

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

March 4, 2014

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening March 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Reeve Glenn Miller, Councillors Rosalind Hall, Barbara Marlow and Doug Weddel. Councillor George Sterling was absent.

Staff, Delegations & Guests in attendance: Andrew Farnsworth, Bob Edmunds, Judy Ransome, Paul Van Dam.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the front door of the office and on the web site and recorded on the telephone voice message.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting February 18, 2014 and the special meeting February 20, 2014, were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Marlow and seconded by Councillor Weddel. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Weddel declared a pecuniary interest with respect to road account number 11812, as he is related to Phil Weddel.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Reeve Miller and Public works Supervisor Bob Edmunds gave a verbal report on the Ontario Good Roads Association conference they recently attended. Highlights included: the Minister's Forum, provincial initiatives regarding funding, wind turbines; workshops on shared services, asset management and minimum maintenance standards.
- Bob Edmunds reviewed the draft 2014 road budget with Council, a second draft incorporating Council's input will be presented at the next meeting.
- A civic addressing matter from James Camp road was brought to Council's attention, Council directed that a letter be sent to the property owner that the correct number must be used.
- Andrew Farnsworth reported on a conversation with Steve Taylor from Ministry of Natural Resources regarding potential spring flooding. Members of the public can check the Ministry of Natural Resources web site for flood information updates.
- Mr. Farnsworth provided Council with the sample sign that the Ministry of Transportation will be installing on Highway 520.
- The draft Request for Proposal for Engineering services for the Midlothian Bridge replacement was presented to Council.
- Council received a propane usage report

ACCOUNTS: community development; fire, general, roads

REPORTS:

Staff Reports

- Council received a finance report regarding taxes outstanding
- Andrew Farnsworth provided a verbal report on the status of the Investment Readiness project

- Council scheduled a closed meeting for 6:00 p.m. Tuesday March 18, 2014 to review staff employee evaluations.
- Council received the following: a draft newsletter that will be included with the spring tax billing; a copy of correspondence from Bryan Leggett, Q.C. and the township response regarding cost acknowledgment agreements; copy of an email from the township solicitor regarding consent application B-031/11.

Committee/Board Reports

- Fire Committee: Council discussed the issue of house insurance and reimbursement of fire department expenses and a resolution was passed
- Library minutes were received and the information on pay equity was highlighted by Councillor Weddel.
- Councillor Weddel reported on the presentation from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit regarding their accommodation needs at the Steering Committee February 27, 2014 and a resolution was passed.

PLANNING:

- Consent Application B-041/13, Part Lots 24, 25 Concession 5 (Hughes), approved by Council, with conditions.

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

- DSSAB being a copy of correspondence re: Child Care Modernization Act
- AMO regarding the OPP Billing Steering Committee
- Armour, Ryerson, Burks Falls Agricultural Society being a request for a donation
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Provincial Policy Statement 2014
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) re: the Prompt Payment Act; and the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)
- Ontario Human Rights Commission: Guide Room for Everyone, human rights and rental housing licensing
- Township of Armour being copies of resolutions regarding the Burks Falls Theatre project
- Council authorized the purchase of 1000 lapel pins from Portage Promotions (Huntsville)

Minutes from:

- Burks Falls and District Fire Committee
- Armour, Ryerson, Burks Falls Memorial Arena Committee
- Burks Falls, Armour, Ryerson Library

BY-LAWS

- By-law # 13-14 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Province of Ontario, NOHFC Youth Intern Program
- By-law # 14-14, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Province of Ontario represented by the Minister of Rural Affairs Small Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund Capital Program
- By-law # 15 -14 , being a by-law to set the tax ratios for 2014
- By-law # 16-14, being a by-law to enter into an employment contract
- By-law # 17- 14 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council prepare a Request for Proposal for a Consulting Engineer for the Midlothian Road Bridge Replacement, by invitational tender and posting on the municipal website and the public tender website. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that we approve the following accounts: Community Development Office voucher number 2 -14, in the amount of \$10,558.85. Fire Department accounts voucher number 2-14, in the amount of \$11,288.59; General accounts voucher number 2 - 14, in the amount of \$52,414.84; Road accounts voucher number 2-14, in the amount of \$23,593.83. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve road account number 11812 to Phil's Diesel the amount of \$2,082.05. Doug Weddel declared a pecuniary interest, as he is related to Phil Weddel. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow WHEREAS Section 81.1 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 requires that a Council shall before October 1 of an election year, establish a Compliance Audit Committee; AND WHEREAS economies of scale shall be realized by participating municipalities through the establishment of a Joint Compliance Audit Committee; AND WHEREAS the important role of the Almaguin Clerk's Group in facilitating this joint initiative, and subsequent cost savings to each municipality is recognized; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Township of Ryerson deems it necessary to enter into an agreement with other interested municipalities to appoint a Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2014 election and subsequent term thereafter ending on November 30, 2018. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council recommend to the Burks Falls and District Fire Committee that they direct the Secretary to pursue the process for billing homeowners for recovery of fire expenses incurred at an insured structure fire. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve Consent application file number B-041/13 (Part Lot 24, 25 Concession 5) subject to the conditions as outlined on page 5 (copy attached hereto) from the Tunnock Consulting Ltd. report dated February 19, 2014. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow WHEREAS, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit would like to proceed with the option to purchase property to address the accommodation issue, and WHEREAS, consent of councils from the majority of municipalities within the Health Unit service area is required; AND WHEREAS, the Health Unit assured the municipalities at a meeting in Burks Falls February 27, 2014 that sufficient cash is on hand to pay for 100 percent of the cost to purchase the property; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson supports the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit in proceeding with the purchase of property. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize: Andrew Farnsworth and Judy Kosowan to attend the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing training session for the Provincial Policy Statement 2014. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$200.00 to the Armour, Ryerson, Burks Falls Agricultural Society. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 13-14, being a By-law to enter into an agreement with the Province of Ontario (NOHFC), and further; That By-Law # 13 – 14 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 4th day of March, 2014. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 14-14, being a By-law to enter into an agreement with the Province of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Rural Affairs and further; That By-Law # 14 – 14 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 4th day of March, 2014. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 15-14, being a By-law to set the tax ratios for 2014, and further; That By-Law # 15– 14 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 4th day of March, 2014. (Carried)
- Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 16-14, being a By-law to enter into a definite term employment contract for a truck driver/equipment operator, and further; That By-Law # 16 – 14 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 4th day of March, 2014. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 17-14, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council, and further; That By-Law # 17– 14 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 4th day of March, 2014. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel that we do now adjourn at 11:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

REEVE

CLERK

