

TRI -COUNCIL
TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON / VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS /
TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR
NOTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2026

The Tri-Council meeting of the Council of the Township of Ryerson, Council of the Township of Armour and the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls was held on Monday February 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Young at Heart Seniors Centre, 136 Yonge Street, Burk's Falls.

Attendance:

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

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

Village of Burk's Falls: Mayor Chris Hope, Councillors Nancy Kyte, Ashley Brandt, Ryan Baptiste and Sean Cotton. Staff: Denis Duguay, Clerk-Administrator, Camille Barr, Deputy Clerk, Graham Smith, Arena Manager, Christina Merrick, Assistant Arena Manager.

Public: Doreen Mork, Diane Brandt and Nieves Guijarro, Jon Hind, Marie Stitt, Yvon Dugas

Regrets: Mayor Sterling, Councillor Blakelock.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Deputy Mayor Miller.
Deputy Mayor Miller welcomed all the participants.
2. Adoption of Minutes. Moved by Chris Hope Seconded by Delynne Patterson.
Be it resolved that the meeting notes from the Tri Council meeting of October 27, 2025, be accepted as amended. (Carried)
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None

4. Armour Ryerson and Burk's Falls Memorial Arena 2025 Budget Actual Reports:
G. Smith, Arena Manager provided Councils with a verbal overview of the 2025 budget actuals. Unexpected expenses for 2025 were reviewed and it was identified that the arena came in under budget for 2025. G. Smith provided Councils with information on the new hydro global inflation rate, Councils had concerns regarding the monthly hydro costs. It was recommended that the arena look into different ways to power the arena that would be more sustainable. G. Smith proposed charging an additional \$5 – \$10 capital surcharge on top of arena rental costs.

G. Smith went through the 2026 draft budget. Concerns were brought up in regard to the arena bookings and the revenue vs expenses; it was discussed that currently the arena has a contract until 2028 with Winning Techniques to provide summer ice for their program, summer ice can be revisited upon completion of that agreement.

C. Merrick, Assistant Arena Manager, provided Councils with the capital budget items.

5. TRI R Landfill and Recycling Report & 2026 Draft Budget:

A. Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, spoke with Councils regarding the landfill. It was highlighted that she is looking into diverting demolition materials to other landfills, as there has been an increase of this waste to the landfill. A. Tilley has secured a 3-year agreement with circular materials, and it seems to be working well so far. A request for a landfill sub-committee consisting of 1 or 2 Councillors per township would be beneficial to review the infrastructure and identify a 10-year plan for the landfill equipment. There is a 10% decrease in the budget for 2026.

6. 2026 Draft Fire Budget/ First Due Software Report/ Fire Hall Build.

J. Readman, Fire Chief provided Council with an updated draft fire budget for 2026. Items that were changed were identified to Council. R. Readman spoke on the new fire software program being proposed, key highlights of the program were presented. Updates to the fire hall build were verbally provided. It was also indicated that Ransome Well Drilling has donated a well to the Fire Department.

7. Library Lease Report:

Mayor Hope presented the library lease report. A maintenance and financial sustainability study was completed for library. The study provided what is required for the maintenance of the library building currently and moving forward in the next 10 plus years. More detailed information can be provided by reaching out to Burk's Falls staff. The library budget has not yet been finalized but will be available for the next meeting in May.

8. **Next meeting.** The next Tri-council meeting will be held on May 25, 2026, hosted by Armour Township.

9. **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn. Moved by Dorothy Haggart-Davis Seconded by Dan Robertson
Be it resolved that we do now adjourn this February 23, 2026, Tri-Council meeting at 8:21p.m. The next Tri-Council meeting will be held on May 25, 2026, hosted by Armour Township.

(Carried)