

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR
CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**Monday August 24, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
TRI COUNCIL MEETING**

NOTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the Councils, hosted by the Township of Armour at the Young at Heart Seniors Centre, was held on Monday August 24, 2015. An attendance list is attached.

Reeve MacPhail, Chair opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Minutes

Moved by: Cathy Still, Seconded by: Pat Hayes

That the notes of meeting of the April 27, 2015 Tri Council meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried

Shared Services Reports

- A. Arena – The written report was presented by Nicky Kunkel. The arena is on budget and on target with its work plans. There was a discussion on the request from the Greater Metro Hockey League to house one of their teams at the arena. Some budget projections were presented and based on those, it would take 12 years for the arena to recoup its investment if it agreed to the proposal. The budget was questioned as the commercial fees were not used in the calculation. It was asked that a reworked budget be presented to each Council and that each Council make their views known to Burk's Falls at the next TRI Council meeting.

- B. Historical Society – Linda Maurer presented an oral report advising that the historical society has had a successful year with getting the Watt Museum opened and with the continuing success of the School House Museum. The grand opening was well attended with 175 – 200 people touring the museum. They have added numerous historical pieces to their collection, many of them donations. Some lighting needs to be added to the shed at the School House Museum to showcase the pieces housed there. Their 2016 calendar is out and is selling very well.

- C. Economic Development – Dave Gray presented his report. He began with an invitation to all members of Council to a public meeting regarding branding our area, "The Villages of Almaguin" to be held on September 23, 2015 at the Karl Crozier Community Hall. This meeting is being held so that participants can share ideas on how to promote and grow our area in business, tourism and lifestyle. Tables will be setup and participants will circulate the room and share their ideas. If you are available on September 23 and would like to assist please give your name to Dave. The Business retention project is also moving forward with the assistance of Karen Jones Consulting. Training is being offered to assist volunteers to conduct business interviews with operators in the region. The data collected will be assessed and reported on. If you are interested in assisting with this project please provide your name to Dave. We hope to identify businesses

who may want to expand, or move to our area, but may be facing challenges. He can then look for opportunities and resources from higher levels of government. He is hoping to reach as many businesses as possible and create as many opportunities as possible. This project will move forward when volunteers are recruited and trained. The community guide went very well. The budget is on track and we have a three year funding agreement in place.

- D. Fire – Dave McNay presented his report. The budget is on track. A report was provided to explain the difference between mutual aid and automatic aid. Reeve MacPhail then explained the purpose of the meetings to discuss a regional approach to fire protection for our area. He explained there was no set plan as of yet, they want each municipality in the region to meet and put together a memorandum of understanding before moving forward with a request for proposal for a feasibility study to consider a regional fire department. There may be items that do not need to be included in the study. If all interested municipalities are present at the initial meetings then we will get the same information and can decide to remain included in this project or not. The new call out protocol has been implemented and has resulted in reduced medical calls.
- E. Fire Prevention – Martyn Payge presented his report. He received a good response on the flyers he sent out promoting smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and fire safety. He was asked if we will ever see a good percentage of fire inspections completed. He responded things change so much we do the best we can, but we can never have all property inspections completed. We had a Fire Safety Commission hearing regarding an Armour property, an owner was disputing the request we had made for his property. We are confident the hearing will be in the fire department's favor.
- F. Fire Training – Gary Courtice presented his report. He asked if any of the three municipalities has signing authority with MTO for DZ licenses. He can do the training, but the cost goes up dramatically if we do not have signing authority. He is asking for a letter to be sent to MTO to get the authority and reduce training costs. Ryerson will look into this. He is looking at booking training at the Fire College for next January. Ideally all firefighters in the region are trained to the same level so they all know what to expect when they respond to an incident.
- G. Library – Doug Weddell presented the library report and advised the TRI Council that the Library Board had decided to keep their summer student for 13 hours per week until the end of the year. This was not budgeted and they will use some of their surplus to cover the cost. They will add some money to next year's budget to keep this employee until March 2106. The TRI Council agreed with their plan.
- H. Waste Management – Amy Tilley presented her report. There is a need to purchase more bag tags for Burk's Falls so they have to decide if they wish to continue with the bag tags or use another method and who will be paying for them. The inspection report requested we look into how we cover the landfill site and to make sure we follow the cover rules. The annual landfill survey is done, we are waiting for the report. In 2016 we will need to request an expansion or complete a closure report. Three new wells have been installed and they are dug as deep as it takes to reach bedrock or water. We need to look at how passes are given out,

currently they are mailed and we are experiencing many requests for replacement cards. There has to be a better way to control this and each municipality is being asked to send their ideas to Amy. The TRI Council discussed the clear bag implementation strategy which will begin in January, 2016. Everyone agreed that we would follow the implementation schedule.

- I. Economic Development Agreement – Ryerson presented a letter to the TRI Council advising Armour and Burk’s Falls that they would not participate in the industrial park the two municipalities were presently looking at, but they would like to be asked again if other opportunities came up.

Next Meeting will be October 26, 2015 hosted by the Township of Ryerson at the Young at Heart Senior Centre.

Moved by Lewis Hodgson, Seconded by Jerry Brandt,
That the TRI Council meeting now adjourn at 21:30. Carried.

Original signed by Bob MacPhail

Robert MacPhail, Chair