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COUNCIL NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2010

GENERAL INFORMATION - Interim tax bills for 2010 are due in two installments, the first half due on April 9th, 2010 and the second half due on May 7th, 2010. Funding for capital projects was recently awarded through infrastructure stimulus funding; a joint provincial/federal/municipal initiative. This enabled us to implement improvements to the municipal office including better building drainage, basement repairs, and a new telephone system to handle a greater volume of incoming calls. Please assist us in keeping our records current by notifying us of any address changes. Please note regular council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION 2010 - Armour will again use the vote by mail process for the municipal elections to be held on Monday, October 25, 2010. Election information is available on the website, or contact the municipal office. Nominations must be filed by September 10, 2010 at 2 p.m.

ACCESSIBILITY - All municipal staff have recently received accessibility awareness and customer service training. Please feel free to contact the office if we can provide a better quality of service to you or someone you know.

ARMOUR HISTORY - Jan Machesney is working hard on a new history book of Armour Township. If you have memories or pictures you would like to share and include in this book please contact Jan at 705-382-3229, or e-mail jmachesney@surenet.net.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - Be prepared for potential emergencies. Everyone is reminded to listen for severe weather warnings on local radio or television. Check the Armour website for information on "Your Emergency Preparedness Guide". The G8 will be in Huntsville June 25th and 26th 2010. Watch local media closer to the event date for restrictions and/or closures in and around the area.

SECOND SEASON! - The Burk's Falls Farmers Market will once again be held every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting June 1st to October 12th, located beside the Armour, Ryerson, Burk's Falls Memorial Arena. For information, contact Wilma Roberts at 382-2022.

KATRINE COMMUNITY CENTRE - We thank the dedicated volunteers who manage this facility, and who recently oversaw much needed upgrades to the kitchen, as well as the installation of a new heating system. New bleachers are also being installed in the spring. This great facility is available for rent for your upcoming events. Contact Dave Kropf at 382-9438 for bookings.

ARMOUR, RYERSON, BURK'S FALLS MEMORIAL ARENA - The arena continues to be a hub of activity with the installation of summer ice. Rental of the ice surface or of the Karl Crozier Community Hall can be arranged through arena staff at 382-3811.

ROADS - Work on the design build construction for the replacement of the 28.8 metre Leggetts Bridge on North Pickerel Lake Road is ongoing. Construction is expected to commence in 2010, with project completion anticipated some time in 2011. Leggetts Bridge is the 3rd bridge structure in Armour Township to be replaced since 2005 through joint Provincial and Federal funding.

LANDFILL/RECYCLING - The TRI R landfill continues to change, with the anticipated site expansion scheduled for approval by late summer. All efforts will be made to minimize the disruption of service at the site. Hazmat days will be May 29th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., July 14th 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and September 25th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A list of acceptable items and dates will also be available at the landfill. The TRI R Committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month, with a new start time of 7:00 p.m., at the Armour Township office. Public attendance is always welcome. New bag tags will be issued prior to July 1st.

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP - Armour is once again sponsoring a roadside clean up event in support of Pitch-In Canada Week, April 19th to 25th, 2010. Contact the office for registration and participation details.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT - Paul Schaefer, Chief Building Official or Jeff Peppin, Building Inspector are available at the municipal office **Monday mornings from 9 - 12** and **Thursday afternoons from 1 - 4**. You may contact Paul or Jeff at the office with any questions or concerns regarding building in the Township. Please be advised that **all** structural additions or improvements require a building permit. Applications are available on our website or at the municipal office. Site Plan control is now in effect under By-law #44-2009 for certain zones within the township, for construction, addition or alteration of buildings or structures. Plans showing the location of all buildings and structures to be erected or altered must be provided. Copies of the by-law are available on our website or at the municipal office.

OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW - The official plan, now approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is available on the website. Copies can also be purchased from the municipal office. Please plan to attend a public meeting to discuss the zoning by-law update, on Saturday, May 1, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Katrine Community Centre. Your input and comments are appreciated.

LAND USE - Please be reminded that pre-consultation is recommended and in many cases, required for land use planning applications. Additionally, our Woodlands Conservation By-law, #12-2006, passed in April 2006, should be reviewed prior to any significant tree removal. Please view our web site for details.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - The By-law Enforcement Officer is James Mahoney. He can be reached at 705-382-0503. Dog tags are required for all dogs in the Township. 2010 tags are now available at the municipal office.

BURK'S FALLS & DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT - Practise Home Fire Escape Planning! Fire Prevention Officer John Stark is urging families to practise their home fire escape plan. Last year, 101 people died in fires across the province. A stark reminder that everyone in your household must know exactly what to do if a fire occurs. Most fatal fires occur at night when everyone is asleep, so it's important for everyone to know what to do when the smoke alarms sound.

Home fire escape planning includes:

- It's the law. For best protection, install smoke alarms in every bedroom
- Develop a home fire escape plan and discuss it with the entire family, including two escape routes, if possible.
- Check that all exits are unobstructed and easy to use.
- Determine who will be responsible for helping young children, older adults or anyone else that may need assistance.
- Choose a meeting place outside, such as a tree or a lamp post, where everyone can be accounted for.
- If caught in smoke, get low and go under the smoke to the nearest safe exit.
- Call the fire department from outside the home, from a cell phone or neighbour's home.
- Once out, stay out. Never re-enter a burning building.

You may have only seconds to safely escape your home. **Practise your home fire escape plan** and make sure everyone can get out quickly. (Suggestion for Practise Time: One night, after everyone is asleep, have a family member set off smoke alarms.) For more information contact: Fire Prevention Officer John Stark. Phone 705-382-2611 or email bfd@bellnet.ca

Finally, if there are any concerns, issues or suggestions that you would like to see raised or discussed with Council, please contact the office to have your concerns placed on the agenda. Council and staff encourage all to participate in your local government to help maintain and improve our community.

Sincerely,
ARMOUR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Bob MacPhail, Reeve	636-7678	Marty Corcoran, Councillor	382-3441
Jerry Brandt, Councillor	382-6502	Patrick Hayes, Councillor	382-1569
Rodney Blakelock, Councillor	382-3113		

AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE
 56 Ontario Street

Official Plan	\$30.00 + GST	Zoning By-Law (photocopy)	\$31.50 + GST	Recycling Boxes	\$ 5.00
Official Plan - Mailed	\$35.00 + GST	Composters	\$35.00 + GST	Armour Township Pins	\$ 3.00

DOG LICENSE FEES

first dog	\$ 10.00
second dog	\$ 15.00
third dog	\$ 20.00
fourth dog	\$ 25.00
private kennel	\$ 100.00
commercial kennel	\$ 200.00
replacement license	\$ 5.00

LIBRARY HOURS

39 Copeland Street 382-3327

Sunday	CLOSED
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	10:00 - 8:00
Wednesday	10:00 - 3:00
Thursday	10:00 - 8:00
Friday	10:00 - 5:00
Saturday	10:00 - 3:00

LANDFILL SITE HOURS

141 Chetwynd Road

SUMMER HOURS

(Effective May 25th, 2010)

Sunday	12:00 - 5:00
Monday	8:00 - 6:00
Tuesday	12:00 - 6:00
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	12:00 - 6:00
Friday	10:00 - 6:00
Saturday	10:00 - 6:00

WINTER HOURS

(Effective September 7th, 2010)

Sunday	12:00 - 5:00
Monday	12:00 - 5:00
Tuesday	12:00 - 5:00
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	12:00 - 5:00
Friday	10:00 - 5:00
Saturday	10:00 - 5:00