

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

January 5, 2016

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening January 5, 2016 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; Dave McNay; Kyle Jenkins; Bob Edmunds; Judy Ransome; James Bingham.

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 December 15, 2015 and special meeting December 22, 2015 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Hall and seconded by Councillor Weddel. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

James Bingham was present to provide Council with information from the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) relating to a matter regarding the snowmobile trail adjacent to John Finley's property at 121 Royston Rd. Mr. Finley was unable to attend the meeting this evening.

Council reviewed the information received from the O.P.P. and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC). It was the decision of Council to allow the Magnetawan Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club (MRRSC) to leave the trail where it is planned to be, along the road allowance adjacent to 121 Royston Road, for the following reasons: we have signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Magnetawan Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club (MRRSC) dated October 6, 2015, giving permission for use of municipal road allowances (resolution # 2 dated October 6, 2015); it is our understanding that the MRRSC will be installing signs on the trail following the OFSC Risk Management Department signage requirements; in discussion with the Public Works Supervisor, it is not feasible to move the trail to the other side of the road due to the terrain and not viable to move the trail on and off the travelled portion of the road as it may interfere with Ryerson's winter road maintenance operations; The O.P.P. have noted that if there is a problem, then the property owner may wish to notify them about enforcement.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave McNay was in attendance to discuss his monthly written report. Kyle Jenkins, President of the Burks Falls and District Firefighters Association, was present as an observer.

In addition to the monthly report, Chief McNay provided copies of the minutes from the Fire Department Quarterly Health and Safety meeting and the monthly Workplace Inspection sheets.

A letter from the Firefighters Association, dated November 26, 2015, was received and the draft 2016 budget was discussed in detail. Amendments were made to the draft budget and Mr. McNay is planning to attend the next Armour Township meeting to present the budget in advance of the Tri-Council meeting scheduled for January 25, 2016.

Council discussed the draft Automatic Aid Agreement being circulated by the Regional Fire Services Committee, Chief McNay agrees with the draft and asked Council to support it. He also noted that our Department is not having any issues with volunteer firefighter recruitment at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Bob Edmunds provided verbal up-dates to Council including: that the seagull deterrent quote received in 2015 will remain the same for 2016; still keeping in contact with Superior regarding Nipissing Rd; the JCB backhoe is expected to be back in service this week; we will get a second quote for removal of the forms on the Nipissing Rd. bridge; the rims previously advertised have been sold; there are three outstanding issues with the excavator; working on the 2016 budget.

ACCOUNTS: Community/economic development; fire; general; roads.

CLERK'S REPORT

Monthly bank reports, haven't received banking services review; Burks Falls and Armour Restructuring Discussions, draft letter regarding shared services approved to send; topics for Tri-Council: shared services agreement, arena policy warming center; CEMC appointment; Deputy Clerk job description/advertisement.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Councillor Marlow to bring back further information on weighted assessment statistics.

Councillor Sterling noted that a new executive director has been hired for Eastholme.

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit re: contract awarded for new building
- DSSAB being the 2016 budget
- Ministry of Transportation regarding Electric Vehicle Chargers Ontario grant program (EVCO)
- OGRA Municipal Delegation Request information
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding 2015 Rural Road map: The Path Forward
- Robert van der Wijst re: annual retainer
- Township of Perry re: Regional Fire Services Committee
- Town of Parry Sound being a request to support a resolution regarding municipal Climate Action
- Northern Ontario School of Medicine being a request for donation
- 2014/2015 Ombudsman Annual Report and brochures
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding our response regarding proposed changes to the Aggregate Resources Act
- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit being a copy of Board of Health agenda
- Minutes from Burks Falls, Armour, Ryerson Union Public Library

BY-LAWS

- By-law 1- 16, being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing
- By-law 2- 16, being a by-law to impose an interest charge expressed as a percentage per month for non-payment of tax arrears
- By-law 3- 16, being a by-law to impose a penalty charge expressed as a monthly percentage charge for non-payment of current taxes
- By-law 4- 16, being a by-law to impose a penalty charge expressed as a monthly percentage charge for non-payment of current taxes
- By-law 5- 16, being a by-law to confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has no amendments to suggest to the draft Automatic Aid Agreement as presented. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow that Ryerson Township Council authorize the work to proceed on the Nipissing Road Bridge, to a maximum expenditure of \$4,500.00 plus HST. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that we approve the following accounts: Community/Economic Development Office voucher number 12-15, in the amount of \$1,373.89. Fire Department accounts voucher number 12-15, in the amount of \$19,813.65; General accounts voucher number 12-15, in the amount of \$173,825.76; Road accounts voucher number 12-15, in the amount of \$56,928.54. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council appoint James Mahoney as CEMC. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has accepted the resignation from Deputy Clerk Andrew Farnsworth, and that due to the short resignation notice, that we intend to contract Mr. Farnsworth for a transition period on a fee for service as needed basis. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council appoint Robert van der Wijst as Municipal Solicitor for 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 1-16, being a By-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, and further; That By-Law # 1– 16 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 5th day of January, 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 2-16, being a By-law to impose an interest charge expressed as a percentage per month for non-payment of tax arrears. and further; That By-Law # 2– 16 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 5th day of January, 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 3-16, being a By-law to impose a penalty charge expressed as a monthly percentage charge for non-payment of current taxes or any class or installment thereof and further; That By-Law # 3– 16 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 5th day of January, 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a bill # 4-16, being a by-law to being a by-law to

provide for an interim tax levy and the payment of interim taxes for the year 2016 and further; That By-Law # 4- 16 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 5th day of January, 2016. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 5-16, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council and further; That By-Law # 5- 16 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 5th day of January, 2016. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow that we do now adjourn at 10:50 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

REEVE

CLERK