

# Township of Armour

Spring 2020

"Armour Township, Remembering the Past, Planning for the Future"

## General Information

Interim tax bills for 2020 are due in two installments, the first half is due on March 27<sup>th</sup> and the second half is due on April 24<sup>th</sup>. A fee of \$45 will be charged for any cheque returned from a financial institution. We offer a preauthorized payment plan with several options. We accept E-Mail money transfers. If you would like to pay with this option, please contact Alison McGregor, Deputy Treasurer. Credit card payments are accepted only through Plastiq and can be accessed through our website, fees apply. Tax arrears accrue interest at a rate of 1.25% per month.

## Website & Facebook

Keep up to date and locate information by visiting our website and Facebook page. Visit us at [www.armourtownship.ca](http://www.armourtownship.ca) and give us a like on Facebook.

## Arena

Public Skating is offered on Fridays from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Sundays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Skates are available free of charge. If you need a hall to rent, call the Arena at 705-382-3811 to book. Recreation programs are offered throughout the year at the Arena. Keep up to date on available programs by calling the Village of Burk's Falls at 705-382-3138 or emailing [recreation@burksfalls.ca](mailto:recreation@burksfalls.ca).

## Council Meetings

If there are any issues or suggestions that you would like to see raised with Council, please contact the office to have your concerns placed on the agenda. Council welcomes your attendance at our regular meetings held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 pm. Agendas and minutes may be viewed on our website.

## Fire Department

Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms...it's the law. Every family should practice good fire prevention. Time is everything when a smoke alarm activates; get out, stay out and call 911. Effective April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, there is no daytime burning allowed between the hours of 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Contact Joe Readman, Fire Prevention Officer, with any questions at 705-788-4676.

## Health Care

The Health Centre is located at 150 Huston Street. Please call 705-382-2900 or visit [www.almaguin-health.org](http://www.almaguin-health.org) for further information.

## Building Department

Building permits allow the municipality to protect the interests of both individuals and the community. Applications are available on our website or at the municipal office. Site plan control may also apply. Paul Schaefer, Chief Building Official can be reached at the Municipal Office or via email at [cbo@armourtownship.ca](mailto:cbo@armourtownship.ca).

## Roads Department

The Roads Department is gearing up for another busy season. Road rehabilitation projects are scheduled for Woods Road, Chetwynd Road, Skyline Drive, Peggs Mountain Road, Ferguson Road, Pickernel & Jack Lake Road, Commercial Drive, First Avenue, and Pine Lane this year along with ongoing routine maintenance. Please slow down when approaching crews working on the road. For additional information, please contact Keith McCoy at 705-382-5982. If you're aware of a road hazard, please notify us.

## Community Development

Almaguin Community Economic Development is excited to begin the year with a new 2020 Vision and a full complement of economic development professionals. The ACED Team will work to promote Almaguin's assets and features while continuing to deliver a suite of businesses and community organization support services. Small business owners can look forward to continued access to the Digital Main Street Service Squad program to assist with improving their online visibility. For more information on ACED, contact Dave Gray at 705-571-1564 or [director@investalmaguin.ca](mailto:director@investalmaguin.ca).

## Flood Forecasting

Flooding is the leading cause of public emergency in Ontario. Keep up to date on potential flooding and MNRF's warnings: [www.gisapplication.lrc.gov.on.ca/webapps/flood](http://www.gisapplication.lrc.gov.on.ca/webapps/flood) and on the Township's Public Notice Webpage. Sandbags are available to residents at the Municipal Office. Propane tanks (even full ones) will float in water, so

ensure your tank is secured to a fixed object with cable, rope or chain.

## Historical Society

Keep up to date on events at [www.burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com](http://www.burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com) & through their Facebook page. Volunteers and new members are welcome! Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at Fell Homes, 5 Mary Street, Burk's Falls.

## By-Law Officer

Jason Newman, By-law Enforcement Officer, may be reached at 705-477-3793 or by email at [bylaw@armourtownship.ca](mailto:bylaw@armourtownship.ca). Remember to get your 2020 Dog License, registering your dog(s) not only shows responsible pet ownership but also helps with the identification and safe return of your dog if he or she is found running at large.

## Towne Theatre

See our Public Notices webpage for the summer movie listing. The theatre is located at 172 Ontario Street. Cost of admission: \$7.50 for children/seniors; students \$8.50; & adults \$9.50. Matinees are a flat fee of \$4.00 per person.

## Blue-Green Algae

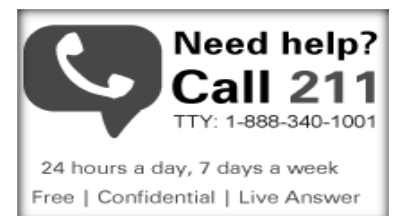
Keep checking with the Health Unit for information on area lakes at 1-800-563-2808 or [www.myhealthunit.ca](http://www.myhealthunit.ca).

## Pitch-In

We are sponsoring a roadside clean up in support of Pitch-In Canada from May 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. Come in to the municipal office to register your roadside area and to pick up supplies. The landfill offers free drop off of the litter to registrants.

## OPP

Being able to call 911 with ease is a benefit to having a cellphone. Sometimes, however, it can be too easy to make that call. If you misdial 911, please stay on the line and speak to the dispatch call centre. Please use 1-888-310-1122 for all non-emergency calls.



## Landfill – 141 Chetwynd Road

Just taking a few extra minutes to sort and prepare your recyclables properly can make a big difference. Blue Box contaminates include food waste, soiled containers and partially full containers. Always rinse and recycle. Used diapers, bathroom tissue, paper towel, garage rags and Kleenex go in your garbage. Think of it as an investment in the health of our environment. The landfill card system makes your card reusable & trackable. The cards were automatically reloaded on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Lost or stolen cards can be deactivated and the remaining value can be reloaded to a replacement card. A fee of \$10 applies to a replacement card. HAZMAT is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Strong Township Landfill, 483 Forest Lake Road from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. For additional information on hours of operation, diversion programs, reuse and tipping fees, please visit the Township of Armour's website and look for Landfill under the DEPARTMENTS TAB.

## CodeRed

CodeRED is a free emergency notification service offered by the Township. We can notify residents and businesses by telephone or cellular phone about local emergency situations. Visit our website for more information.

## Library

All residents of Armour are entitled to a library card and that card leads to a vast array of books, magazines, DVDs and many electronic resources. Learn a new language, download an eBook or audio book and it's FREE! The Library provides innovative programming, events and information in a variety of formats. Explore what your Community Library has to offer, no matter your age. WIFI Service is available during operating hours. We invite you to check out the website [www.burksfallslibrary.com](http://www.burksfallslibrary.com).

## DSSAB

The District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board works to provide human services and help people out. Services include affordable housing, child-care, financial assistance, etc. A little support can make a world of difference during a rough patch in your life. Call 1-800-461-4464 for details.

## INTERNET SPEED TEST

Conducting this test will provide you with real time results about your internet connection's performance. Test results will be used to share with funding agencies and other stakeholders interested in improving the digital landscape in Northern Ontario. [www.connectednorth.ca/#speedtestlink](http://www.connectednorth.ca/#speedtestlink)

### Contact

Municipal Office, 56 Ontario Street

☎ 705-382-3332

Municipal Garage, 564 Garage Road

☎ 705-382-5982

### Council

Bob MacPhail, Reeve 705-636-7678

Rod Blakelock, Councillor 705-382-3113

Jerry Brandt, Councillor 705-382-6502

Wendy Whitwell, Councillor 705-384-7635

Rod Ward, Councillor 705-380-7177

## Katrine Community Centre

Jamborees are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month with a donation at the door and includes a luncheon. Cash bar. We are looking for new members and volunteers. Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. For rentals call Dick Bartlett at 249-700-4837. Follow the KCC on Facebook for events.

## Public Beaches

After a very long winter, we are all looking forward to a warm and sunny summer. The Township maintains four public beaches. While the beaches are owned by the Township please remember that they are NOT SUPERVISED BEACH AREAS. Please always use caution around the water.

- Doe Lake Municipal Park: 1014 Ferguson Road
- Dobbs Beach - Pickerel Lake Park: 180 Kent Road
- Richard Thomas Memorial Park: 134 Pickerel & Jack Lake Road
- Halcyon Shore Beach: Across from 2136 Pickerel & Jack Lake Road

## Heritage Day

Heritage Day will be held on July 11, 2020 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Watt Century Farm House, 827 Chetwynd Road in partnership with the Historical Society. This annual event hosts the famous Firefighter Challenge and celebrates our local heritage. Admission is FREE with activities for everyone. If you are interested in fundraising for your organization at this event, please contact Charlene Watt at the Municipal Office. More details will follow on our website and Facebook page.

## CN Rail

If you witness any unsafe situation near the railroad, please call 1-800-465-9239.

## Diabetes Bin

Clothing, bedding, shoes and textiles may be donated to Diabetes Canada at the bins located in the Reuse Centre at the Landfill, 141 Chetwynd Road. Profits help send Diabetic kids to camp and to research to find a cure.

### BE AWARE OF FIRE RATINGS AND OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS

April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>

<b>LOW</b>	<b>NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED</b> Open Air Burning and Incinerators, including burn barrels with 3/8" mesh as lid allowed Starting at 6pm and completely out by 10am. Only environmentally friendly products may be burned. Camp Fires are allowed for cooking and warmth at any time.
<b>MODERATE</b>	<b>NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED</b> Open Air Burning and Incinerators, including burn barrels with 3/8" mesh as lid allowed starting at 6pm and completely out by 10am. Only environmentally friendly products may be burned. Camp Fires are allowed for cooking and warmth at any time.
<b>HIGH</b>	<b>NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED - Including Incinerators.</b> <b>NO OPEN BURNING – NO FIREWORKS</b> Only Enclosed Camp Fires for cooking and warmth. Enclosed fire, surrounding by brick / stones or in metal burn container / ring no bigger than 2 feet / 24 inches.
<b>EXTREME</b>	<b>COMPLETE FIRE BAN</b> <b>NO BURNING ALLOWED at any time.</b> <b>NO FIREWORKS</b>