

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

March 3, 2015

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening March 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Reeve Glenn Miller, Councillors Rosalind Hall, Barbara Marlow, George Sterling and Doug Weddel.

Staff in attendance: Fire Chief Dave McNay; Public Works Supervisor Bob Edmunds, Deputy Clerk Andrew Farnsworth, CAO/Clerk Judy Kosowan.

Guests in attendance: Jennifer Cavanagh; Ryan Corrigan; 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 February 17, 2015 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Hall and seconded by Councillor Sterling. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave McNay provided a written report to Council. The up-coming group ice water rescue training was highlighted and it was noted that the Rapid Deployment Craft (RDC) will be demonstrated at the training. Our Department and three other area departments are considering sharing in the purchase of two of these rapid deployment crafts.

The Fire Marque program to recover costs through homeowner insurance was discussed. The company representative will be invited to attend a future Council meeting.

The log books from the two fire department duty vehicles will be summarized monthly.

Other discussion points included replacement insurance on fire vehicles and tire life and mandated tire replacement.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Bob Edmunds provided Council with the following: highlights from the Ontario Good Roads/Rural Ontario Municipal Association (OGRA/ROMA) conference he recently attended: proposed reforms to municipal liability and insurance claims; application of asset management weighing cost/benefit analysis.

Mr. Edmunds will be meeting with the Road Superintendent from Armour Township and their Engineer regarding the East Road Bridge and the possibility of keeping the load restrictions on the bridge and waiting several years before it is replaced. More information regarding this will be forthcoming.

Other Road Department up-dates included: maintenance of the Volvo loader; Bell Canada and the Nipissing Road Construction project; haul route agreement proposal for Peggs Mountain Road. Mr. Edmunds will record his issues with the road as the Township prepares to enter into negotiations regarding the proposed haul route agreement.

The propane use summary and the road department accounts were reviewed. A verbal report on the maintenance of Harrison Lake Road was given and it was reported that there has been minimal use of the road.

ACCOUNTS:

Community/economic development; fire; general; roads; regional fire training officer

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councillor Weddel provided a summary of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing for the pit/quarry rezoning application (Peggs Mountain) for Lots 4 and 5 Concession 6. The hearing was held over two days February 23 and 24, 2015 at the arena in Burks Falls.

Summary points included: Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) evidence presented regarding the Duty to Consult with Magnetawan First Nation (it was concluded that the Ministry met its requirements under the Duty to Consult). The Ministry also presented two other witnesses to report on hydrology and Species at Risk and no issues were outstanding with MNRF ; review of correspondence from: Municipal Solicitor Robert van der Wijst (February 26 and 27, 2015); and a verbal summary of a letter from Mr. Elston (lawyer for the pit owner); and the OMB Order dated January 9, 2015 from Sylvia Sutherland.

Council approved a statement regarding the OMB hearing, and it will be posted on the municipal web site.

DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

Deputy Clerk Andrew Farnsworth provided Council with a written report: highlights of the OGRA/ROMA conference recently attended; RFP's that have been issued and Strategic Planning up-dates.

Showcase Almaguin will be held on Monday March 23, 2015 at the Trout Creek Community Centre. The cost is \$10.00 to cover the cost of lunch and the theme is "Regional Togetherness".

Council approved the draft newsletter to be included with the interim tax billing.

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Judy Kosowan provided Council with: a 2014 tax report; monthly bank balance report; ARI draft agreement; information on a public rally to be held at the Huntsville Town Hall Saturday March 21, 2015 regarding proposed cuts in service at the Huntsville Hospital by Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Reeve Miller reported on the OGRA/ROMA conference recently attended. Reeve Miller participated in a delegation with Deputy Clerk Andrew Farnsworth to meet with the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to discuss Minimum Distance Separation and the effect on development applications in the Township. Reeve Miller also participated in a delegation of Board Members from Eastholme with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care requesting increased provincial funding as well as an annual payment from the province in respect of the unincorporated municipalities.

Council received the annual levy from Eastholme and invitations to the Annual General meeting and an Open House. Councillor Weddel noted that Eastholme is submitting an appeal to the OMB regarding a decision of Powassan Council about a proposed crematorium. Eastholme will be contacted regarding this issue. Councillor Marlow will attend the Annual General meeting March 25, 2015 and Councillor Hall will attend the Open House April 29, 2015.

Councillor Hall reported on the Planning 101 seminar she attended in Huntsville. Highlights included information on agricultural land designations and building permits in relation to a zoning by-law.

Councillor Marlow reported on the following: Parry Sound District EMS Advisory Committee consultant's report; Almaguin Highlands Health Centre minutes; Joint Building Committee (JBC) regarding payment of Councillors remuneration and also a resolution received from the Municipality of Magnetawan notifying that they will terminate their agreement with the JBC effective June 30, 2015.

Council received the 2015 annual levy from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and a copy of an e-mail from Les Blackwell, our municipal representative on the Board of Health.

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

- Armour, Ryerson & Burks Falls Agricultural Society being a request for a donation
- M.P.P. Randy Pettapiece being a news release regarding municipal liability insurance reform
- Hec Lavigne, FONOM representative being information from the FONOM Board; Hector Lavigne re: FONOM at the OGRA/ROMA Conference
- Wolters Kluwer regarding a manual for elected officials
- Almaguin Highlands Health Centre, being minutes and up-dates
- Canadian Union of Postal Workers re: Canada Post reductions in service
- Ontario Provincial Police regarding reporting framework
- Burks Falls and District Food Bank being a thank you for the memorial donation
- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit being copies of the Board meeting agenda; annual levy; note from Board representative Les Blackwell
- Ontario Farmland Trust regarding a Forum
- Amy Tilley re: ARI agreement
- Eastholme, Home for the Aged, being the annual levy and Annual General Meeting
- Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence
- Northeastern Fire Education Conference
- Robert van der Wijst re: Completion of OMB Hearing

BY-LAWS

- By-law # 11- 15, being a By-law to set tax ratios
- By-law 12-15 being a By-law to enter into an agreement with FedNor (CIINO Program)
- By-law # 13 -15 being a by-law to confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that we approve the following accounts: Community Development Office voucher number 2-15, in the amount of \$2,404.46. Fire Department accounts voucher number 2 -15, in the amount of \$21,826.87; General accounts voucher number 2-15, in the amount of \$96,944.15; Road accounts voucher number 2-15, in the amount of \$32,846.61. Regional Training Service voucher number 2-15, in the amount of \$5,083.75. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council will approve the draft agreement with the HAZMAT Board subject to the addition of the wording suggested by the Village of Burks

Falls regarding timelines such as “ ... must give 30 days prior to year end if municipality is withdrawing for agreement ...”. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize: Glenn Miller and Doug Weddel to attend the Northeastern Fire Education Conference in North Bay March 28, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the recommendation from the Joint Building Committee that council remuneration be paid by each member municipality. Recorded vote requested by George Sterling. Nays: Rosalind Hall; Barbara Marlow; George Sterling; Doug Weddel; Glenn Miller. Yeas: none. **(Defeated)**
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$200.00 to the Armour, Ryerson and Burks Falls Agricultural Society. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 11-15, being a By-law to set tax ratios for municipal purposes for 2015 and further; That By-Law # 11–15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 3rd day of March, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 12-15, being a By-law to enter into an agreement with FedNor (Industry Canada), under the Community Investment Initiative Northern Ontario (CIINO) Program; and That By-Law # 12–15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 3rd day of March, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 13-15, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council and further; That By-Law #13–15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 17th day of February, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling that we do now adjourn at 10:50 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

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CLERK