

**TRI COUNCIL**  
**VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS / TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR / TOWNSHIP OF**  
**RYERSON**  
**NOTES OF MEETING**

FEBRUARY 26, 2024

The Tri-Council meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour, Council of the Township of Ryerson and the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls was held on Monday February 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Katrine Community Centre.

Attendance:

Township of Ryerson: Mayor George Sterling, Councillors Beverly Abbott, Glenn Miller, Delynne Patterson, and Dan Robertson. Staff: Brayden Robinson, CAO/Treasurer; Nancy Field, Deputy Clerk, Dave McNay Fire Chief; Ken Stevenson, Deputy Chief and Cam Haffner, Fire Prevention Officer.

Township of Armour: Mayor Rod Ward, Councillors Rod Blakelock, Wendy Whitwell, Jerry Brandt, and Dorothy Haggart-Davis. Staff: John Theriault, Clerk-Treasurer; Charlene Watt, Deputy Clerk; Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator.

Village of Burk's Falls: Mayor Chris Hope, Councillors John Wilson, Ryan Baptiste. Ashley Brandt and Sean Cotton. Staff: Denis Duguay, Clerk Administrator; Tammy Wylie, Treasurer; Graham Smith Arena Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Ward.

Adoption of Minutes. Be it resolved that the meeting notes from the Tri Council meeting of October 23, 2023, be accepted as amended. (Carried)

Fire Department:

The Fire Chief presented the 2024 final draft fire budget. The operating budget for the fire department is increasing by 8.86% or \$40,100 and the capital budget is increasing by \$630,689 or 574.68% giving a total increase of \$670,789 or 119.30%. In the operating budget the wages are increasing by \$22,600, the new equipment is increasing by \$9,100 and the vehicle expense is increasing by \$6,800. The capital budget includes the purchase of a new pumper for \$669,400 and the engineering of the new fire hall for \$50,000. Questions were asked and answered. The Townships of Armour and Ryerson passed resolutions approving the 2024 Fire Department's budget, the Village of Burk's Falls tabled their resolution on this item.

Arena

The Arena Manager presented the 2024 final draft arena budget and a 2023 summary report. The operating budget is increasing by \$60,443 or 21.61% and the capital budget is increasing by \$28,250 or 26.65% giving a total increase of \$88,683 or 23.00%. Operating changes include an increase in revenues of \$35,450, an increase of \$58,254 in salaries & benefits, \$6,528 in insurance, \$9,991 in utilities, \$5,900 for the maintenance of the Zamboni \$4,500 for the Agricultural Society's tents and other increases which are due mostly to the increase in use of the arena. Increases in the capital budget are related to the repair and maintenance of the facility. Questions were asked and answered. Each municipality passed a resolution approving the 2024 Arena budget.

Library

The Library CEO presented the 2024 final draft library budget. The total library budget is increasing by \$8,119 or 4.57%. This increase is mostly due to inflation. Questions were asked and answered. Each municipality passed a resolution approving the 2024 Library budget.

### Waste Management

The Waste Management Administrator presented the 2024 final draft waste management budget. The total waste management budget is increasing by \$21,271 or 7.76%. Due to an increase in hours and a replacement of an employee, the salaries are increasing by \$35,231, which is offset by a \$15,000 reduction in the capital budget. Questions were asked and answered. Each municipality passed a resolution approving the 2024 Waste Management budget.

### Blue Box Program Transition

The Waste Management Administrator presented a report on the transitioning of the blue box to full producer responsibility. The report covered some background information. The report included some discussion items and some questions which need to be answered before finalizing the transition. TRI Council discussed the report, and the Waste Management Administrator will be completing more research and report back at a future TRI Council meeting.

### Updates on New Fire Hall

The Township of Ryerson provided a report presenting an update on the new fire hall project. EMS has dropped out of the project. Therefore, this project will now be the sole responsibility of the three municipalities. The report advised each partner of their share of this project. It also provided a schedule of how the project should move forward. The preliminary costs to start this project have been included in the 2024 Fire Department budget. If the partners agree with the construction schedule and to cover their share of the cost of this project, then this project can move forward. The Townships of Armour and Ryerson passed resolutions approving the construction schedule and their share of the cost of this project. The Village of Burk's Falls tabled their resolution on this item.

### Update on New Library Project

The Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator of the Township of Armour submitted a report that provided an update on the new library project. The report covered the work which has been accomplished for the replacement of the library. It also requested direction and some decisions from the three municipalities. After some discussion, the Township Armour passed a resolution approving the inclusion of their share of the cost of bringing this project to tender in their 2024 budgets. The Village of Burk's Falls and the Township of Ryerson tabled their resolutions on this item.

### Representative on the OPP Detachment Board

TRI Council reviewed an email which provided information on the creation of an OPP Detachment Board. One representative will need to be appointed to represent the Township of Ryerson, the Village of Burk's Falls, and the Township of Armour. Each municipality passed a resolution appointing Dan Robertson to the OPP Detachment Board.

### Water and Sewer Expansion and Connections

TRI Council discussed how water and sewer connections are completed and where the systems are available in our community. The Village of Burk's Falls was asked why a request for a connection has not yet been completed. The Village of Burk's Falls advised TRI Council that the agreement giving them authority over the water and sewer connections on Commercial Drive is presently in their lawyers' hands and that they should get a response within a week.

### Agricultural Society – Fall Fair/Arena Ice

TRI Council discussed a request from the Agricultural Society to the Village of Burk's Falls to take out the ice during the Fall Fair, which they are looking at making into a three-day event. Based on the information provided by the Agricultural Society, the agreement the

Society has with the Village of Burk's Falls requires the Village to take out the ice for the Fall Fair. The Agricultural Society needs to know if they can use the arena ice area so they may advise their vendors.

The Village of Burk's Falls is requesting that the agreement be forwarded to them for review. They also invited the Agricultural Society to attend their Council meeting to discuss this issue.

Other Business

TRI Council was advised that although there presently are problems with the new hospital build in this region, we need to stay positive and support it. We also need to stay involved in the conversation so that our needs are taken into consideration.

TRI Council was also advised that the Burk's Falls Health Team and the Sundridge and District Medical Centre both received an ongoing grant which will create five- and one-half positions in the health community. This will improve services in our region.

Next Meeting is May 27, 2024, with Township of Burk's Falls hosting.

Adjournment

Moved by Glenn Miller, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the TRI Council of the Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls adjourn this regular TRI Council meeting at 9:15 p.m. until the next regular TRI Council meeting scheduled for May 27, 2024, to be hosted by the Village of Burk's Falls. Carried

Original Signed by Mayor Sterling

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Mayor

Original Signed by Nancy Feilds

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Clerk/~~Deputy Clerk~~