

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

May 20, 2014

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Reeve Glenn Miller, Councillors Rosalind Hall, Barbara Marlow, George Sterling and Doug Weddel.

Staff, Delegations & Guests in attendance: Judy Edwards; Marjory Robinson; Andrew Farnsworth; Judy Kleinhuis; Mike Derry; Janice Ferrante, Dean Ferrante; Paul Van Dam; Alan Barlow; Judy Ransome.

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 May 6, 2014 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Marlow and seconded by Councillor Sterling. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared

PRESENTATIONS:

Judy Kleinhuis, Municipal Auditor, from Grant Thornton attended to present the 2013 Financial Statements and the report to Council – Communication of audit results.

Information regarding the draft shared services agreement and the impact of the proposal from a financial statement perspective was discussed with Mrs. Kleinhuis and Ms. Robinson. Amendments to the draft agreement were suggested.

Judy Edwards and Marjory Robinson presented the draft 2014 budget. Council made several changes and the amended draft will be presented at the budget meeting May 27, 2014.

DELEGATIONS:

Larry Ross was unable to attend, Council received information about a proposed severance on Lots 14, 15 Concession 12.

Paul Van Dam was present to discuss: a road report and long range plans for gravel and hard topped roads; concerns about sight lines on several roads and the condition of the hill on Royston Road just east of Stisted Road; responsibility agreement for planning applications. A paper copy of the draft budget would be appreciated for those in the audience. Road concerns will be forwarded to the Public Works Supervisor.

Mike Derry attended to inquire about: a culvert installation at 1359 Midlothian Rd.; condition of Madill Road and several culverts in need of maintenance; oil spill in the Provincially Significant Wetland and Ministry of the Environment rules and regulations.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Road Department up-dates: Excavator (resolution); Bell claim; grader; other up-dates (road tour cancelled); Midlothian bridge replacement correspondence regarding Lot 24, Concession 10; Service request for Lakeview Drive reviewed; letter received from John McDonald thanking road department for their good work on Jeffery Road.

REPORTS:

Staff Reports Other Departments

- Monthly Bank Balances statement
- Ontario Good Roads Association litigation fund and the MMS, Council would like our portion to be refunded
- Shared Services up-date
- Newsletter is being drafted to answer general questions about the Thompson re-zoning application
- The Almaguin Clerks Group is planning to have an information seminar for candidates and potential candidates about running in the municipal election, date to be determined. Information on the Compliance Audit Committee was provided.

Committee/Board Reports

- Councillors Hall and Marlow report on the FONOM Workshop recently attended highlighting information on the proposed policing costs and revenues from user fees, forestry, energy and mines
- Information received from CEO of the Burks Falls Public Library
- Village of Burks Falls regarding the next Steering Committee meeting
- Report from CDO/EDC meeting – Investment Readiness report - Community profile

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

- Magnetawan River Watershed Association disbanding
- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, financial statements information
- Correspondence from Bob van der Wijst regarding consent application B-031/11 (Thatcher)
- East and West Parry Sound Victim Services being an orientation regarding Vulnerable Older Adults June 18, 2014 South River Machar Arena 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.
- Canada Day Fire Works (resolution)

BY-LAWS

- By-law 31-14 being a by-law to establish a joint compliance audit committee and appoint committee members for the 2014 municipal election period.
- By-law 32-14 being a by-law to execute the municipal funding agreement for the transfer of federal gas tax revenue
- By-law 33-14 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the 2013 Financial Statements as presented. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council does not accept any of the tenders for an excavator as they do not meet our requirements for price. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is responsible for levying land tax in the unincorporated

portions of Northern Ontario; AND WHEREAS the current tax rate is not sufficient to offset costs such as policing, social services and other emergency services; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the property owners in the unincorporated areas be required to pay their fair share for the noted services. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Sterling WHEREAS municipalities have been legislated to provide police services; AND WHEREAS municipalities have been paying inequitable costs for policing services; AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police have developed a model for billing their services to municipalities; AND WHEREAS there are a number of small municipalities who disagree with this funding model and do not believe that they will be beneficiaries of any proposed billing model; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario take back the responsibility for policing small municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the fireworks in Burks Falls Sunday June 29, 2014, sharing the costs one third each with Burks Falls, and Armour. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 31-14, being a By-law to establish a joint compliance audit committee and appoint committee members for the 2014 election period and further; That By-Law # 31 – 14 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 20th day of May, 2014. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 32-14, being a By-law to execute the municipal funding agreement for the transfer of federal gas tax revenue; and further That By-Law # 32– 14 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 20th day of May, 2014. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 33-14, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council, and further; That By-Law # 33– 14 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 20th day of May, 2014. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling that we do now adjourn at 10.45 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. A special meeting of Council to review the 2014 budget is scheduled for May 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

REEVE

CLERK