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Newsletter

December 2021

Holiday Hours

Municipal Office

Closed from December 24, 2021 at noon to January 2, 2022.

Library

Closed from December 24, 2021 at noon to January 2, 2022.

Landfill Site

Closed December 25, 2021 and January 1, 2022

Gym

Closed December 24 to December 27

Closed December 31 to January 2, 2022

New Website

The new website will be ready before year end. Please visit us at www.armstrongtownship.com. If you are a business and want to be on highlighted on our website, please contact us.

Winter Reminder

On-street parking is not permitted on any streets between midnight–7:00 am, November 1 to March 31. This ensures crews can completely clear streets of snow and that large emergency vehicles have access.

Also be reminded no person shall move snow within the road allowance from one side of the road to the other side of the road.

No person shall relocate snow on the road or sidewalk in such a manner that would result in the obstruction of the normal visibility or the safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of parking restrictions or relocation of snow causing obstruction is guilty of an offence punishable in accordance with the provisions of the Provincial Offences Act.

Recreation Centre

The Earlington Recreation Centre is not equipped to make artificial ice and depends on consistent cold weather for ice making. We are happy to announce that preparations are underway. Details including opening date, public skating times and rental information will be advertised when the ice is ready for use. *Covid restrictions may apply.

Animal Control Tags

All dogs and cats within the Township of Armstrong are required to be registered with the municipal office and a tag purchased and renewed annually. Tags purchased prior to January 31, 2022 are \$20.00 or \$10.00 if your pet is spayed or neutered. Tags purchased after January 31, 2022 are subject to a \$10.00 surcharge.

A friendly reminder that it is the owner's responsibility to be in care and control of their pets at all times.

Payment Options

We currently accept cash, cheque or debit for payments in person, by mail or in the drop box.

We have various payment methods through Scotiabank, Toronto-Dominion or Caisse Desjardins Ontario banking institutions. You can pay via Online banking, telephone banking or at the counter of these financial institution.

Visit your branch to set up your telephone banking or to pay at the counter. Should you wish to payment by online banking, you will be required to set up Township of Armstrong as a payee. Follow these instructions.

Payment Options *(Continued)*

Search Township of Armstrong – Util
(for your utility billing)

Add as a new payee

Use your account number
(8 digits starting by 001 or 002)
Ex. XXXXXXXX

Make your payment

Search Township of Armstrong –
Taxes *(for your property taxes)*

Add as a new payee

Use your account number *(15 digits)*
Ex. 5436XXXXXXXXXX

Make your payment

It is very important to note that some owners have multiple properties, please add Township of Armstrong as a “payee” for EVERY utility or tax account you want to pay.

Centennial

The Township of Armstrong (Earlton) turned 100 years old in 2021. Officially incorporated as a Township in 1921, after settlers started a lumbering community in the early 1900’s. A post office was established in 1904 and things flourished from there.

The flat prairie-like land attracted many farmers from Quebec, creating a Francophone culture in the area and known as Temiskaming’s “Little Clay Belt”. This fertile land put Earlton on the map as the “Dairy Centre of the North”. The strong agricultural market and francophone culture are proudly present today.

Unfortunately, due to the unforeseen challenge of hosting and celebrating events in a pandemic environment, the Centennial Committee has made the tough decision to forego celebrations in 2021, until it is safe to socialize and unite.

Rest assured future celebrations will be planned. The Centennial Committee continues to meet and plan for future events and volunteers are welcome to join. Please contact Bruno Dallaire, Centennial Committee Chair at centennial@armstrong.ca or 705-622-4402 to get involved.

Happy 100th Anniversary to the past, present and future inhabitants of the Township of Armstrong!

Bruno Dallaire,
Centennial Committee Chair

Council Vacancy

A vacancy is available for the position of Municipal Councillor. Council has determined to fill this vacancy by appointment through a Call for Nominees, Appointment at Large in accordance with the Township of Armstrong’s Council Vacancy Policy.

The term of this position is from the date of Council appointment to the end of the Council term of November 14, 2022.

A candidate for municipal office must be a qualified municipal elector as set out in the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 and fulfill all of the following requirements:

- Reside in or be the owner or tenant of land, or the spouse of such owner or tenant;
- Is a Canadian citizen;
- Is at least 18 years old; and,
- Is not prohibited from voting under Section 17(3) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 or otherwise by law.

Interested, qualified individuals must complete and file a Council Appointment Consent of Nominee Form and Council Vacancy Declaration of Qualification Form with the Clerk’s Office. Forms are available on the website at www.armstrongtownship.com or by request from the Municipal Office.

Applicants to be considered at the January 12, 2022 Council Meeting.

Gym Fees

Effective January 1, 2022 the gym will have a new fee structure for residents and non-residents.

Senior fee:

Applies to those aged 60+

Student fee:

Must have valid student card

Gym Fees *(Continued)*

Resident Fees:

Card Deposit: \$10.00

Daily pass: \$5.00

1-month membership

Adult: \$35.00

Senior/Student: \$30.00

3-month membership

Adult: \$90.00

Senior/Student: \$75.00

Annual membership

Adult: \$290.00

Senior/Student: \$230.00

Non-Resident Fees:

Card deposit: \$10.00

Daily Pass: \$5.00

1-month membership

Adult: \$40.00

Senior/Student: \$35.00

3-month membership

Adult: \$105.00

Senior/Student: \$90.00

Annual membership

Adult: \$330.00

Senior/Student: \$270.00

Library

We would like you to join us in wishing Bernice Lockhart a happy retirement. Bernice has decided to retire on December 31 after working as Library Assistant for 17 years. Her dedication, knowledge and positive attitude will be greatly missed. We wish her good health and relaxation on this new, exciting chapter of her life.

The Library Board and staff welcomed the new CEO Corinna Dallaire in August and Daniele Laframboise has been recently hired to fill the position of Library Assistant. Gisèle Baril is continuing as a casual replacement.

We are happy to announce that we are a recipient of a grant from the Temiskaming Foundation named "For Kids Sake Fund". The Youth Community Awareness Initiative will allow resources of current concerns to be available in our Library in both French and English.

We are looking for donations of cloth or plastic bags. If you have any, please drop them off at the library.

The "Pay as you please" book sale is ongoing in the library, come check out the selection.

Did you know that you can get a FREE membership at the library if you are owner/tenant of property in the Village of Thornloe, Township of Armstrong or Charlton and Dack? Don't worry, you can still use our library if you are not a resident in those municipalities for a membership fee of \$35.00.

Be sure to visit us and get acquainted with our new staff, books and DVD's. For updates, please check out our Facebook page: Earlton Public Library – La bibliothèque publique du canton d'Armstrong.

Library Hours

Monday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
and 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Closed

Earlton Pool Project

The Council of the Township of Armstrong is excited to announce the Rehabilitation of the Township of Armstrong (Earlton) Pool Building Facility. The fifty year old facility will be fully renewed under a partnership with the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

The project includes complete rehabilitation of the building and internal components to achieve a fully accessible building. The facility will be open to the public free of barriers and designed to provide access for all. It is hoped the new facility will be more attractive to the community and area.

The estimated cost of the project is \$473,000 with funding provided by the Federal and Provincial governments under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Community Culture and Recreation Stream. Project planning is underway and construction is expected to start September 2022.

Estimated Project Summary

Project costs \$ 473,000

Federal Contribution 40% to a maximum of \$189,200

Provincial Contribution 33.33% to a maximum of \$ 157,651

Municipal Contribution (26.67%)
\$ 126,149

Recap of 2021

As 2021 comes to a close, we want to take time to highlight some of the activities, changes and progress of the Township of Armstrong. As the community moved into the second year of the pandemic, we kept hopeful aspirations for a safe return to community activities and events. The roll out of vaccines provided some opportunities although we did have to cancel celebrations such as the Winter Festival, Farm Show and the 100th Anniversary.

Even though some summer activities had a delayed start, youth baseball was available for a shortened season. The swimming pool opened June 28th for public swimming but unfortunately a season without the swimming lessons program. We want to thank staff, patrons, coaches and volunteers for a successful summer season regardless.

2021 was a year for planning, building and moving towards modernization. Real estate and building construction were very active, resulting in a very busy year and the arrival of many new faces. We want to send a warm welcome to all newcomers and those returning to the area.

During 2021, Council undertook the task of a full Organizational Review and later a comprehensive, Service Delivery Review. The Organization was restructured to better reflect the future needs and operations with updated job descriptions and up-to-date employment policies. Vacant positions were filled in accordance with the new structure. Welcome to all the new staff who joined our team in 2021!

The Service Delivery Review project was funded by the Municipal Modernization Program made available by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. This comprehensive review set out 67 recommendations and will help guide the Municipality in the future to find efficiencies and modernize operations. A full copy of the report will be made available on the website.

The main capital items completed this year included the 4-kilometer rehabilitation of Church Road, creation of a fully bilingual and accessible website, municipal meeting software and equipment, landscaping of the parkland area within the Jules Gravel Subdivision and a new fire alarm system for the Earlton Recreation Centre. In the Water Department, the water reservoir had an inspection and cleaning to remove any sediment. The inspection identified both reservoirs are in good condition. The Drinking Water Quality Management (DWQM) continues to meet and exceed standards. The municipality has also fully paid out all long-term debt obligations and will focus efforts towards longer term financial planning.

We are grateful for the dedication and hard work of our workforce during this past year.

Special thanks to Kevin Léveillé and Matthew Golcic for their time and dedication as Councillors this term. Their dedication and commitment to the community is appreciated and honoured. Kevin first joined Council in 2014 and served until September 30, 2021. During his tenure, he was active with the recreation committee, fire committee, airport board and ensuring a successful swim season for many years. Matthew's term of council, although cut short, brought a fresh perspective and appetite to modernize. Welcome back to Reynald Rivard who accepted the first vacant position of council in August, as a candidate in the last election. One seat remains vacant and those interested are encouraged to apply before January 12.

On behalf of the entire Council, wishing you good health and happiness this holiday season.

Jean Marc Boileau, Mayor