

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

July 21, 2015

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening July 21, 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: Andrew Farnsworth; Bob Edmunds

Delegations & Guests in attendance: Robert Weaver; Kaveh Kashani; Mike Derry; Judy Ransome; Paul Van Dam; Gail Sawyer; Marlo Pelysz; Cathy Still; Rebecca Zanussi.

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 July 7, 2015 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Marlow and seconded by Councillor Weddel. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Reeve Miller declared a pecuniary interest with respect to agenda item 5(ii) and agenda items 6 (i) and 6 (ii), all relating to solar operation proposals, as he owns the subject property in the Sky Solar Canada Ltd. proposal.

Councillor Weddel declared a pecuniary interest with respect to agenda item number 5, item two and agenda item 6 item one, as he is the tenant farmer on the abutting property to the solar operation proposal from Sky Solar Canada Ltd.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Bob Edmunds provided a written staff report to Council.

DELEGATIONS:

Reeve Cathy Still from the Village of Burks Falls attended to follow up with a resolution from Ryerson Township dated June 16, 2015 regarding automatic aid agreements and formation of a regional fire services/location committee. Council explained that they accepted the Fire Chief's suggestion that perhaps the first step in this regional process, initiated by Perry Township, would be to start with automatic aid agreements. Reeve Still will speak to Fire Chief Dave McNay about attending a Burks Falls Council meeting.

Reeve Miller declared pecuniary interest, as previously stated, asked Barbara Marlow to Chair the meeting for the next three agenda items, and left the room. Councillor Weddel also left the room for the next two agenda items.

Paul Van Dam attended to provide his comments on the Sky Solar Canada Ltd. solar operation proposal on Lot 2, Concession 8. Concerns included effect on agricultural land, visibility of the solar panels from the highway and from surrounding properties. He expressed concerns with the process as set by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Kaveh Kashani from Sky Solar Canada Ltd. attended to provide information to Council on the amended proposal for Lot 2, Concession 8 and up-dated Memorandum of

Understanding. Council asked questions about the drainage, tree and top soil removal on the property and the need for a detailed analysis by the Township's engineer of record, with Sky Solar paying for the study. Concern about approval from abutting owners was also discussed and Mr. Kashani explained the process and documents required for Sky Solar's application submission.

Council considered a resolution to support the project in principle in order to obtain further information on the potential impacts of the project. The resolution would allow the municipal Engineer of Record to be hired, at the expense of Sky Solar, to investigate concerns regarding drainage on the proposed site. Council will only consider the request to offer their support once the engineering report has been received. The resolution below was adopted by Council.

Councillor Weddel returned to the room.

Deputy Clerk Andrew Farnsworth presented a draft Renewable Energy Project Policy and reviewed this with Council. Several additions and amendments were suggested. These changes will be incorporated and Council directed that the policy be sent to the municipal planner and lawyer for review. A second draft will be provided to Council at a future meeting.

Reeve Miller returned to the room and resumed the Chair.

Council received copies of resolutions from the Township of McMurrich/Monteith and Township of Armour regarding the joint fire services proposal

CLERK'S REPORT

Council was notified of a re-zoning meeting August 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. regarding Part Lot 5, Concession 2 and also the Tri-Council meeting August 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior's Centre in Burks Falls.

Council reviewed the general and road department budget up-dates.

Council received the draft tax collection policy. A few amendments were suggested and a second draft will be brought forward at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

- Township of Armour re: Burks Falls & District Museum Expansion Up-date
- Village of Burks Falls regarding clear bags for garbage
- North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN, a response to our letter dated May 5, 2015
- Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services regarding the Strategy for a Safer Ontario
- New Tecumseth being a request to support a resolution regarding farm & industrial hydro rates (resolution)

BY-LAWS

- By-law 36-15 being a By-law to Permit the Operation of Off Road Vehicles on Any Highway Within the Municipality
- By-law 37-15, being a by-law to rescind a by-law to restrict the weight of vehicles passing over a bridge
- By-law # 38-15 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council

RESOLUTION

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council agree to support, in principle, the Sky Solar Canada Ltd. proposed 12 MW Ground-mount Solar Project to be located on Lot 2,

Concession 8. This support, in principle, is subject to reaching an agreement regarding the conditions outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provided by Sky Solar Canada Ltd. The conditions may be further negotiated by Council prior to Council's further consideration of the proposal and a vote on entering into a Municipal Agreement with Sky Solar Canada Ltd. Declaration of pecuniary interest (previously declared) by Glenn Miller and Doug Weddel. Recorded vote requested by George Sterling. Yeas: Rosalind Hall; Barbara Marlow. Nays: George Sterling. Absent: Glenn Miller; Doug Weddel. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the resolutions from North Stormont and New Tecumseth asking the Province to examine a proposal regarding farm and industrial electricity rates. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 36-15, being a By-law to Permit the Operation of Off Road Vehicles on Any Highway Within the Municipality and further; That By-Law # 36 – 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 21st day of July, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 37-15, being a By-law to rescind by-law 7-14, being a by-law to restrict the weight on a bridge on Midlothian Rd. on Lot 24, Concession 10 and further; that By-Law # 37– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 21st day of July, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 38-15, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council and further; That By-Law # 38– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 21st day of July, 2015. (Carried)
- That we move to a closed session at 9:05 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: proposed haul route agreement for Peggs Mountain Road and receive direction for the OMB teleconference Aug. 7, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow that we do now adjourn at 10:05 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. A public meeting for a rezoning application will be held at 6:30 p.m. (Carried)

REEVE

CLERK