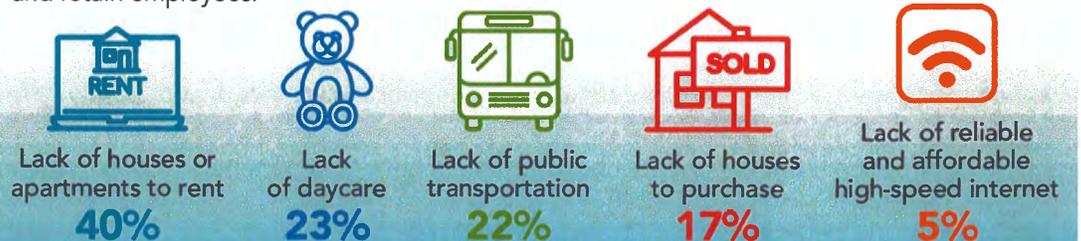


BIGGEST CHALLENGES WHEN RECRUITING NEW EMPLOYEES



Other Factors Impacting Employee Recruitment and Retention

Respondents were further asked about other factors which affected their ability to recruit and retain employees.



Source: The Northeast Ontario Employee Recruitment, Training and Retention Survey

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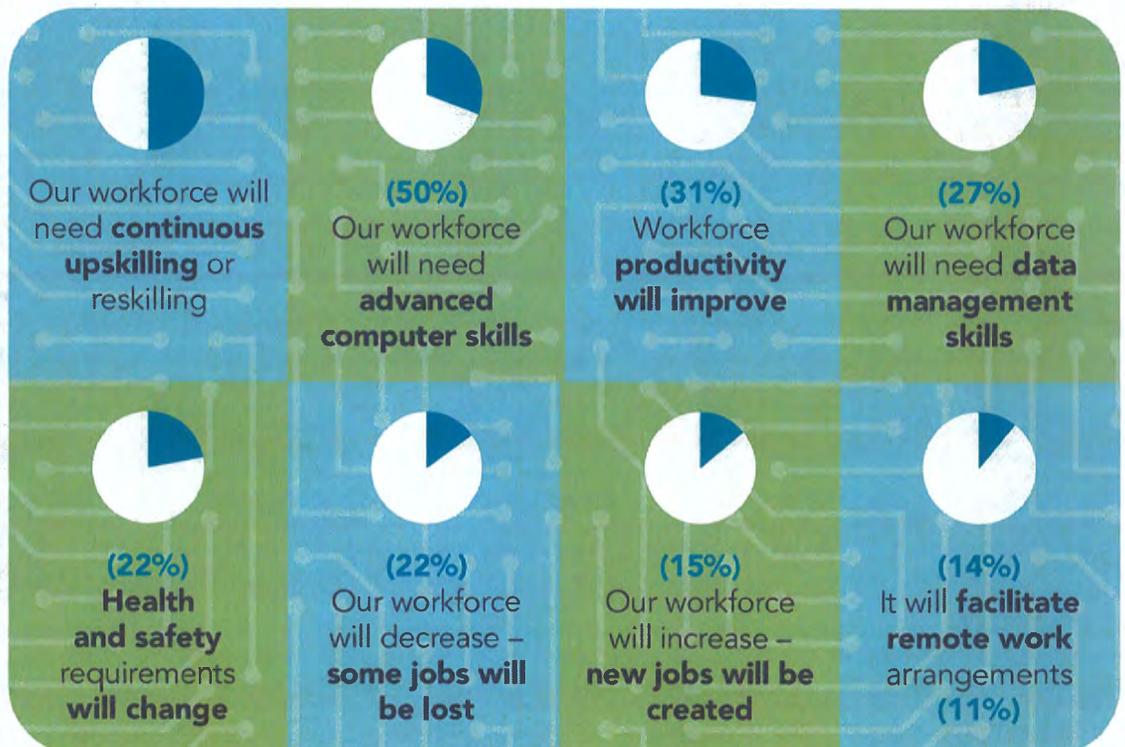
ADAPTING WHEN VACANCIES CANNOT BE FILLED

By far, having current staff work more overtime is the most likely way of coping with unfilled vacancies in 2024 and 2025. It is noteworthy that the proportion choosing this option declined slightly for 2025 – might this suggest that relying on overtime has its limits? In 2025, close second and third options were redistributing work and cross-training for current employees. In both instances, these options increased from 2024, suggesting that employers were putting their minds to other options.

	2024	2025
More overtime for current staff	51%	48%
Redistribution of work	40%	45%
Cross training for current employees	38%	44%
Subcontract/Outsourcing	25%	30%
Access staffing agencies	13%	12%
Offer job placements and internships	12%	15%
Diversify our workforce	11%	14%
Offering remote work options	9%	9%
Implementation of technology/automation	8%	12%
Reduction of our workforce	8%	8%
Other	10%	9%

Impact of Technological and Environmental Changes on the Workforce

When asked about what impact these technological and environmental changes will have specifically on their workforce, a number of potential impacts were provided. By far, the biggest impact predicted by respondents was on the need for upskilling and reskilling at 50% followed by other impacts such as:



Other (14%) respondents who chose this said they did not know or that it was not applicable to them.

Source: The Northeast Ontario Employee Recruitment, Training and Retention Survey

Charlene Watt (Deputy Clerk)

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Subject: Blue Sky Net Tech Talk Newsletter

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February 2026 Newsletter

In our February newsletter we will be sharing our newly published 2026 Northern Ontario Broadband Report and will also be sharing a couple of short surveys we are running right now to gather insights from small-medium businesses, municipalities, and first nations in Northern Ontario.

NOTABLE NEWS

- [CRTC launches new call for Broadband Fund applications](#)
- [Bell signs with SAP Canada to establish sovereign cloud service](#)
- [CRTC releases Canadian Telecommunications Market Report 2026](#)
- [Canada and Germany sign AI joint declaration and launch Sovereign Technology Alliance](#)

TECH TIPS

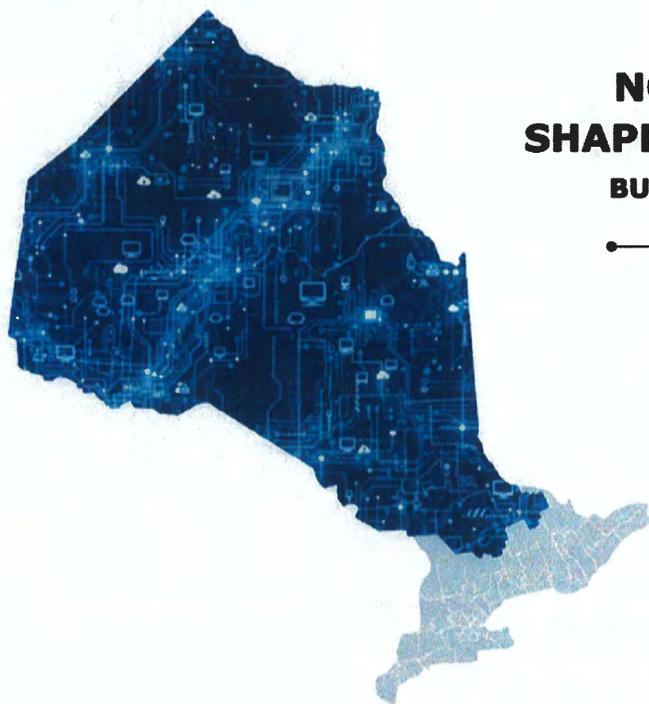
In place of this month's Tech Tips, we're asking for the insights of Northern Ontario small-medium businesses, municipalities and first nations to determine technology

knowledge and training needs. Your input will help us to shape future content and training programs.

Technology Adoption Survey

This short 10 minute or less survey is geared towards small-medium businesses and municipalities. We are looking for insights on barriers to technology adoption and training needs.

[Fill in the survey here!](#)



NORTHERN ONTARIO: SHAPE YOUR DIGITAL FUTURE BUSINESSES & MUNICIPALITIES



Municipal & First Nation GIS Usage and Training Needs Survey

This survey is geared specifically towards municipalities and first nations to gather insights on how GIS is being used in day-to-day operations and where there may be opportunities for training programs. This survey also takes 10 minutes or less to complete.

[Fill in the survey here!](#)

MUNICIPAL & FIRST NATION

GIS USAGE AND TRAINING NEEDS SURVEY

ATTN: Northern Ontario Municipalities & First Nations
We need your feedback to help shape future (free) GIS training programs offered by Blue Sky Net. Please take 10 minutes and provide your input to help us help you!





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FEATURED TOPIC

2026 Northern Broadband Report Release

Today we are releasing our fourth annual Northern Ontario Broadband Report.

Some of our key takeaways from this report:

While the percentage of households in Ontario are 96.4% covered with 50/10 Mbps, Northern Ontario connectivity statistics are vastly different.

- Only 77% of Northern Ontario households have access to 50/10 Mbps.

Removing the 5 biggest cities in Northern Ontario (North Bay, Timmins, Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Sault Ste Marie), the remaining households that make up just over half of the households in Northern Ontario have 60% of households covered with 50/10 Mbps (up 4% from 2024).

Funded broadband projects in Northern Ontario are taking longer for completion than the rest of Ontario.

- Project completion rate for Northern Ontario as of Oct 2025 is 19%.
- Project completion rate for broadband projects outside of Northern Ontario as of Oct 2025 is 52.5%.

[See the full report on our \[connectednorth.ca\]\(https://connectednorth.ca\) Broadband Resources page!](#)

KEY FINDINGS

District	# of Communities	% 5/1 or less broadband	% with 10/2	% with 25/5	% with 50/10+
Manitoulin	17	26%	1%	50%	23%
Parry Sound	31	13%	4%	33%	50%
Sudbury	17	20%	3%	18%	59%
Rainy River	25	2%	32%	6%	60%
Kenora	57	14%	7%	18%	62%
Temiskaming	26	24%	0%	14%	62%
Muskoka	8	7%	0%	26%	67%
Cochrane	23	7%	0%	12%	81%
Nipissing	13	6%	1%	8%	85%
Algoma	33	6%	2%	6%	86%
Thunder Bay	34	2%	8%	3%	87%
Greater Sudbury	2	1%	0%	12%	96%

Northern Communities Still Need Help

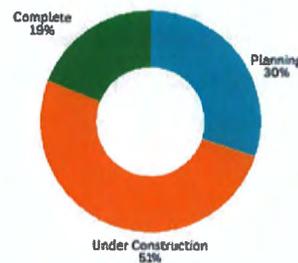
50/10 Mbps availability in Ontario covers 96.4% of the households, while 77% of Northern Ontario households have 50/10 Mbps availability. If the five largest cities in Northern Ontario are removed from the statistics, 50/10 Mbps availability drops to 60% availability.

Broadband projects in Northern Ontario that were due to be completed by the end of 2025 are 19% complete.

The percentage of completed projects increased 2% between 2024 and 2025.

52.5% of projects outside of Northern Ontario have been completed.

Northern Ontario Project Statuses



Ontario Appoints Advisory Body to Improve Student Achievement

Province launches comprehensive review of EQAO testing and student outcomes

March 04, 2026

[Education](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government has appointed an expert advisory body to lead a comprehensive review of student achievement and assessment across the province, with a focus on improving results in reading, writing and math. This advisory body is part of the government's ongoing work to ensure that the provincial education system is supporting student success and helping them reach their full potential.

"Student achievement must always come first in Ontario's education system," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Education. "While there has been progress in recent years, too many students are still not meeting provincial standards. Our government will continue using every tool available to keep Ontario's education system focused on accountability and a back-to-basics approach to support student achievement, so that students can reach their full potential and be prepared for good-paying, rewarding careers."

William (Bill) Robson has been appointed Chair and David R. Johnson has been appointed Advisor to the [Advisory Body on Student Achievement and Assessment](#). Mr. Robson has been President and CEO of the C.D. Howe Institute for the past 20 years and previously served for eight years on Ontario's Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board, where he helped oversee certification standards for postsecondary programs and made recommendations to the government. Mr. Johnson is an emeritus professor of economics at Wilfrid Laurier University whose

research for nearly two decades has focused on the economics of education, including student achievement, assessment practices and postsecondary access and persistence.

This expert body will examine EQAO testing and lead a comprehensive review of how Ontario supports student learning, focusing on math, reading and writing, and closing achievement gaps. The review will examine the root causes behind these results and recommend clear, actionable strategies to better support teachers, parents and students, all while continuing to support Ontario's public education system.

Once the review is complete, the final report will be presented to the Minister and made publicly available. These recommendations will help ensure teachers have the tools they need to do their best work and that students have every opportunity to succeed.

Quick Facts

- In November 2025, Ontario passed the [Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025](#), which simplifies, streamlines and broadens the Minister of Education's powers of oversight, including over school board finances, governance and program performance.
- Ontario is providing [historic levels of education funding](#) in 2025–26, with an investment of \$30.3 billion in Core Education Funding. This funding supports a back-to-basics approach focused on strengthening core skills in reading, writing and math, supporting students with special education needs, and expanding access to mental health services.

Additional Resources

- [Strengthening student achievement in our schools](#)
 - [Your child's education: a parent guide to our school system](#)
 - [Programs that support your child's success](#)
 - [More resources to support learning](#)
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Ontario Secures Groundbreaking National Energy Corridor Agreement

Provinces and territories united to build electricity infrastructure and transform Canada into energy superpower

March 04, 2026

[Energy and Mines](#)

TORONTO – Today, the Ontario government announced a historic effort to connect and strengthen Canada’s electricity systems by launching a first-of-its-kind interprovincial-territorial partnership to build transmission infrastructure needed to power the country’s next generation of growth. The landmark agreement, initiated by Ontario, will bring together British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Yukon, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and the Northwest Territories to advance new electricity transmission projects and strategic interties across Canada.

Following Ontario’s *Connecting Canada – Building an Energy Superpower Summit* in September 2025, provincial and territorial energy ministers agreed that expanding electricity transmission between jurisdictions is essential to meeting rising demand, strengthening energy security and unlocking the full value of Canada’s clean and diverse energy resources. The agreement marks a major nation-building milestone, breaking down longstanding barriers between provincial grids and enabling a more connected, resilient and self-reliant energy system.

Under this Canada-first agreement, provinces and territories will collaborate to:

- **Identify and advance new interprovincial and territorial transmission infrastructure**, including key intertie projects with elevated speed
- **Expand electricity trade within Canada**, helping regions meet growing demand and maximize the use of clean, reliable power before exporting abroad

- **Advocate for federal support**, including investment to accelerate transmission corridors and an electricity strategy that connects Canada east-west and north-south.
- **Partner with Indigenous communities in energy development**, ensuring meaningful participation and shared economic benefits

“With the backdrop of global uncertainty, Ontario is emerging as a reliable partner at home and abroad focused on protecting jobs and our economy,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines. “Ontario has secured a landmark agreement to build an energy corridor that will strengthen our grid using Canadian materials, expertise and workers. This first-of-its-kind partnership lays the foundation for thousands of jobs, billions in investment, and a modernized grid that advances Canada’s long-term energy future. Together, we are advancing Made-in-Canada energy solutions to meet unprecedented energy demand and keep Canada’s economy strong.”

Canada’s grids were built for a different era — designed within provincial borders, rather than a modern economy. According to the [North American Electricity Reliability Corporation \(NERC\)](#) several jurisdictions across North America are currently labelled an elevated risk, requiring more power. Rapid population growth, major industrial expansion, critical mineral development and electrification are driving unprecedented demand for power, while limited interprovincial connections prevent regions from sharing reliable, clean electricity efficiently. Without action, these constraints will lead to higher costs, slower project development, and missed economic opportunities at a time when Canada must strengthen its energy security and global competitiveness.

Two-way trade in goods and services between Ontario and other provinces and territories was valued at more than \$324 billion in 2024, underscoring the scale of economic activity that depends on stronger internal connections and reliable, affordable energy to move goods, power industry and support jobs across the country. By working together to modernize and connect their systems, provinces and territories are reducing duplication, lowering long-term costs and ensuring Canada has the infrastructure required to compete globally while remaining energy secure at home. This agreement reflects a ~~22~~ shared commitment to build a truly

Canadian electricity grid – one that supports regional development, attracts investment and ensures every part of the country benefits from Canada’s abundant energy advantage.

Additionally, Quebec supports the idea of enhanced collaboration between the provinces and territories to identify the most promising projects that meet market needs, provided that this collaboration respects the exclusive jurisdiction of the provinces. It also wishes to contribute to the effort to position the provincial and territorial energy sector on the world stage and is open to discussing concrete, economically viable projects that comply with North American market rules with interested parties.

Strong interprovincial partnership in energy supports the government’s plan to protect Ontario and is a key part of [*Energy for Generations*](#), the government’s long-term approach to ensuring the province has the reliable, affordable power it needs to be energy secure and drive economic growth. The government’s integrated approach and record-setting investments in energy infrastructure are also providing the certainty needed for Indigenous communities, municipalities, businesses and industry partners to invest confidently in Ontario’s future.

Quick Facts

- According to Ontario’s Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), the province’s demand for electricity is forecast to increase potentially as high as 90 per cent by 2050.
- As Ontario brings new nuclear, storage, and other clean energy projects online in the years ahead, the province will be positioned to expand – becoming a long-term, reliable supplier of clean electricity to other jurisdictions across Canada.
- Ontario currently operates 14 interties with two neighbouring provinces, three with Manitoba and eleven with Québec, representing a total export transfer capability of about 2,385 megawatts (MW) and a total import transfer capability of about 2,580 MW.
- In 2025, Ontario, exported 8.8 terawatt hours (TWh) of electricity to Quebec.
- Jurisdictions across Canada are looking to bolster their electricity supply.

Highlights from the February Medical Officer of Health Report to the Board of Health

Medical Officer of Health Update

In my update last month to the North Bay Parry Sound Board of Health, I described some of the Health Unit programs that promote health and prevent illness, thereby reducing health care costs. This month I would like to focus on why it is more important than ever to invest in public health.

In Canada, life expectancy has increased by more than 28 years between 1920 and 2020¹. Most of these gains were achieved through public health measures such as vaccination programs and improved sanitation which decreased the spread of infectious diseases. Medical advances including antibiotics and improvements in maternal and infant care have also contributed to increases in the life span.

However, gains in life span have outpaced gains in health span. By 2040, the number of adults over the age of 30 with a major illness requiring significant hospital care, is expected to reach one in four, doubling from one in eight in 2002². The number of people living with at least one chronic condition is also expected to increase by two million in the next 15 years. The aging population is the biggest factor influencing these trends, though **structural and social determinants of health**, and chronic disease risk factors shaped by these determinants will also play a significant role.

***Social determinants of health** refer to a specific group of social and economic factors that relate to an individual's place in society, such as income, education, employment, racism, social connections, and access to services.*

*The **structural determinants of health** are the written and unwritten rules that create, maintain, and eliminate the long-lasting patterns of advantage and disadvantage between socially constructed groups that impact health.*

¹ Statista (website) [Canada: life expectancy 1800-2020 | Statista](#) Accessed Feb. 12, 2026.

² Rosella LC, Buajitti E, Daniel I, Alexander M, Brown A. (2024) *Projected patterns of illness in Ontario*. Toronto, ON: Dalla Lana School of Public Health.

The impacts of an aging population and increasing rates of chronic disease are already being felt by the health care system in Ontario. Challenges such as difficulty in accessing a family physician, emergency department wait times, and hallway medicine frequently make the headlines. Ontario’s Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy has recently characterized health spending as “unsustainable”,³ yet demand will continue to increase given the projected chronic disease trends.

We need to think differently about health spending. While efficiencies should be sought, we must also invest in increasing the population’s health span to reduce the demand on the health care system. Aging is historically associated with increased burden of chronic disease and a decline in quality of life, but research is indicating that this is not inevitable⁴. Chronic diseases are largely caused by modifiable risk factors such as smoking, drinking alcohol, poor nutrition, and being sedentary⁵.

Examining the health of young people can give us a glimpse into our future. National data indicates that in the past 15 years there has been a decrease in the use of alcohol and cigarettes by 12-17-year-olds⁶. However, fewer of these students (21%) met Canadian physical activity recommendations in 2022-2024 as compared to 2018-2019 (36%).⁷ In 2023, 18% of Ontario Grade 7 to 12 students reported fair or poor physical health, among the highest reported since monitoring through the Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey (OSDUHS) began decades ago.⁸ Self-rated mental health has also significantly worsened since monitoring began in 2007. Local data from the 2024 Planet Youth Nipissing Survey found similarly low levels of physical activity and self-reported good or very good physical (50%) and mental (37%) health among Grade 10 students⁹.

These findings indicate an urgent need to change our population approach to health.

³ [Ontario finance minister says rate of health-care spending is ‘unsustainable’ | Globalnews.ca](#) Accessed February 17, 2026.

⁴ Chatterji S, Byles J, Cutler D, et al. (2015) Health, functioning, and disability in older adults – present status and future implications. *Lancet* 385(9967):563-575.

⁵ Ng R, Sutradhar R, Yao Z, Wodchis WP, Rosella LC. (2020) Smoking, drinking, diet and physical activity – modifiable lifestyle risk factors and their associations with age to first chronic disease. *Int J Epidemiol.* 49(1):113-130.

⁶ Health Canada (2025) Alcohol and drug use among students in Canada 2023-24. [Alcohol and Drug Use among Students in Canada, 2023–24](#) Accessed February 18, 2026.

⁷ Statistics Canada. Directly measured physical activity and sedentary time in Canada: New results from the Canadian Health Measures Survey, 2022 to 2024. [The Daily — Directly measured physical activity and sedentary time in Canada: New results from the Canadian Health Measures Survey, 2022 to 2024](#) Accessed February 18, 2026.

⁸ Boak, A., & Hamilton, H. A. (2024). *The mental health and well-being of Ontario students, 1991–2023: Findings from the Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey (OSDUHS)*. Toronto, ON: Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

⁹ Planet Youth Nipissing. [Planet Youth Nipissing Homepage](#) – Accessed Feb. 18, 2026.

Public health plays a vital role in identifying and collaborating on provincial and community strategies that alter risk factors and strengthen protective factors on a population level. Strategic investments in the social determinants of health and supportive physical, social, and economic environments are critical to promoting healthy aging¹⁰ and to preserving the long-term sustainability of the health system.

Investing in population health is essential - it is one of the most effective levers we have to decrease the cost of health care. In Ontario, over 40% of the total budget is directed to health spending¹¹, while less than 2% of health spending is invested in public health¹². This imbalance limits our ability to prevent chronic disease and reduce avoidable demand on the health care system. Now more than ever, strategic investments in population-level prevention and the social determinants of health are required to shift this dynamic. Strengthening prevention today will reduce hospitalizations, improve quality of life, and help ensure the sustainability of Ontario's health system for future generations.

Program and Services Highlights

Oral Health

- Oral Health has been reaching out to community partners who work closely with priority populations to improve navigation of federal and provincial dental programs and reduce barriers to care through better access and coordinated support.

Sexual Health and Harm Reduction

- In January, two public health nurses from the Sexual Health and Harm Reduction program delivered a lunchtime talk to primary care providers in the Parry Sound area. The session focused on local and provincial case trends and updated management and treatment recommendations for sexually transmitted infections. A similar talk is planned for North Bay in the near future.

Vaccine Preventable Diseases

- Increased uptake of optional vaccines such as Hepatitis B and HPV-9 was achieved through identifying eligible students using an enhanced analytics tool, issuing immunization notices, and offering optional secondary school vaccine clinics.

¹⁰ Gianfredi V, Nucci D, Pennisi F, Maggi S, Veronese N, Soysal P. Aging, longevity, and healthy aging: the public health approach. *Aging Clin Exp Res.* 2025 Apr 17;37(1):125.

¹¹ [Government of Ontario. 2025 Ontario Budget | In Brief \(accessed February 18, 2026\)](#)

¹² [Ontario Ministry of Health. Published plans and annual reports 2025–2026: Ministry of Health | ontario.ca \(accessed February 18, 2026\)](#)

Environmental Health

- The beginning of the year marks an annual “reset” for all inspected facilities.
- Food premises each undergo a risk assessment to their risk category. The risk rating determines the frequency of routine inspections for that facility.
- The Health Unit is enhancing the public disclosures system on our website. Online disclosure for tobacco, vapour, and smoke enforcement actions is now displayed on the [enforcement disclosure page](#), with additional program areas to follow.

Healthy Families

- An infant feeding survey is being conducted to understand the feeding practices of infants in their first 6 months across the Health Unit. Participation began in March 2025, and over half of the 274 surveys needed to generate reliable data have been collected to date.

Indigenous Engagement

- The Giiwedno Mshkikiiwgamig (North Bay Indigenous Hub) presented the Health Unit with a beautiful piece of artwork during a Letters of Relationship celebration. The Letter of Relationship affirms a shared vision of building safe, inclusive, and culturally respectful pathways for Indigenous community members. The Health Unit also received a plaque from the North Bay Indigenous Hub recognizing the organization’s commitment for all staff to complete Anishinaabe Mino’ Ayaawin – *People in Good Health* training. This training supports the Health Unit in reconciliation efforts and in providing culturally safe care. The artwork and plaque are prominently displayed beside front reception at the North Bay office.

Effective Public Health Practice

- Foundational Services is supporting a Quality Improvement project to develop consistent, reliable, and cost-effective processes for transporting supplies and other items between Health Unit offices and private water sample drop-off locations.



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March 5, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation Province of Ontario

Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Township of Perry, I am writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

The Town of Parry Sound supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act*. These systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

We also support the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. This tragedy highlights the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and the use of technology to better protect children travelling to and from school.

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We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

Protecting children on our roads is a shared responsibility. Through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Norm Hofstetter
Mayor

cc: The Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: March 4, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026- 104

Moved By: Paul Sowrey **Seconded By:** Margaret Ann MacPhail

Whereas the Township of Perry has received a letter from the Town of Parry Sound, along with other municipalities requesting support for improved school bus safety initiatives and the expansion of stop-arm camera programs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the resolution passed by the Town of Parry Sound advocating for enhanced provincial support for school bus safety and stop-arm camera systems;

And further that Council directs staff to forward a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried: ✓ **Defeated:** _____
Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
Councillors Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
Mayor Norm Hofstetter		



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: February 18, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026- 084

Moved By: Paul Sowrey Seconded By: MICHAEL. Joe Lumley

Whereas the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board ("Planning Board") was established in 1997 with six member municipalities to serve as the consent-granting authority for the region;

And whereas the Planning Board has operated largely through application fees, requiring only minimal additional contributions from member municipalities over its 28-year history;

And whereas recent enhancements to the Planning Board include a modernized fee structure, the addition of part-time dedicated staff to assist with workload at no extra cost to the member municipalities and retention of an Independent Professional Planner to prepare reports on most applications;

And whereas the Planning Board provides a regional, non-political approach to planning, offering expertise, consistent decision-making, and timely guidance on complex development proposals and legislative changes;

And whereas membership in the Planning Board allows municipalities to benefit from shared professional resources, knowledge, and administrative support that would be costly and difficult to replicate individually;

And whereas the Town of Kearney has requested to withdraw from the Planning Board, potentially limiting access to these regional benefits and professional services;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry recognizes the value and benefits of continued membership in the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board for all member municipalities;



March 5, 2026

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Dear Member Municipalities,

Re: Discontinuation of Routine Beach Sampling

This letter is to inform you that the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) will be discontinuing monitoring (conducting routine sampling) of recreational water at public beaches throughout the district, effective summer 2026. Follow-up will continue to occur for complaints. All municipalities will be supplied with updated public beach signage to support public awareness of water quality risks, health precautions, and safe swimming practices.

The decision to discontinue beach water sampling was presented to the Board of Health on February 27, 2026, along with the attached briefing note. The decision was informed by a review of the effectiveness of the program in terms of protecting the public's health. The review identified several factors that limit the effectiveness and sustainability of routine beach water sampling, including:

- Provincial expectations to conduct weekly sampling is resource challenging given that the Health Unit has approximately 60 public beaches located across an expansive geography.
- Overall, illness risk from recreational water in the Health Unit region is low.
- Notification from the lab to the Health Unit of adverse sample results typically occurs approximately 3-4 days after collection due to shipping and laboratory processing times. The reduced ability to provide current risk information is problematic as it could result in a beach remaining closed even though it is no longer impacted.
- Beach sampling provides only a single point-in-time snapshot of water quality while it is known that conditions can change rapidly. Regardless of sampling results, individuals should always take certain precautions when visiting a beach to reduce the risk of enteric illnesses.
- Current signage does not address potential risks with public beach use in between the sampling dates or for beaches not routinely sampled.

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To help answer questions, the Health Unit will be hosting virtual information sessions for municipal representatives on the following dates and times:

1. **Thursday, March 26, 2026** – 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
2. **Tuesday, March 31, 2026** – 4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.
3. **Wednesday, April 1, 2026** – 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

To register please complete the [information session form](#) or contact us at environmental.health@healthunit.ca or 705-474-1400 ext. 5400.

Sincerely,

Carol Zimbalatti

Dr. Carol Zimbalatti, M.D., CCFP, MPH
Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer

Beach Sampling Discontinuation 2026 03 05

Final Audit Report

2026-03-05

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INFORMATION SESSION FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

Municipal Council Candidates or Potential Candidates interested in running in the 2026 Municipal Election are invited to attend a **FREE** Candidate Information Session in person on:
**Thursday, April 16, 2026
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls Memorial Arena
Karl Crozier Community Hall
220 Centre Street, Burk's Falls**

This information session is open to all East Parry Sound Municipalities

This session is hosted by the Municipalities of the Almaguin Highlands and will present information on:

Nomination Process

Financial Filing

Campaign Period

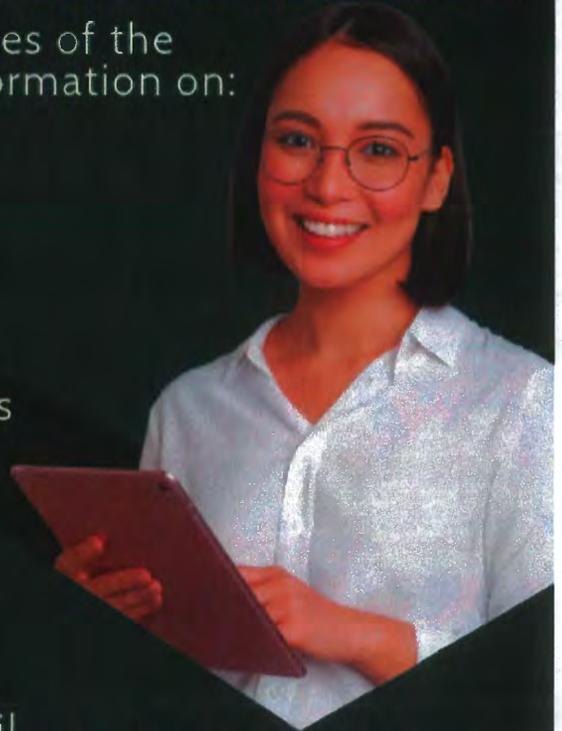
Duties and Responsibilities of Candidates

PLUS

What does it take to run for council?

What should I know before I run?

To attend virtually via Zoom, please email clerk@armourtownship.ca by noon on April 16, 2026



Township of Armour, Village of Burk's Falls, Township of Joly, Town of Kearney, Township of Machar, Municipality of Magnetawan, Township of McMurrich/Monteith, Township of Perry, Township of Ryerson, Village of South River, Township of Strong, & Village of Sundridge

Call for Applications: Almaguin Area Joint Compliance Audit Committee

The Almaguin Area Joint Compliance Audit Committee is seeking four members to serve from November 15, 2026 to November 16, 2030. The committee reviews audit requests related to campaign finances from candidates in the 2026 municipal election and any by-elections, representing 12 participating municipalities: Armour, Burk's Falls, Joly, Kearney, Machar, Magnetawan, McMurrich/Monteith, Perry, Ryerson, South River, Strong, Sundridge

Compensation:

- * \$500/year honorarium
- * \$100/meeting
- * Mileage reimbursed at CRA rates

Apply by: 4:00 p.m., Friday March 27th, 2026

Submit resume to: Municipal Clerk,
Township of Armour P.O. Box 533, 56 Ontario Street,
Burk's Falls, ON POA 1C0

Email: clerk@armourtownship.ca Phone: (705) 382-3332

Details available at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca and municipal websites.

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Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

Respecting an application by Ralph Prentice to rezone lands municipally known as 233 Cherry Hill Road and legally described as Part Lot 23, Concessions 1 and 2 in the Township of Armour.
ZBA-2026-01

TAKE NOTICE that a complete application has been accepted under Section 34 of the Planning Act and the Council of the Township of Armour will hold a Public Meeting on:

Tuesday March 24, 2026
at 6:00 p.m. at the
Township of Armour's Municipal Office
56 Ontario Street, Burk's Falls
Ontario, P0A 1C0

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of the Public Meeting at Council is to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the *Planning Act* to amend Zoning By-law No. 27-95 as amended, of the Armour Township.

The application, if approved would rezone the subject lands to fulfill conditions of Subdivision File S-01/24 to:

- Rezone the subject lands to Lakeshore Residential (LR), Flood Plain (FP) and Wetlands Protection Zone to allow residential uses on a year-round basis;
- Recognize a minimum lot frontage of 61 m for lots 1 – 5;
- Provide a 30 m Setback to Deer Lake and wetlands;
- Provide a 15 m Setback to other watercourses;
- Prohibit development, including docks within Type 1 Fish habitat;
- Implement a Holding Provision on a portion of proposed Lot 11 pending a Stage 3 Site-Specific Archaeological Assessment; and
- Prohibit future residential development and land division on "additional lands owned by the applicant.



Notice of Public Meeting
[ZBA-2026-01]

A key map showing the location of the property and Draft Plan of Subdivision is attached to this notice.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public meeting will be held in a hybrid format and virtual attendance via Zoom is also available. Please advise the Clerk of your email address if you wish to receive a link to join the Zoom meeting. This will allow you the opportunity to monitor and also speak at the meeting if you wish.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour before the By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

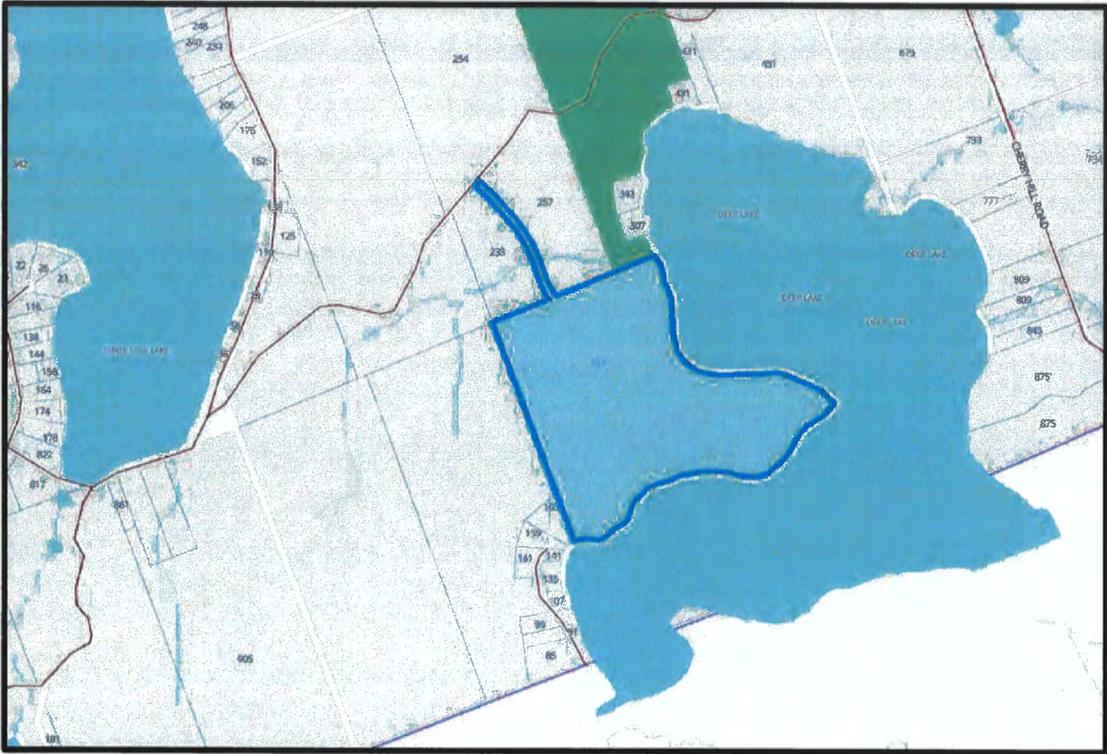
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is available at www.armourtownship.ca . For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact clerk@armourtownship.ca or 705-382-3332 during regular business hours. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the email above or by writing to:

Mrs. Charlene Watt, Clerk
Township of Armour
56 Ontario Street, Box 533
Burk's Falls, ON POA 1C0

Dated at the Township of Armour this 27th day of February, 2026.



LOCATION MAP: 233 Cherry Hill Road





56 Ontario Street, PO Box 533,
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705-382-3332

ZONING BY-LAW NO. _____

A BY-LAW TO AMEND

ZONING BY-LAW NO. 27-95 as amended

(PRETICE)

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

Planning Consultant:

PLANSCAPE INC.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

To Zoning By-law No. _____

Passed by the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour

Lands Affected:	This By-law applies to Part Lot 23 Concession 2, and all of Lot 23, Concession 1 in the Township of Armour, District of Parry Sound.
Present Zoning:	Armour Township Zoning By-law No. 27-95, as amended, currently zones the subject lands as Rural (RU), Seasonal Residential – Holding (SRH), Floodplain (FP) and Wetland Protection Zones.
Proposed Zoning	This Amendment will rezone the subject lands to Rural Exception (Ru), Lakeshore Residential Exception (LR), Flood Plain (FP) and Wetlands Protection Zone to
Official Plan Designation:	This Zoning By-law Amendment conforms with the Armour Official Plan and creates no changes to the land use mapping designations.
By-Law Purpose:	The purpose of this By-law is to rezone the subject lands to fulfill the conditions of the approved Plan of Subdivision, File S-01/24 to permit year-round residential uses on Deer Lake on 15 new lots; provide a 30 m setback to Deer Lake and wetlands; provide a 15 m setback to other watercourses; prohibit development, including docks within Type 1 Fish habitat; Implement a Holding Provision on a proposed Lot 11 pending a Stage 3 (and if required Stage 4) Site-Specific Archaeological Assessment; and prohibit future residential development and land division on additional lands owned by the applicant preventing backlot development.



ZONING BY-LAW NO. _____

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

Being a By-law under the provisions of Section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*, to amend Zoning By-law No. 27-95, as amended, of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour with respect to the lands located on Part of Lot 23, Concession 2 and all of Lot 23, Concession 1 (233 Cherry Hill Road) in the Township of Armour, District of Parry Sound.

WHEREAS THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR has reviewed Zoning By-law No. 27-95 as amended and deems it advisable to amend same:

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR ENACTS as follows:

1. **THAT** Schedule 'A-6' to Zoning By-law No. 27-95, as amended, is further amended by rezoning lands known as Part of Lot 23, Concession 2 and all of Lot 23, Concession 1 (233 Cherry Hill Road) in the Township of Armour, from Rural (Ru), Seasonal Residential – Holding (SR-H), Floodplain (FP) and Wetlands Protection to Rural Exception Zone (Ru-108), Lakeshore Residential Exception Zone (LR – 109 & 110), Floodplain (FP) and Wetlands Protection as shown on Schedules A-1 and A-2 attached and hereto forming part of this By-law.
2. **THAT** Section 19 “**Exceptions**” of Zoning By-law No. 27-95, as amended is further amended by adding the following:
 - a. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Rural (Ru) Zone **Section 6.1 “Permitted Uses”**, the land identified as Rural Exception - 108 (Ru-108) on Schedule 'A-1' shall not permit residential development and further land division.
 - b. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Lakeshore Residential (LR) Zone **Section 10.2 “Zone Requirements for Waterfront Dwellings and Cottages”**, the land identified as Lakeshore Residential Exception-109 (LR-109) on Schedule 'A-1', the following new provisions shall apply:
 - i. A minimum lot frontage of 61 m
 - ii. A minimum 30 m Setback to Deer Lake and wetlands;
 - iii. A minimum 15 m Setback to other watercourses;
 - iv. No new development, including docks are permitted within Type 1 Fish Habitat, as shown on Schedule 'A-2'.
 - c. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Lakeshore Residential (LR) Zone **Section 10.2 “Zone Requirements for Waterfront Dwellings and Cottages”**, the land identified as Lakeshore Residential Exception-110 (LR-110) on Schedule 'A-1' attached, the following new provisions shall apply:
 - i. A minimum 30 m Setback to Deer Lake and wetlands
 - ii. A minimum 15 m Setback to other watercourses
 - iii. No new development, including docks are permitted within Type 1 Fish Habitat, as shown on Schedule 'A-2'.
3. No buildings, structures or site alteration shall be permitted on the land identified as Lakeshore Residential Exception 110 – Holding (LR-110H) identified on Schedule A-1, known as “Lot 11” until such time as a further By-law is passed to remove the Holding provision.

- i. The Holding (-H) Symbol shall not be removed until a Stage 3 (if required Stage 4) Site-Specific Archaeological Assessment has been completed to the satisfaction of the Township.
- 4. This By-law shall come into force on the date it is passed by the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour subject to the provisions of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*.
- 5. **Schedules A-1 and A-2 hereby form part of this By-law.**

Read a **FIRST TIME** this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Read a **SECOND TIME** this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Read a **THIRD TIME** and **FINALLY PASSED** this ____ day of _____, 2026.

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

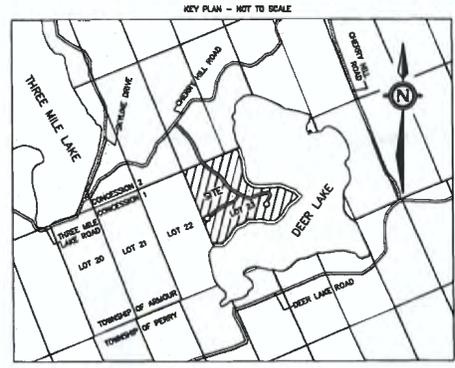
Rod Ward, Mayor

Charlene Watt, Clerk

DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION
OF PART OF LOT 23, CONCESSION 2 AND
ALL OF LOT 23, CONCESSION 1
TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR
DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND
KPK SURVEYING INC.
2024

RECEIVED
JULY 3, 2025
TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

SCALE 1 : 2000



BEARING NOTE:
BEARINGS ARE UTM GRID AND ARE DERIVED FROM OBSERVED REFERENCE POINTS A AND B BY BISECTORING GPS OBSERVATIONS, AND ARE REFERRED TO THE CENTRAL MERIDIAN FOR UTM ZONE 17 (81°00' WEST LONGITUDE), NAD83(CSRS(2011.0)).

METRIC:
DISTANCES AND COORDINATES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE IN METRES AND CAN BE CONVERTED TO FEET BY DIVIDING BY 0.3048.

CONVERSION NOTE:
GROUND DISTANCES SHOWN HEREON CAN BE CONVERTED TO UTM GRID BY MULTIPLYING BY A CORRECTED SCALE FACTOR OF 0.99974.

CONVERGENCE NOTE:
A CORRECTION FACTOR OF 1.1235" COUNTER CLOCKWISE HAS BEEN APPLIED TO THE AZIMUTHS BEARING OF UNDERLYING PLAN 42R-13485 TO ACCOUNT FOR DIFFERENT REFERENCE MERIDIANS.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 51(17) OF THE PLANNING ACT:
- LAND BOUNDARIES ARE AS SHOWN ON THE DRAFT PLAN AND ARE CERTIFIED BY THE SURVEYOR.
- EXISTING AND PROPOSED ROADS ARE AS SHOWN ON THE DRAFT PLAN AND KEY PLAN.
- EXISTING AND PROPOSED UTILITIES ARE AS SHOWN ON THE DRAFT PLAN AND KEY PLAN.
- PROPOSED LOTS AREA FOR RESIDENTIAL USE.
- ADJACENT LOTS ARE SHOWN FOR REFERENCE ONLY.
- LOT DIMENSIONS AS SHOWN, APPROXIMATE ONLY.
- DEEDS ARE REFERRED FROM CERTIFIED DEED MAPS AT 2m INTERVALS.
- EACH LOT IS TO BE SERVICED BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS.
- NO MUNICIPAL WATER OR SEWER SYSTEMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PROPERTY.
- NO RESTRICTIONS, RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, OR EASEMENTS AFFECT THE LAND.

LOT AREA MATRIX

LOT	LOT AREA ACCORDING TO PER BY-LAW DEFINITION	LOT AREA EXCLUDING WETLAND	AREA OF BUILDING ENVELOPE
1	1.12 ha	1.12 ha	0.82 ha
2	1.34 ha	1.34 ha	1.14 ha
3	1.24 ha	1.24 ha	1.04 ha
4	0.92 ha	0.92 ha	0.72 ha
5	1.24 ha	1.24 ha	0.94 ha
6	2.44 ha	1.84 ha	1.14 ha
7	2.34 ha	1.84 ha	1.14 ha
8	0.82 ha	0.82 ha	0.72 ha
9	1.54 ha	1.24 ha	0.94 ha
10	1.14 ha	1.14 ha	0.84 ha
11	0.84 ha	0.84 ha	0.84 ha
12	1.94 ha	0.992 ha	0.34 ha
13	1.24 ha	0.92 ha	0.34 ha
14	2.84 ha	1.284 ha	0.34 ha
15	3.24 ha	1.284 ha	0.74 ha

LAND USE ANALYSIS

LOT/BLOCK/ROAD	LAND USE	UNIT COUNT	AREA
LOTS 1-15	LAKESHORE RESIDENTIAL	15	24.12 ha
BLOCK 10	ROADWAY	N/A	2.84 ha
BLOCK 17	ROADWAY	N/A	0.84 ha
TOTAL			27.84 ha

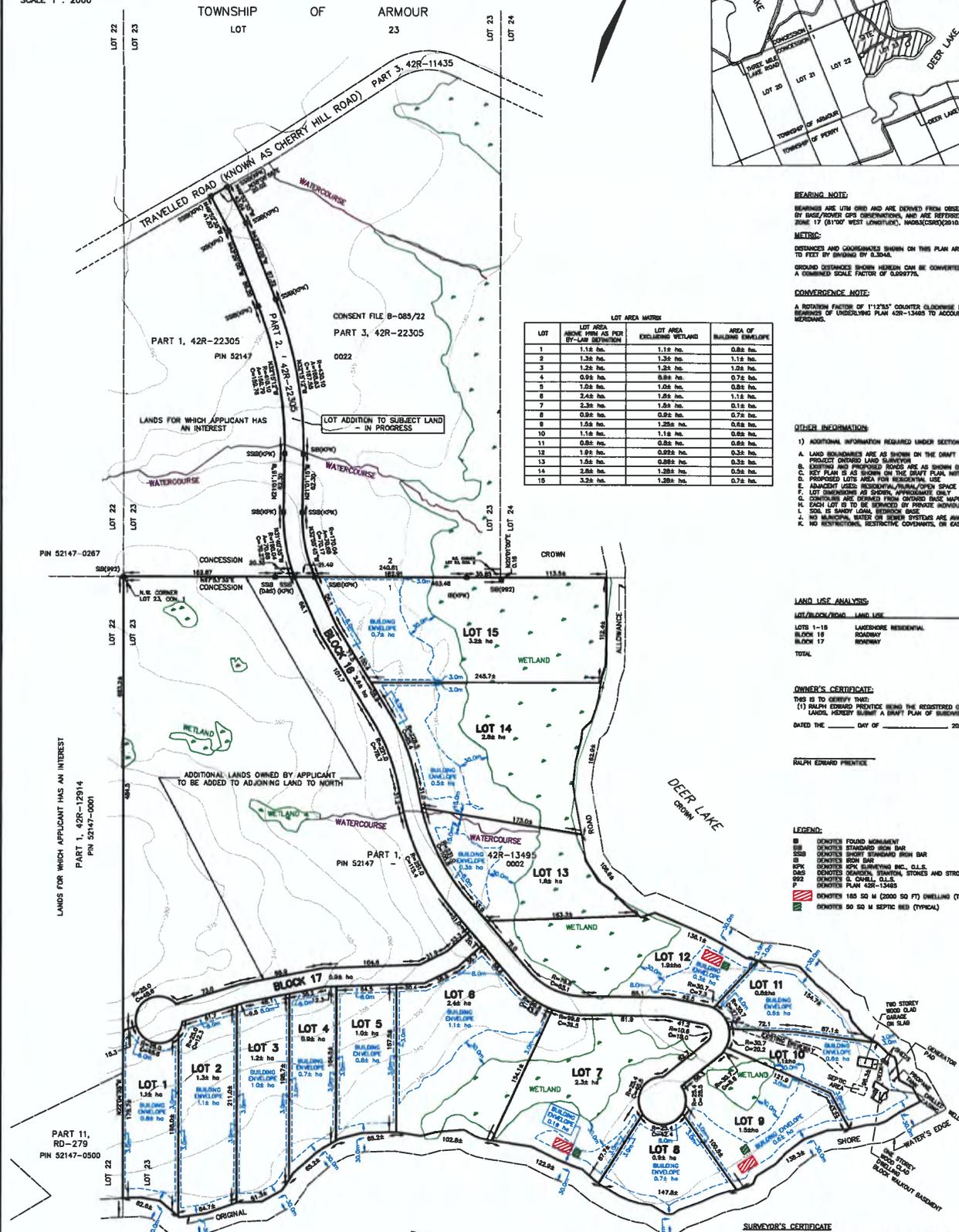
OWNER'S CERTIFICATE:
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:
(1) RALPH EDWARD PRENTICE IS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE SUBJECT LANDS, HEREBY SUBMIT A DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION FOR APPROVAL.
DATED THE ____ DAY OF _____, 2025

RALPH EDWARD PRENTICE

LEGEND:

- DENOTES FOUND MONUMENT
- ▬ DENOTES STANDARD IRON BAR
- ▬ DENOTES SPLIT IRONWIRE PILE BAR
- ▬ DENOTES IRON BAR
- ▬ DENOTES SPK IRONWIRE INC. U.L.S.
- ▬ DENOTES SANDWICH, STAVON, STONES AND STRONGMAN LIMITED, U.L.S.
- ▬ DENOTES U. G.WELL, U.L.S.
- P DENOTES PLAN 42R-13485
- ▭ DENOTES 185 SQ M (2000 SQ FT) DWELLING (TYPICAL)
- ▭ DENOTES 50 SQ M SEPTIC BED (TYPICAL)

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LANDS TO BE SURVEYED AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE ADJACENT LANDS ARE ACCURATELY AND CORRECTLY SHOWN ON THIS PLAN.



JULY 3rd, 2025 - REVISIONS
- ADDITION OF LOT AREA MATRIX
- BLOCK 17 STRIPPED SHORT OF LOT LINE
- REVISION TO LOTS 14, 11, 12 & 13

DATE _____
JOHN P. BILALIA
OFFICIAL LAND SURVEYOR

