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Township of Armour
c/o Mrs. Wendy Whitwell
Clerk-Treasurer
P.O. Box 533
Burk's Falls, Ontario P0A 1C0

Dear Mrs. Whitwell, Reeve Thomas and Members of Council:

Re: Project Status
Armour Township Official Plan Update
[MMAH File 49-DP-050034](#)

The purpose of this letter is to summarize the work done in revising the Armour Township Official Plan in order for Council to be up to date on the project status.

On December 14th, 2005 a Core Team meeting is scheduled in your Council Chambers by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing under their One Window services system. This meeting will initiate the phase of the project where a series of new Official Plan policies will be drafted.

It is prudent to meet the core ministry representatives before drafting new policies. For example, I am anticipating a major package of policy information from the Ministry of Natural Resources at the meeting next week. I would encourage Council to question the ministry representatives on any current planning and land use issues in Armour Township.

To date, the following work has been done:

- Detailed land use survey with GPS spatial references
- Assist Anna Goldberg with GIS base mapping
- Prepared geo-corrected arc base map exhibit
- Two discussion sessions with Council
- September 2005 Public Open House session in Katrine
- Special Planning Program website at www.hips.com
- Reviewed written responses from the public

- Review roads information, mapping and Township office data
- Lakes analysis, development pressures, biological capacities, recreational capacities, surface areas and relationship with MOE records
- Reviewed sensitive data from Ministry of Northern Development & Mines including closed mine shaft mapping
- Reviewed soils capability mapping for agriculture and potential bio-energy production locations
- Exploring MOE wind turbine regulations and other municipalities' by-laws governing wind energy
- Reviewed MTO policy requirements for new Official Plans
- MNR/DUC (Ducks Unlimited Co.) Wetland mapping CD for Armour Township - generated following Wetland Planning Workshop in October 2005
- Reviewed Burk's Falls ground water aquifer study and mapping
- Obtained license for Armour Township internet access to the Land Information Ontario Warehouse including a data subscription system to the Ontario Land Information Directory (OLID) and password access to the Natural Resource Values Information System (NRVIS) data base
- Obtained complete MNR GIS plots of Fish Habitat Classification Mapping for Armour Township
- Reviewed new Official Plan programs underway for Town of Huntsville, Township of Seguin, Township of Magnetawan and MMAH modifications for final approval of Official Plans for Ryerson Township, Town of Kearney and Township of McMurrich-Monteith
- Analysing population data, projected declines, school board vacancy issues and projected wave of retirees

I am looking forward to meeting with you and Council on December 13th in advance of the MMAH Core Team meeting on December 14th.

Yours very truly

Robert J. Miller