

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON  
MINUTES**

TRI-COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 28, 2024

The combined in-person/virtual TRI Council meeting of the Councils of the Township of Armour, the Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls was held on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Katrine Community Centre.

Those in attendance for were:

Township of Ryerson Council present included Mayor George Sterling, Councillors Glenn Miller, Beverly Abbott, and Dan Robertson; Regrets: Councillor Delynne Patterson; Staff: Brayden Robinson, CAO/Treasurer, Nancy Field, Clerk and Joe Readman Fire Chief.

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

Village of Burk's Falls Council present included Mayor Chris Hope, Councillors John Wilson, Ryan Baptiste, Sean Cotton and Ashley Brandt; Staff: Denis Duguay, CAO-Clerk and Graham Smith, Arena Manager.

Guests: Nieves Guijarro, Rocco Frangione, Diane Brandt, Albine Cook, Tiffany Monk, Dorothy Monk and Douglas McLean.

**WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rod Ward at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Rod Ward welcomed all of the participants.

**INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

Council acknowledged the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe and recognized the historical and contemporary contributions of the local First Nations and the peoples of Turtle Island.

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The notes of the regular meeting held on August 26, 2024 were approved as circulated.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

No pecuniary interest and general nature thereof were declared.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Budgets and Reports**

**Waste Management**

The Waste Management Administrator presented her October TRI Council report and the 2025 draft waste management budget, landfill operation review and items for discussion. Because of the changes to the recycling collection, the operating budget for waste management is decreasing from \$253,775 to \$235,850 a decrease of \$17,925 or 7.07%. We need to complete some work on the packer which will increase our capital budget from \$31,110 to \$100,490 an increase of \$69,380 or 223.02%. Overall the 2025 waste management budget is increasing from \$284,885 to \$336,340 an increase of \$51,455 or 18.07%. TRI Council discussed the budget, questions were asked and answered.

## Arena

The Arena Manager presented the 2025 draft arena budget. The operating budget for the arena is decreasing from \$340,109 to \$331,022 a decrease of \$9,087 or 2.68%. The capital budget is increasing from \$134,250 to \$140,750 an increase of \$6,500 or 4.85%. Overall the 2025 arena budget is decreasing from \$474,359 to \$471,772 a decrease of \$2,587 or 0.55%. TRI Council discussed the budget, questions were asked and answered.

## Fire Department

The Fire Chief presented the 2025 draft fire budget. Because we are now sharing the Fire Chief with the Township of McMurrich/Monteith, the operating budget for the fire department is decreasing from \$492,742 to \$458,392 a decrease of \$34,350 or 6.98%. Due to the construction of the new fire hall, the capital budget is increasing from \$740,336 to \$1,529,430 an increase of \$789,094 or 106.67%. Overall the 2025 fire department budget is increasing from \$1,233,078 to \$1,987,822 an increase of \$754,744 or 61.21%. TRI Council discussed the budget, questions were asked and answered.

## Library

The Library CEO presented the 2025 draft library budget. The operating budget for the library is increasing from \$183,900 to \$187,714 an increase of \$3,814 or 2.08%. The capital budget is decreasing from \$1,839 to \$0 a decrease of \$1,839 or 100.00%. Overall the 2025 library budget is increasing from \$185,739 to \$187,714 an increase of \$1,975 or 1.07%. TRI Council discussed the budget, questions were asked and answered

## **Burk's Falls & District Historical Society**

The President of the Historical Society presented their 2024 annual report and annual donation request to the three municipalities. Questions were asked and answered.

## **Update New Fire Hall**

The Township of Ryerson provided an update on the new fire hall project. The Township of Armour provided an update on the acquisition of the MTO property.

## **New Library Project**

The Township of Armour presented an engineer's geotechnical proposal. Soil Engineers Ltd. quoted \$15,900 + HST to complete clearance of the public and private underground services at borehole locations, to drill six boreholes to a depth of 6.0 metres or to refusal depths, with a maximum drilling of 36.0 metres, laboratory work to prepare the geotechnical report and a digital copy of the geotechnical containing factual soil and groundwater data and recommendations for the design and construction of the project. Costs for borehole extensions to meet the geotechnical design requirement were also provided. The soil cuttings generated from the borehole investigation will be left on the property in drums. If the soil cuttings need to be removed off-site, additional charges will apply. The proposal cost is valid for six months. A resolution approving the proposal from Soil Engineers Ltd. was approved to conduct a geotechnical investigation for a proposed slab-on grade building on Site A at 150 Huston Street.

TRI Council discussed the amounts each municipality is willing to invest into this project. Armour has pledged \$500,000, Ryerson has pledged \$125,000 and the Village of Burk's Falls will send confirmation that they are pledging \$115,000,

which is the value of the Site A property at 150 Huston Street.

**Santa Claus Parade**

Mayor Rod Ward discussed the requirement for insurance coverage for the Santa Claus Parade, and the importance of volunteer engagement and supporting the annual event. He asked for volunteers to help with the parade.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Village of Burk’s Falls presented a proposed ownership and long-term funding model for the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre (AHC). At this time, the proposal is a basis for discussion and the Village is looking for input on how this funding model could work with all of the partners. The proposal will be presented at the next AHC meeting for discussion.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2025 and will be hosted by the Village of Burk’s Falls.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The TRI Council meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Chris Hope, 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 regular meeting held on August 26, 2024. Carried

Moved by Wendy Whitwell, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the Council of the Township of Armour approve the proposal from Soil Engineers Ltd. in the amount of \$15,900 plus HST for a geotechnical investigation for a proposed slab-on grade building on Site A at 150 Huston Street, Burk’s Falls. Carried

Moved by Ryan Baptiste, seconded by Ashley Brandt; That the Council of the Village of Burk’s Falls approve the proposal from Soil Engineers Ltd. in the amount of \$15,900 plus HST for a geotechnical investigation for a proposed slab-on grade building on Site A at 150 Huston Street, Burk’s Falls. Carried

Moved by George Sterling, seconded by Glenn Miller; That the Council of the Township of Ryerson approve the proposal from Soil Engineers Ltd. in the amount of \$15,900 plus HST for a geotechnical investigation for a proposed slab-on grade building on Site A at 150 Huston Street, Burk’s Falls. Carried

Moved by Jerry Brandt, seconded by Dorothy Haggart-Davis; 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 8:40 p.m. until the next regular TRI Council meeting scheduled for February 24, 2025 to be hosted by the Village of Burk’s Falls. Carried

Original Signed by George Sterling

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Mayor

Original Signed by Nancy Field

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Clerk