

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

**Monday April 25, 2016 – 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 April 25th, 2016. An attendance list is attached.

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

No pecuniary interest was declared. Reeve Miller introduced the Township of Ryerson's New Deputy Clerk, Leanne Fetterley who was welcomed.

Minutes

Moved by: Lewis Hodgson, Seconded by: Barbara Marlow

That the notes of meeting held on January 25th, 2016 be accepted as circulated. Carried

Shared Services Reports

- A. Arena – The written report was presented by Mitch Matson, Arena Manager. New water tank has been installed. Recent Docs on Ice tournament was a great success with many compliments on the Burk's Falls arena and ice condition. Mitch highlighted the changes to the 2016 budget including the water tank. The revised 2016 budget does not include the possible Junior A hockey league as it is not yet confirmed. The 2015 over expenditure was due to retirement pay out and revenue shortfall.

- B. Historical Society – Diane Brandt read a report updating everyone on the Historical Society activities and plans for the coming season. The website went live on Monday, April 4th, 2016 and they would like the municipalities to link to the new website. New signs produced by Rick Almont will be installed soon. Grant money has been used to produce pop up banners, flyers and rack cards. The rack cards have been distributed to the Ontario Information Centre in Barrie and will also be taken to Gravenhurst and North Bay. Heritage Day is scheduled for July 23rd, 2016. This will be celebrated with a partnership with the Strong Agricultural Society Heritage Centre to honour the 162nd Battalion. Advertising two positions is currently underway, a mature staff person and a museum assistant (student) position. Funding has been applied for but municipal contributions are also required to fund the mature person to provide supervision of the student. Hours of operation for both facilities are contingent on receiving municipal support.

- C. Economic Development, BACED – Dave Gray presented his report and discussed the highlights. The Business Retention and Expansion project raised a number of red flag issues as well as some green flag issues. This project has provided an excellent source of information to assist us in making our area "open and ready for business". The report provided information on lead source and tracking. BACED Committee branding has finalized a tourism, business and lifestyle tag lines as follows:

Tourism – Trailside, Lakeside, Fireside – Plan your Escape

Business – Positioned for Growth

Lifestyle – Naturally Beautiful, Unlimited Possibilities.

You will see these messages as we go forward with marketing the area.

Villages of Almaguin marketing concept was also discussed. This concept is a tool to use in a regional approach to promote at trade shows and marketing events throughout our district and beyond. The role out for Villages of Almaguin will take place on June 10th, 2016 at Showcase Almaguin. A 2016 budget update to March 31st, 2016 was provided.

- D. Fire – Chief Dave McNay presented his report which included 2015 year end statistics for calls for service. Armour had 62 calls, including 32 medical; Burk's Falls had 37 calls with 20 medical and Ryerson had 12 calls with 4 medical. Purchases in 2015 include chevrons for all trucks, cordless sawzall, 2 sets of scene lighting including stands, hose and 2 sets of bunker gear, new boiler for fire hall, Mako fill station and 2 ice water rescue suits. Live training is booked at the Fire College May 7 and 8 and August 27 and 28, 2016. Financial update to March 31st, 2016 was included in the agenda package. Dave had positive things to say about the work done by the Fire Chief's and the Regional Fire Service Committee.
- E. Fire Prevention – Fire Prevention Officer Martyn Payge presented his report. Prevention has been working on fire safety inspections, complaint inspections, fire drill observations, fire safety plan review and implementation, inspection requests and fire scene investigations. Visits are planned to trailer parks and campgrounds in May to promote fire safety and education. Martyn is looking to complete building code courses and exams to assist with the review of building plans for fire safety features. A letter has been forwarded seeking sponsorship for the smoke and carbon monoxide alarm program. This was sponsored previously by Stan Darling Insurance.
- F. Fire Training – Gary Courtice, Trainer, provided a written report highlighting ongoing training and what is planned for the balance of the year including PPE inspection and donning, SCBA inspection and donning, ventilation theory, structural collapse awareness, trench rescue awareness, and company officer training. Standard operating procedures currently being worked on include doffing and bagging PPE at scene, disinfecting medical equipment, promotional routine, and social media. Upcoming sessions include team performance standards # 1 – 3, ladders, and ventilation.
- G. Library – No report was added after the meeting package was sent out. Library representative Rod Blakelock, read the report which highlighted library activities. No financial update was provided.
- H. Waste Management – Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator presented her report. An application for expansion has been submitted to MOE as well as an application for an emergency expansion. A contracted operator has been hired to work the compactor. The landfill compactor is currently at Tormont for maintenance and repair. Clear bag program is rolling out with some residents already switched to clear bags. Residents are pleased with the recent change which requires less sorting of recyclables. Traffic flow changes have been implemented as well. Building repair tender is moving forward, need complete

snow melt before we advertise. Amy also provided information on Bill 151 – Waste Reduction vs Waste Diversion. Diversion statistics from 2011 to 2015 were provided. 2016 financial update was also provided.

I. Old Business:

Joint Fire Service Update – Dave and Bob spoke of the progress this committee has made and the positive results to date. A comprehensive risk assessment for the region will move forward next. There is considerable interest in the fire service community about this project.

Shared Service Agreement – Reeve MacPhail spoke to this item with a number of suggestions as to how we can move forward to negotiate a new cost sharing agreement. He believes we all need to come to the table completely open with no pre-conceived ideas as to what the percentages should be. We need to work through the full process. He would like to agree on the format and agenda for the first meeting. The group discussed a number of items to consider including where do we start, user pay and assessment, to look at each service independently and what happens if we cannot agree. It was agreed that all council members will be included in meetings the last Monday of May and June. All clerks will also attend. We will meet at the Burk's Falls Seniors Centre at 7 p.m. The chair will rotate.

Volunteer Appreciation – Discussed if this will be limited to municipal committee volunteers or opened up to all community volunteers. Most council members felt they wanted to show recognition to all community volunteers. No decisions were made on when, where or how this will be coordinated.

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by Lisa Morrison, TRI Council enters into a closed session at 9:26 p.m. pursuant to the Municipal Act, as per Section 239 2 (b) (c) of the Municipal Act to discuss acquisition or disposition of land including leasing of municipal property. Carried

Moved by Marina Hammond, Seconded by Rex Smith, That the TRI Council now reconvene to regular session at 9:45 p.m. Reeve MacPhail will not report. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, Seconded by Jarvis Osborne, That we do now adjourn the TRI Council meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Next Meeting will be Monday, May 30th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. hosted by the Township of Ryerson at the Young at Heart Senior Centre. This meeting will be to discuss a shared service agreement.

Original signed by Bob MacPhail
Robert MacPhail, Chair