

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES April 7, 2015

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening April 7, 2015 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 in attendance: Bob Edmunds; Andrew Farnsworth; Dave McNay; Larry Robinson

Delegations/Guests in attendance: Rod Blakelock; Mike Derry; Paul Van Dam; Bob van der Wijst.

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 March 17, 2015 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Weddel and seconded by Councillor Marlow. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Weddel declared a pecuniary interest with reference to road account number 12922, as he is related to the owner of Phil's Diesel.

DELEGATIONS

Rod Blakelock attended to discuss rides at the fall fair. Ryerson will provide the rock climbing wall or an alternative for the fair.

Doug Weddel addressed Council, as a Ryerson property owner. Mr. Weddel attended meeting today, held at the Armour office regarding amalgamation talks between Burks Falls and Armour. He attended that meeting as an Armour property owner, not as a Ryerson Councillor. Mr. Weddel noted that he was the only property owner in attendance and that there was some confusion about the date of the meeting and that this has been sorted out. He advised Ryerson Council that the minutes from the previous meeting of Armour and Burks Falls stated that amalgamation and shared services should be considered separately, but that the draft terms of reference mandates a review of the status of all existing boards, commissions and committees and further that item one on the schedule A is fire. He stated that Ryerson Township Council should take a position on this.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Bob Edmunds gave a verbal up-date on the spring conditions and status of the excavator. Mr. Van Dam provided some photos of the spring roads.

The second draft of the road budget was reviewed and Council authorized tenders to be prepared for crushed granite, Nipissing Road construction and the septic system for the garage and offices.

ACCOUNTS: community/economic development; fire, general; roads; regional fire training services

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief McNay provided a written report up-dating training, automatic aid agreements, EMS tiered response, GIS mapping, budget passed by all three municipalities.

Reeve Miller advised that McMurrich/Monteith has expressed an interest in the Regional Training Service and a resolution will be forthcoming.

Options for the ice rescue policy were discussed.

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed session as per the below resolution.

Direction was given to municipal staff and the municipal solicitor during the closed meeting.

DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

Deputy Clerk Andrew Farnsworth provided a written report highlighting: requests for proposals for engineer of record and human resources consultant; minimum distance separation; community emergency management coordinator; Showcase Almaguin and City Wide software.

CLERK'S REPORT

Council reviewed joint service budgets which were adopted as per the below noted resolutions.

Council received a report regarding notice of default regarding filing of election finance reports.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Council received a request from Paul Van Dam volunteering to be on a haul route committee. The Clerk to respond to Mr. Van Dam.

Council received a copy of correspondence from Mr. van der Wijst regarding a proposed haul route agreement.

Councillor Marlow verbally reported on the Eastholme Annual General Meeting, the Steering Committee and the Huntsville Hospital meeting and information from Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare.

Council reviewed the Joint Building Committee budget.

Reeve Miller reported on the North East Fire Conference he recently attended.

Councillor Hall provided an up-date on Showcase Almaguin.

Councillor Weddel reported on the Vet Unit annual meeting highlighting the municipal assessment of costs and the veterinary subsidy. He will be attending the annual conference in November at no cost to the municipality.

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

- Village of Sundridge regarding an event to honour former Mayor Elgin Schneider
- DPSMA - Municipal Meeting
- Ernie Hardeman, M.P.P. re: social housing
- Almaguin Highlands OPP being the 2014 4th Quarter and Total Year Statistics; Sergeant Carlo Berardi re: OPP new billing model
- Burks Falls & District Skating Club regarding the Annual year end Carnival and request for a donation
- Parry Sound District EMS re: draft Operational Review
- Township of Armour, being copies of resolutions accepting shared services budgets

- Library minutes
- Steering Committee Minutes
- AMO re: Ministry of Education releases new process for School Closures

BY-LAWS

- By-law # 16-15, being a by-law to enter into an agreement for provision of HAZMAT collection services
- By-law # 17-15 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that we approve the following accounts: Community Development Office voucher number 3-15, in the amount of \$1,658.40. Fire Department accounts voucher number 3-15, in the amount of \$6,949.03; General accounts voucher number 3-15, in the amount of \$258,774.25; Road accounts voucher number 3-15, in the amount of \$41,228.76; Regional Fire Training Service voucher number 3-15, in the amount of \$10,167.50. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve road account number 12922 to Phil's Diesel the amount of \$2,481.80. Doug Weddel declared a pecuniary interest, as he is related to Phil Weddel. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow that we move to a closed session at 9:10 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (f) as the subject matter being considered is regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss: Lot 13, Concession 6; and Pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (b) as the subject matter being considered is regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees . The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss a fire department incident and Pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (d) as the subject matter being considered is regarding labour relations or employee negotiations;. The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss a personnel matter. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall that we return to the open meeting at 10:35 p.m. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the Request for Proposal from Tulloch Engineering for Engineering and Consulting Services, Engineer of Record.(Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the Request for Proposal from Integrity Management Consulting Group (Sudbury) for provision of Human Resources, subject to availability of funding in the 2015 Municipal budget. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the attached resolution regarding Minimum Distance Separation:

WHEREAS rural municipalities in Northern Ontario are struggling to fund the necessary infrastructure and municipal services to meet the needs of current and future residents and ratepayers, and are also struggling to make themselves competitive places to live and work;

AND WHEREAS prudent economic development and sound planning decisions are core concerns for all Northern Ontario Councils, given that sustainable property tax revenue is the only significant tool available to achieve municipal financial health;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario agriculture and its farmers make significant contributions to local economies, local food security, and community health, through a mix of large and small farms, with many smaller farms now moving toward a diverse combination of market gardens, small livestock holdings, and value-added products;

AND WHEREAS the Hon Kathleen Wynne's mandate letter to the Hon Jeff Leal, Minister of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), set priorities to:

- i. foster vibrant rural economies,
- ii. explore opportunities to develop the agricultural sector in the north, and
- iii. prioritize opportunities on private land

AND WHEREAS most land use planning in Northern Ontario municipalities is regulated under the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, ensuring that an open public process is followed for proposed developments, ranging from individual residential severances to heavy industrial developments;

AND WHEREAS in addition to meeting the requirements of the Planning Act, Councils must ensure that planning decisions are consistent with the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS);

AND WHEREAS the 2014 PPS includes a planning tool, the Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formulae, which was *designed* to reduce concerns about odour from large livestock facilities (those having more than 60 cows, 600 hogs, or 15,000 chickens) by prohibiting:

- i. the expansion or construction of a barn within a calculated distance from another land use; and
- ii. non-agricultural development within a calculated distance from a barn

AND WHEREAS the MDS Formulae is applied to every rural development in every Ontario municipality, overriding the public process that defines the Planning Act, and leaving a complicated calculation as the deciding factor in whether or not a farmer, large or small, can expand their barn and livestock operation, or whether or not that farmer's neighbour can develop their own land;

AND WHEREAS the MDS calculation is applied indiscriminately to every livestock facility in a blanket manner and:

- i. disregards the actual number of animals being housed in favour of a calculation of potential numbers of animals;
- ii. relies on a default minimum number of animals (approximately equal to five cows, 15 hogs, or 500 chickens), regardless of the actual number of animals being raised;
- iii. includes the number of hectares of tillable land surrounding the barn, whether or not that land is being used for livestock or other means;
- iv. disregards local conditions such as wind direction for carrying odour or forested areas that may act as a buffer to odour;
- v. bases most aspects of the calculation on *potential conditions*, which among other conditions disregards actual animal management practices;
- vi. fails to consider the needs or the opinions of neighbours and the community

AND WHEREAS the MDS tool is currently under review by OMAFRA, with comments being accepted from municipal and private stakeholders until May 20, 2015;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ryerson request that OMAFRA amend the MDS Formulae to give Northern Ontario municipalities discretion with regard to responsible planning decisions involving small agriculture and rural development;

AND FURTHER THAT OMAFRA consider the following specific amendments in order to support small agriculture as an important driver of economic development, local food security and community health in Northern Ontario:

- i. impose a minimum number of animals and a minimum size of barn that triggers the MDS Formulae;
- ii. re-open decision-making to the public, incorporating input from neighbouring land owners as with any other proposed development; and
- iii. allow the local Council to override MDS under specific circumstances, which could require the inclusion of a relevant clause in the Official Plan and/or Zoning By-law.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be copied to Hon Kathleen Wynne, Hon Jeff Leal, Hon Ted McMeekin, Hon Brad Duguid, Hon Michael Gravelle, Hon Eric Hoskins, MP Tony Clement, MP Jay Aspin, MPP Norm Miller, and MPP Victor Fedeli. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council appoint Andrew Farnsworth as Emergency Management Program Coordinator (CEMC) and Jim Mahoney and Judy Edwards as Alternate CEMCs. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Andrew Farnsworth to attend the Citywide Software training session June 18, 19, 2015 in London. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2015 Rabies Clinic Budget in the amount of \$450.00, with Ryerson's share being \$150.00. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2015 net Arena Budget in the amount of \$171,400., with Ryerson's share being \$42,850. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2015 net Tri R Waste Management Budget in the amount of \$276,250., with Ryerson's share being \$69,063. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2015 Regional Firefighter Training Program Budget in the amount of \$81,000., with Ryerson's share being \$5,062.50. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2015 net Burks Falls, Armour, Ryerson Union Public Library Budget in the amount of \$103,390., with Ryerson's share being \$25,847. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 16-15, being a By-law to enter into an agreement for Provision of HAZMAT Collection services and further; That By-

Law # 16– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 7th day of April, 2015. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow that Ryerson Township Council extend the meeting past the curfew time of 11:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council request the Joint Building Committee (JBC) to provide a business plan as of June 30, 2015 outlining applications received to-date and outstanding inspections and the plan for the JBC moving forward. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the 2015 Joint Building Committee Budget in the amount of \$206,573.00. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize: Barbara Marlow and Rosalind Hall to attend the FONOM Conference in Sudbury May 6 – 8, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize the following to attend the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association meeting April 24, 2015 in Callander: Andrew Farnsworth; Glenn Miller; Barbara Marlow; Rosalind Hall; George Sterling and Judy Kosowan. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall WHEREAS social housing providers in Ontario are currently required to purchase natural gas and insurance through the Housing Services Corporation (HSC) or pay a fee to purchase elsewhere; and WHEREAS social housing providers should have the right to obtain natural gas and insurance at the lowest cost to provide value to those in need of affordable housing and all taxpayers; and WHEREAS the HSC should be the subject the same level of accountability and oversight as government agencies; NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson supports the Housing Services Corporation Accountability Act introduced by Oxford MPP Erne Hardeman which would remove the mandatory requirement for social housing providers to purchase gas and insurance through the HSC, require HSC to report salaries over \$100,000. And give the Provincial Auditor General the authority to audit HSC. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 17-15, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council and further; That By-Law # 17– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 7th day of April, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel that we do now adjourn at 11:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

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CLERK