

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

MARCH 25, 2024

The Tri-Council meeting of the Council of the Township of Ryerson the Council of the Township of Armour, and the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls was held on Monday March 25, 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.

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

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Dan Robertson;
That the TRI Council of the Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls approve the notes of the TRI Council meeting held on February 26, 2024, as circulated. Carried

Community & Critical Services Planning for the Township of Armour

The members of the TRI Council discussed the draft paper presented by the Township of Armour on their priorities for the future. Priorities include the construction of a new fire hall, a new health and wellness centre and a library. The document details that the Township of Armour is willing to construct the fire hall and the library, finance them and then rent them back to the Fire Department and the Library Board. This draft paper was presented to TRI Council to advise them on what the Township of Armour's priorities are and what they are willing to do to accomplish their goals.

2024 Fire Department Budget

The 2024 final draft fire budget was discussed by TRI Council members. The Township of Ryerson and the Township of Armour have already approved the draft budget. After some discussion, the Village of Burk's Falls passed a resolution approving the 2024 Fire Department budget.

New Fire Hall Option to Build

The Township of Armour provided a report to the TRI Council members proposing that the Township of Armour build and finance the new fire hall. The Township of Armour would own the building and rent it to the Fire Department for the cost of the construction loan. The Township of Armour would also look into the possibility of acquiring some funding to offset the cost of the building.

TRI Council members discussed the proposal and wondered how this proposal differed from the proposal put forward by the Township of Ryerson. The Township of Armour advised TRI

Council that the proposal was only put forward to ensure that this project would move forward and not take many more years to complete. TRI Council members agreed that the project would move forward, based on the schedule and proposal presented by the Township of Ryerson, to the tendering stage with the money that is presently included in the 2024 Fire Department budget. During the time it takes to move to the tendering stage, the Township of Ryerson will endeavor to find a grant or grants for this project and the three partners will continue discussions on how to fund this project and how the ownership of the building will be shared.

Blue Box Depot Service

The Waste Management Administrator presented a report to the TRI Council concerning the provision of blue box depot service starting in 2025. The financial offers we have received from Circular Materials are a lot less than what was expected, but the report gives details and budget numbers of what we can expect if we accept or reject the offer. Since everything will change again in 2026 and since we do not know what those changes will be, the recommendation is to opt into the program so that our residents are not inconvenienced by the change in regulation. Each municipality passed a resolution opting into the program.

Other Business

The Library Board made a presentation to TRI Council requesting that they be included in the discussions about the new library. TRI Council was advised that, in order to ascertain that the property they wish to build the new library on is feasible, the partners would have to spend approximately \$11,000 in engineering. After some discussion, the Library Board will discuss paying this expense through their reserve fund for the new library. The Township of Armour, which is responsible for this project, will wait for a decision from the Library Board before moving forward with this expenditure.

The Village of Burk's Falls requested that the engineers contact the Village before doing any work on the property.

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

Adjournment

Moved by Geroge Sterling, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis;

The TRI Council of the Township of Ryerson, Township of Armour, and the Village of Burk's Falls adjourn this special TRI Council meeting at 9:45 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 George Sterling

Mayor

Original Signed by Nancy Field

Clerk/