

Township of Armour

Spring 2017

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

General Information

Interim tax bills for 2017 are due in two installments, the first half is due on March 31st and the second half is due on April 28th. Credit card payments are accepted through our website. Third party fees are applicable. To avoid incurring interest penalties on overdue taxes, please ensure that you make your payments on time.

Preauthorized Payment

We offer payment plan options that allow you the benefit of settling your tax bill. You can choose between making monthly payments or paying installments on the due dates indicated on the tax bills. Join today! See our website for more details.

Website & Facebook

Visit us at www.armourtownship.ca and follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with municipal news and events. Head to our Facebook page and give us a like.

Arena

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.

Nineth Season

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

Council Meetings

If there are any issues or suggestions that you would like to see 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.

Armour Township Council

Bob MacPhail, Reeve	705-636-7678
Rod Blakelock, Councillor	705-382-3113
Jerry Brandt, Councillor	705-382-6502
Marina Hammond, Councillor	705-382-3398
Patrick Hayes, Councillor	705-382-1569

Canada Day 150

Armour Township is partnering with the Village of Burk's Falls, the Township of Ryerson, and the Historical Society to host a special festival in 2017. Celebrating Saw and Steam! 150 Years of Industry and Transportation is a festival that is taking place over a three weekend period: June 24, July 1 & July 8. A series of activities will bring our history to life. Throughout the festival people will be able to participate in hands-on activities that celebrate our history. Families will be treated to a special museum exhibit, horse drawn wagon rides, farmer's markets and a spectacular fireworks display on Canada Day.

For three weeks in the summer of 2017 join us in Burk's Falls, Armour and Ryerson and take a journey where we learn about our history, experience it first-hand, and look ahead to the future! More details will follow in the coming months on our website (under the Public Notices page) and Facebook. If you are interested in volunteering at the festival, please contact David Gray at 705-571-1564.

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.

Halcyon Shore Beach

The public beach located across from 2159 Pickerel and Jack Lake Road has been named Halcyon Shore Beach and will be facilitated this summer for public use with picnic tables. It will be open this June.



CANADA 150

Roads Department

The Roads Department is gearing up for another busy season. Several road rehabilitation projects are scheduled for this year including portions of Chetwynd Road, Pickerel & Jack Lake Road, Three Mile Lake Road and Commercial Drive. Please slow down when approaching crews working on the road. For additional information, please contact Keith McCoy at 705-382-5982.

Community Development

The Burk's Falls & Area Community Economic Development Committee is working on improving signage throughout the community. This includes directional signage to municipally owned parks and recreational sites, as well as several special signs. The committee is also undertaking an accommodations study to determine the viability of a hotel/motel with a goal of attracting new investment in the accommodation sector. For details regarding these or other initiatives, please contact Dave Gray: cedo@burksfalls.ca.

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.

Fire Department

Effective April 1st to October 31st no outdoor fires shall be set in the Township between the hours of 10:00 am & 6:00 pm. Remember to change the batteries in your alarms when we move our clocks ahead this spring.

Municipal Elections

The next municipal election will be held October 22nd, 2018. Watch for website updates. Those thinking they have a future career in municipal politics can file nomination papers from May 1st, 2018 up until July 27th, 2018.

CN Rail

Together we can help save lives! If you witness any unsafe situation near the railroad, please call 1-800-465-9239.

TRI-R LANDFILL

HAZMAT Days for 2017 are May 27th and August 26th - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm both days at the Strong Township Landfill, 483 Forest Lake Road. The Landfill Site Pass for 2017-2018 will be issued in June. If there are multiple owners for your property and you require more than one card, please contact the municipal office. In recognition of Canada's 150 Celebration, we are challenging residents under the age of 16 to recycle 150 batteries. Participants will receive a free package of batteries and a participation certificate. Challenge ends on July 9th, 2017.

2016 Recycling

Cardboard	93.16 MT
Paper	53.53 MT
Containers	125.69 MT
Scrap Steel	64.86 MT
Electronics	22.12 MT
Tires	965

Towne Theatre

Movies will be played daily at 7:00 pm on the digital projector from June to August. Watch for the movie listing online.

Pitch-In

We are sponsoring a roadside clean up in support of Pitch-In Canada 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.

OPP

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

Spring Flooding

The Ministry of Natural Resources keeps the municipality advised of any threats due to rising water or ice jams. Ratepayers can check for flood alerts by going to the Township's website.

DSSAB

The District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board works to provide human services and help people out. Services include affordable housing, childcare, financial assistance, 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. Visit www.211ontario.ca to find programs and services around you.

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

Library

We are a dynamic organization that provides innovative programming and information in a variety of formats for the well-being of our community. *Celebrate Canada 150 with stories and art by joining the TD Summer Reading Club.* Explore what your Library has to offer, no matter your age:

- Story Hour with Carolyn – every third Friday
- Local History Workshops/Research Help
- Book Club Meeting – every first Monday
- Almaguin Kids Club – every Thursday; MineCraft Club – Saturdays
- Public Computers and WIFI Service. Free Lessons!
- Photocopying, scanning, faxing and laminating offered for a minimal fee

Check out the [new arrivals section](#) for your next read. If you [prefer listening](#) to popular titles, we have those too. We loan [eReaders](#) loaded with books of different genres or we can help you borrow books on your eReader/Tablet through our [Download Centre](#).

"A Visit Will Get You Thinking" when you go to www.burksfallslibrary.com. All these and much more could not be possible without your patronage and support and for that WE THANK YOU.  

By-Law Enforcement

Council or management can determine that a particular by-law would benefit from proactive enforcement, however in most cases we respond reactively to community complaints. Complaint forms are available on our website and at the office and require completion prior to investigation. Contact Jason Pidgen at 705-349-1150. When you call, be prepared to provide details such as: the problem, the location, your name, address and phone number. This information is required for documentation purposes. All complainant information remains strictly confidential.

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. Plan to visit the Schoolhouse on June 24th for a logging and steamship display and celebrate Canada 150 with the Township of Ryerson. **Heritage Day** will be held on July 8th at the Watt Century Farm House, come out to celebrate early farming life. Traditional industries will be profiled such as trapping and maple syrup. A special museum exhibit will be displayed from the Archives of Ontario!

Volunteers and new members are welcome! Our meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at Fell Homes, 5 Mary Street, Burk's Falls. Keep up to date on our hours and events by visiting our website and blog: www.burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com



**M.A. Wittick
Public School**

MA Wittick Closure

MA Wittick Junior Public School will be closing in June 2017. The school will be holding a FINAL CELEBRATION on May 6th from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm at the school and from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Legion. Dinner tickets are available to purchase. On this day all former staff and students are invited to an open house at the school followed by a social and dinner at the Legion. This will be an opportunity to meet old friends and colleagues, view memorabilia and tell stories. Keep up to date on the status of the event, obtain dinner tickets and join the discussion page to share stories on the Facebook event page: M.A. Wittick Junior Public School Final Celebration!

KATRINE COMMUNITY CENTRE CLUB

“A Community For All Seasons”

6 Brown's Drive, Katrine, POA 1L0

katrinecommunitycentre@gmail.com

We would like to welcome you to the community of Katrine and give you an idea of some of the activities and events that take place at the Katrine Community Centre and Seniors Club.

The Katrine Community Centre Club hosts dinners several times a year as well as a Winter Karnival which takes place over a three day period on the last weekend in February. Country Jamborees are held the second Saturday of every month from October through to June. These Jamborees are held from 12:30 p.m. to 4:05 p.m. Entrance fees are by donation and a snack is served during the afternoon, also by donation. Bar refreshments are available for purchase. Everyone is welcome.

Your Community Centre is available to be rented for private events, as well as fundraisers. For rentals, please contact Dave Kropf at 705-783-6457. The Community Centre hosts a fundraiser for the Cancer Society each March/April. For other information about events please go to Katrine Community Centre on Facebook or call Joy at 705-571-0125. If you are interested in joining the Community Centre Club and helping with planning and putting on the events, there is a meeting at the Centre on the third Monday of each month from September through to June at 7:00 p.m. There is no membership fee to join and volunteer help is always welcome.

We also have a Seniors Leisure Club which is open to anyone over the age of 50. This Club is held in the downstairs of the Community Centre and has a chair lift available. The seniors host euchre and bid euchre tournaments throughout the year, they also play bid euchre every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Ti-Chi is also held every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Meetings are held four times a year. For further information call Janet Hicks at 705-382-6060.

The Katrine Baseball Club is a family league and they play every second Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. with teams made up of men, women and children. The season begins on Mother's Day, and continues until September, with bi-weekly games, tournaments, and a playoff game with dinner and awards, (if there are enough players). For more information, please call Henry Van Duzen at 705-636-9080.



Burk's Falls & District Fire Department

Fire Prevention Officer
162 Huston Street
P.O Box 70
Burk's Falls
Ontario, P0A 1C0

Martyn Payge
To Contact Fire Prevention
Call or Email
Tel: 705 788 4676
fpo.mpayge.bfdfd@gmail.com



"Saving Lives...Through Education!"

DAYTIME BURNING REGULATIONS

LOW	NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED Open Air Burning and Incinerators, including burn barrels with 3/8" mesh as lid allowed Starting at 6pm and completely out by 10am. Only environmentally friendly products may be burned. Camp Fires are allowed for cooking and warmth at anytime.
MODERATE	NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED Open Air Burning and Incinerators, including burn barrels with 3/8" mesh as lid allowed starting at 6pm and completely out by 10am. Only environmentally friendly products may be burned. Camp Fires are allowed for cooking and warmth at anytime.
HIGH	NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED - Including Incinerators. NO OPEN BURNING – NO FIREWORKS Only Enclosed Camp Fires for cooking and warmth. Enclosed fire, surrounding by brick / stones or in metal burn container / ring no bigger than 2 feet / 24 inches.
EXTREME	COMPLETE FIRE BAN NO BURNING ALLOWED at anytime. NO FIREWORKS

- No daytime burning permitted between 10am to 6pm from April 1st - October 31st
- No accelerants are permitted.
- At a minimum, are required to have garden hose attached to a water source or 2 large pails of water, shovels, and anything that can assist in containing or extinguishing the fire should it spread from its origin.
- All fires must be under constant supervision and control from time of lighting until it is totally extinguished. Use plenty of water to extinguish the fire.
- If you have any questions with regards to fire safety or the fire rating, please do not hesitate to contact the Fire Prevention Office at the above contact details.

FIRE SAFETY PLANNING SAVE LIVES

"Plan ahead - Implement - Practice"

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q.** Can I get a burn permit?
A. NO - We do not issue burn permits for domestic burning.
We issue a general contractor burn permit for land clearing for new builds ONLY.
This requires a fire safety inspection of property before and while burning; there is a cost involved.
- Q.** Can I have a campfire while the fire rating is on **HIGH**?
A. YES – Follow the guidelines as set out in the explanation of **HIGH** and notes below the explanations. *All fires are to be fully extinguished before leaving.*
- Q.** Can I burn furniture, bed mattresses, and household rubbish etc.?
A. NO – Do not burn anything that is environmentally unfriendly. Untreated and natural materials only.
- Q.** Can I have a campfire when the rating is at **EXTREME**?
A. NO – No fires are permitted – *This is a total fire ban*
- Q.** When can I set fireworks?
A. ONLY - When the fire rating is **LOW** or **MODERATE**.
Read the manufacturers instruction prior setting fireworks. Please be responsible when setting fireworks. Though they are fun to watch, once in the air, they are unpredictable.
- Q.** Can I light and release Chinese lanterns?
A. NO – There are By-Laws in the municipalities of Burk's Falls, Ryerson and Armour that prohibits this.
Please visit your local municipal office to obtain a copy of this By-Law.
- Q.** What size fire can I have?
A. The fire department would advise when at **LOW** or **MODERATE**; no bigger than 6 feet wide 6 feet tall. If you have a fire that is 3 feet in diameter, the flames will most likely be 5-6 feet. When **HIGH**, follow the guideline as set out in the explanations. Also, if windy, do not burn.

Always think safety before making a fire and before setting off fireworks.