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Hello Armour Township,

I hope that everyone is doing as well as possible under the current circumstances. The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly changed our lives. My parents lived through World War II and were children in the Great Depression. My grandparents lived through both World Wars and were parents during the Great Depression. They would talk to me about these events, but I am sure they realized that no amount of talking could make me understand what it was really like. Those world events passed and life always returned to normal. This pandemic will also pass and we will return to better times. I am sure that all of us, regardless of age, will be recounting this life altering event for many years to come.

I want to assure everyone that the Township of Armour is functioning the best it can and we are here to help you. We have closed down common areas such as the Arena, Library and the Katrine Community Centre. But essential services are still operating. The door to the Township Office might be closed, but it is still being staffed during normal working hours. Give us a call or send an email. The Roads Department is still working and will be maintaining the roads during the Spring thaw. The Landfill is continuing to operate under normal hours. The Fire Department is still responding to calls. Our Building Department and By-law Enforcement Official are still performing their jobs.

I am a "glass half full" person. We are lucky to live where we do. I think at the present time, anyone would rather be living in the Near North than in the city. Please take the guidance that is being given from the Federal and Provincial governments to heart. Practice social distancing and avoid groups of people. This is definitely a case of short-term pain for long term gain.

If you become housebound and are running low on food or prescriptions, please call the Township Office. We will do everything we can to help get all of us through this.

Bob MacPhail, Reeve