

**BURK'S FALLS, ARMOUR & RYERSON
TRI-COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, January 23, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
Hosted by the Village of Burk's Falls
Young at Heart Senior's Club**

NOTES:

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Reeve Still
2. Minutes from Tri-Council meeting of October 24, 2016 were adopted.

Resolution 17-01-01 Moved by: Rod Blakelock Seconded by: George Sterling
That the minutes of the October 24, 2016 Tri Council meeting be approved as circulated.
Carried.

3. Presentations:

Willy Hollett, Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce (AHCC) and Dave Gray, BACED EDO, presented regarding the regional Business Retention and Expansion Project (BR&E) and AHCC 2017 Strategic Plan, which was provided at the meeting. There were four key issues from the BR&E program; workforce and housing, expansion opportunities, succession planning, regional cooperation. The Chamber is spearheading a Regional Economic Development Committee to build momentum going forward with the intent to provide neutral representation to the Almaguin area. They are still seeking funding for an intern position as well.

4. Shared Services Reports

- 4.1 Economic Development:

The written report and 2017 budget was presented by Community Development Officer, Dave Gray. Highlights included the list of accomplishments for the FedNor funding, the standalone website as well as the Accommodation Market Analysis and Economic Impact projects are moving along. The wayfinding signage plan was provided and that project now sits with MTO for approvals. There was discussion on looking toward 2018 when there is no funding for the position and projects. This will be discussed in the future. There was also discussion on regional economic development and that together more can be achieved for the Almaguin area. All Councils were in favour of exploring this subject. There was no further discussion on the budget.

- 4.2 Arena:

The written report and 2017 budget was presented by the Arena Manager, Mitch Matson. He updated the Councils on the events at the Arena and Community Centre and that operations are moving as planned. Winning Techniques will be returning for summer ice. He is finalizing a report on the operations and ways to reduce costs at the facility and offer more recreation programming. There was no further discussion on the budget.

- 4.3 Fire:

The written report and 2017 budget was presented by Fire Chief Dave McNay. He informed Councils that the generator at the hall may need to be replaced but he is still investigating how best to fix it, if possible. He spoke of the presentation he gave at the Regional Fire Services Committee regarding a shared Regional Fire Prevention Officer.

There has been no final decision on this plan but talks are still occurring. He is also still investigating the expansion that is needed for the Fire Hall. There will be two options, a new build or a 2 bay addition and a vent system. He will be starting his recruitment campaign in March. He also asked at this time if there were questions regarding the Regional Fire Training Officer information that was provided. There were none.

The written report from Fire Prevention Officer, Martyn Payge was presented. He also informed Councils there were five (5) new fire rating signs installed throughout the area for prevention education. He will work on more awareness for the smoke alarm program and hopes to get out to more cottages and trailer parks this summer.

There was no further discussion on the Fire Department budgets at the meeting.

4.4 Library:

The written reports and 2017 budget were provided from the Library Board for Councils review. There was no discussion on the budget.

4.5 TRI-R (Landfill & Recycling):

The written report and budget was presented by Landfill Administrator, Amy Tilly. Highlights included that the EA is still not approved, there is a need for more monitoring sites as directed by the MOE, waste diversion is a hot topic and there is a strong suggestion to review the blue box program but the province wants to start with electronics. She informed Councils that a survey regarding the landfill site was sent out with little responses received and she will release it again and have it at the landfill site. It was confirmed that the \$25,000 in the capital item for the budget was placed in there for a garbage truck purchase that would not be necessary unless the expansion was approved. Armour Council confirmed they would not spend the funds without the express consent of Burk's Falls and Ryerson. There was no other discussion on the budget.

5. Other Business:

5.1 Date for Shared Services meeting was set for February 8, 2017 where Burk's Falls will present information and discuss findings on ownership. Other Councils were invited to present as well if they wished to present ideas. This meeting will be chaired by Burk's Falls.

5.2 Any Other Business – none.

Next Meeting: The next Tri Council meeting will be set at the February 8, 2017 meeting. The meeting will be chaired by the Township of Armour.

Adjournment at 8:13 pm

Resolution 17-01-02 Moved by Reeve MacPhail Seconded by Barb Marlow

That the meeting now adjourns at 8:13 pm. Carried.