

Township of Armour

Spring 2016

“Armour Township, Remembering the Past, Planning for the Future”

General Information

Interim tax bills for 2016 are due in two installments, the first half is due on March 29th and the second half is due on April 29th. A fee of \$40 will be charged for any cheque returned from a financial institution. Credit card payments are accepted through online transactions. Please visit our website and click the PAY NOW button to use your credit card, third party fees are applicable.

Preauthorized Payment

This NEW payment plan option allows you the benefit of settling your tax bill without ever writing a cheque! With a Preauthorized Payment Plan, funds are withdrawn directly from your bank account. No waiting in line at the bank, no mail-out delays, no running to the corner store for stamps. You can choose between making monthly payments or paying installments on the due dates indicated on the tax bills. Minimize the hassle and join today. See our website for more details.

Website & Facebook

The Township of Armour has a new website, complete with a community calendar and public notices. It is a vital part for improving community engagement. Visit us at  www.armourtownship.ca. In addition, keep up to date with municipal news and events through our Facebook page. Head to our Facebook page and give us a like.

Arena

Public Skating is offered for \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 per child on Fridays from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Skates are available free of charge. If you need a hall to rent, the Karl Crozier Hall is a fabulous location with a full kitchen. Call the Arena at 705-382-3811 to book.

Eighth Season

Plans for the Burk's Falls Farmers Market and Crafters Corner are in the works. Please watch for updates. Vendors wanted, call Wilma at 705-382-2022.

Council Meetings

If there are any 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 welcomes your attendance at our regular meetings held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 pm. Agendas and minutes may be viewed on our website.

Civic Address Signs

Keep the sign clear of snow, branches and other obstructions. If you have existing solar or wind turbine power, contact our office to obtain an alternative energy sign.

Fire Department

By-law #34-2015 was passed on August 25th, 2015 prescribing times and conditions for setting fires. Flying lanterns are not to be ignited or released in the Township. The by-law can be viewed on our website or pick up a copy at the office. Time is everything when a smoke alarm activates; get out, stay out and call 911.

Volunteering

Volunteering may be one of the most valuable experiences of your life. Your community or cause benefits from your work and you benefit from your experiences. Volunteers provide a unique and vital role in the delivery of services in our community. Join a local organization whose activities you support and promote what you feel is important.

Building Department

Structural additions or improvements require a building permit. Applications are available on our website or at the municipal office. Your property's zoning will determine what you can build on your property. Site plan control may also apply. Contact the office early in your planning process to receive specific information about the requirements. Paul Schaefer, Chief Building Official can be reached Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons at the Municipal Office.

Katrine Centre

Dance group is on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Call Brian for information at 705-636-1171. Jamborees are on the 2nd Saturday of each month until June. For hall rentals, call Joy Murphy at 705-571-0125 or Dave Kropf at 705-783-6457. Check the Katrine Community Centre Facebook page for upcoming events. We are always looking for new volunteers!

Roads Department

The Roads Department is gearing up for another busy season. Several road rehabilitation projects are scheduled for this year along with ongoing routine maintenance. Please slow down when approaching crews working on the road. For additional information, please contact Keith McCoy @ 705-382-5982.

Community Development

The Burk's Falls and Area Community Economic Development Committee, or BACED, (formerly the South Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee) is preparing to launch their new name, logos and community branding material in 2016. With these pieces in place, the committee intends to strengthen how we promote and market our community. The Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce has nearly completed their regional Business Retention and Expansion project which will have a lasting impact on all of the communities in the area. For more information, contact Dave Gray at 705-571-1564.

Health Care

The Health Centre, located at 150 Huston Street, provides a pharmacy, x-ray, lab, physio, Addiction Outreach, and The Friends Day Away Program. To serve the needs of seniors and help them maintain independence in their homes, a frozen meal program is available. Please call 705-382-2900 or visit www.almaguin-health.org for further information.

Support Services

A wheelchair accessible van is available for seniors aged 65+ living in the area to provide transportation for medical appointments at a user fee of \$0.25 per km. Call 1-888-521-0000.

TRI-R LANDFILL

HAZMAT Days for 2016 are May 28th and August 27th - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm both days at the Strong Township Landfill, 483 Forest Lake Road. The Landfill Site Pass for 2016-2017 will be issued in June. If there are multiple owners for your property and you require more than one card, please contact the office. **A launch of the clear garbage bag policy will begin on April 21, 2016 at the landfill site. Warnings will be issued to residents that do not use the clear bags and recorded by staff. A MANDATORY AND AN ENFORCEABLE CLEAR GARBAGE BAG POLICY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE LANDFILL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016, NO EXCEPTIONS.** If clear bags are not used or if there is recyclable/hazardous waste in a clear bag, your garbage will be turned away at the landfill site.

2015 Blue Box Recycling

Cardboard	110 MT
Paper	55 MT
Aluminum	5 MT
Baled Steel	14 MT
Scrap Steel	21 MT
Plastic Bags	10 MT
Plastic Containers	39 MT
Glass	15 MT
Light Bulbs & Tubes	2,096

Towne Theatre

Movies will be played daily at 7:00 pm on the digital projector from June to August. Watch for the movie listing posting online. Cost is \$7.50 for Children/Seniors; \$8.50 for Students and \$9.50 for Adults.



Pitch-In

We are sponsoring a roadside clean up in support of Pitch-In Canada Week from May 14th to 20th. Come in to the municipal office to register your roadside area and to pick up supplies. **The landfill offers free drop off of the litter to registrants.** Registered children will receive a Certificate of Participation. A volunteer thank you BBQ is to be arranged, watch for details!

Doe Lake Bridge

We will be completing the reconstruction of Doe Lake Road Bridge in the summer and fall of 2016. Doe Lake Road at the bridge will be closed for the duration of the work. Specific dates will be provided once the Contractor's schedule is finalized. Detour routes have been posted on our website under Public Notices. Information signs indicating the appropriate detour will be posted at each of the major intersections along Doe Lake Road and the Detour Route.

OPP

For non-emergency matters, please call 1-888-310-1122.

Soccer & Baseball

Sign up children for T-Ball/Baseball and Soccer at the Village of Burk's Falls office in April. Call 705-382-3138 for details.



Library

The Public Library provides programming and information in a variety of formats for the well-being of our community. Explore what your Community Library has to offer, no matter your age. *Story Hour – every third Friday *Genealogy Workshops *Book Club Meeting – every first Monday *Almaguin Kids Club – every Saturday. Public computers and WIFI service available and free computer lessons. Photocopying, scanning, faxing and laminating are offered for a minimum fee. Bestsellers arriving daily! Check out the library website or Facebook page to see "What's Happening @ The Library This Week".

39 Copeland Street
Tuesday & Thursday
10:00 am-8:00 pm
Wednesday & Saturday
10:00 am-3:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am-5:00 pm

Grow A Row

Together we can turn the table on hunger. Grow a row in your vegetable garden for the local food bank. Call 705-382-3989 or 705-783-5166 for details.

DSSAB

The District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board works to provide human services and help people out. Services include affordable housing, childcare, etc. A little support can make a world of difference during a rough patch in your life. Call 1-800-461-4464 for details.

211 Ontario

Call 2-1-1 to find social, health and government services near you. It is a helpline and online database of Ontario's community and social services. 2-1-1 is also available for public inquiry to support government during emergency response and recovery.

Historical Society

The Burk's Falls and District Historical Society has two Heritage Centres: Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse at 112 Midlothian Road in Ryerson Township and the Watt Century Farm House at 827 Chetwynd Road in Armour Township. The Heritage Centres are open from May to October. Everyone is welcome.

Donations are gratefully accepted. The Historical Society website is currently under construction. The new web address will be www.burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com.

Heritage Day will be held on July 23rd at the Watt Century Farm House. This is a joint venture with the Strong Agricultural Society Heritage Centre and will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 162nd Battalion. These members of the military were largely from our area and had base camps in Burk's Falls and Sundridge. Watch for details! A library is being set up in the Watt Century Farm House for anyone wishing to research family history and local genealogy.

Volunteers and new members are welcome! Our meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at Fell Homes, 5 Mary Street, Burk's Falls.

Contact

Municipal Office, 56 Ontario Street
☎ 705-382-3332
Municipal Garage, 564 Garage Road
☎ 705-382-5982
TRI-R Landfill, 141 Chetwynd Road
☎ 705-382-2682

Armour Township Council

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