

BURK'S FALLS ARMOUR RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 4, 2015

The special meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour and the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. in the Armour Township Council Chambers. Those in attendance were: Armour; Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors, Jerry Brandt, Rod Blakelock, Marina Hammond and Pat Hayes; Burk's Falls, Reeve Cathy Still, Councillors Lewis Hodgson (arrived at 12:30 p.m.) Lisa Morrison, Jarv Osborne, Rex Smith; staff present included Nicky Kunkel, Clerk and Wendy Whitwell, Clerk-Administrator.

No pecuniary interest was declared by any council member.

This is the first meeting held with both councils to discuss the possibility of restructuring. The following items were discussed.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Each heading was discussed and a decision made. See attached Terms of Reference for the Burk's Falls Armour Restructuring Committee.

GOALS AND TIMING

All agreed to work through this process and if it is determined that the two municipalities wish to amalgamate the proposal should be complete and ready to submit to the Province by the end of 2017. The fall 2018 election would be for a council to represent the amalgamated municipality, with the new term of council beginning December 1, 2018.

STEPS TO BE TAKEN AND PREFERRED ORDER

We will be looking to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for some direction for this. One question we want to ask the Ministry is how we move forward with considering financial matters as quickly as possible and in what order should we be looking at operations and services.

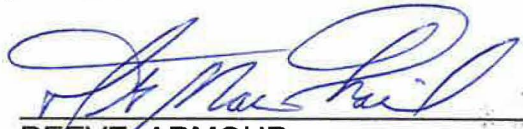
OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

The clerks will work on specific questions to forward to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for consideration.

There was consensus that we need to consider amalgamation separate from joint services at this time.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 12:30 p.m. to be hosted by the Village of Burk's Falls. Contact will be made with municipalities in our area that have been through an amalgamation to attend and discuss best practices.




REEVE, ARMOUR



CLERK ADMINISTRATOR



REEVE, BURK'S FALLS



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