

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

February 21, 2017

In Celebration of Canada 150, Ryerson Township presents *Minutes from the Past!*

February 23, 1935: [Moved by] Still, [seconded by] Smith: That the Clerk send each ratepayer in the different road divisions the amount of road work he is entitled to and that the overseer be allowed to work his team [of horses] on the road while overseeing.

With record amounts of snowfall this 2016-2017 winter we are glad to acknowledge the work our "team" does to keep Ryerson's roads plowed. No teams of horses required!

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening February 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Reeve Glenn Miller, Councillors Rosalind Hall, Barbara Marlow, George Sterling and Doug Weddel.

Staff in attendance: Leanne Fetterley, Judy Kosowan, Lloyd Van Duzen, and Dave Gray.

Delegations & Guests in attendance: Linda Maurer, James Bingham, and 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 7, 2017 and Tri Council meeting February 8, 2017 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Weddel and seconded by Councillor Marlow. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (none declared)

DELEGATIONS

Linda Maurer, Historical Society: The Draft 2016-2017 budget was presented as well as an overview of planned projects and activities for the upcoming year. A final budget will be circulated when it is available.

James Bingham, Magnetawan Ridge Runners: A written report was presented to Council. Mr. Bingham provided an overview of the current situation regarding the local trail network and stressed that connecting trails and amenities is critical in supporting this important economic activity. In order to do this, more use of the travelled roads is required. The Club is requesting that the winter maintenance of certain Township roads be modified to better accommodate the snowmobiling public. Council was not in favour of reducing road plowing, salt and sanding, and emphasized that in the interest of public safety, the quality of the travelled road must be maintained. However, Council directed the Club to indicate areas where additional ditching and brushing would allow the trail to follow the road allowance (to reduce use of the travelled road) and to work with the Public Works Supervisor to devise a plan for assisting with this work.

STAFF REPORTS

Economic Development:

Dave Gray provided highlights of his written report and reviewed the Chamber intern proposal on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Council supports the proposal in principle but will review an amended budget before tabling a motion.

Council discussed several items relating to the economic development program: the potential for regionalization, the role of the Chamber in a regional model, and the CEDO's workplan and focus. Clerk to follow up with BACED committee.

Public Works Supervisor:

Council received two written reports. Lloyd Van Duzen indicated that on several occasions the Snowmobile Club's groomer has left large deposits of ice and snow on the travelled road. Photos were used to illustrate specific locations. Mr. Van Duzen noted that this is a safety hazard to the travelling public. Mr. Bingham will address this issue with groomer operators.

Mr. Van Duzen reviewed a written report resulting from concern about the height of the snowbanks at the entrance to 121 Royston Road, and the re-routing of the snowmobile trail onto the travelled road at this location. Council requested that staff review the direction provided to the landowner and snowmobile club in January 2016 regarding this portion of the trail. And further that staff should continue to educate all residents regarding regulations for the removal of snow (as per the Highway Traffic Act) as well as the importance of maintaining sightlines at private driveways to ensure public safety.

Deputy Clerk:

A draft budget for the special Canada 150 version of the annual Ryerson Yard Sale was presented. Council supported the enhanced event as well as the shared marketing proposal between Burk's Falls, Amour, Ryerson, BACED, and the Historical Society.

Councillor Weddel noted that this festival was not supported by the Ontario 150 Celebration program and expressed concern that the Parry Sound District was noticeably under-represented in this program.

The Spring 2017 Newsletter was received by Council. The Deputy Clerk noted that the new Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will be launched in this newsletter and highlighted the shared goal of this committee and the soon-to-be formed Magnetawan River Park Committee.

Clerk:

The MPAC 2016 Municipal Summary Report was reviewed by the Clerk.

Motions were approved regarding staff and Councillor education including the AMCTO Zone 7 Spring Meeting and the Northeastern Fire Education Conference & Trade Show.

Council approved the 2017 Road Department Stand By Policy and received and initialed the 2016 Stand By Policy.

A donation request from the Agricultural Society in support of the 2017 Fall Fair was approved and Council supports the donation of a ride to the Fall Fair.

PLANNING:

The Deputy Clerk presented an overview of an upcoming minor variance application at 81B Wind Rose Lane and provided a verbal update regarding the proposed boat launch at Rockwynn Landing.

SHARED SERVICES

Shared Services budgets were approved as received with the exception of the landfill budget. Council directed staff to request further information about the proposed capital expense. Notes from the Tri Council and Shared Services meetings were approved.

To adequately discuss the shared services proposal presented by Burk's Falls, the Chair called a special meeting to be held March 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Staff were directed to send several questions for clarification to Burk's Falls so that answers may be available for the special meeting.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Councillor Weddel reported on the Hydro One Small Business Lighting Program.

Reeve Miller discussed the proposed Fire Prevention Officer cost-sharing formula presented at the Regional Fire meeting.

Councillor Weddel provided a verbal report on the Library.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Van Der Wijst Law Office being a summary of proposed changes in the Notice By-law
- The Municipality of East Ferris being an invitation to attend a Regional Tourism meeting on March 22, 2017
- M.A. Wittick Breakfast Club being a request for donation
- John Finley being an email regarding snow clearing practices

BY-LAWS

- By-law # 10-17 being a by-law to establish a boundary road agreement with Armour Township
- By-law # 11-17 being a by-law to authorize vote by mail for Municipal elections
- By-law # 12-17, being a by-law to confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the proposed draft budget for the special Canada 150 version of the Annual Yard Sale and BBQ; and further that Ryerson Township partner with the Village of Burk's Falls and the Township of Armour to develop a shared marketing campaign which will include this event as part of *Celebrating Saw & Steam: 150 Years of Industry and Transportation in Burk's Falls, Armour and Ryerson*. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Judy Kosowan and Leanne Fetterley to attend the AMCTO Zone 7 Spring Workshop May 4-5, 2017 in Little Current. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Dave McNay, Martyn Payge, and Judy

Edwards attend the Northeastern Fire Education Conference and Trade Show March 31st to April 2, 2017 at Deerhurst Resort. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Glenn Miller and Doug Weddel to attend one day of the Northeastern Fire Education Conference and Trade Show March 31st to April 2, 2017 at Deerhurst Resort. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the Road Department Stand-By Policy for the November 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018 season. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$200.00 to the Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls Agricultural Society in support of the annual Fall Fair 2017. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2017 Rabies Clinic Budget in the amount of \$420.00, with Ryerson's share to be \$140.00. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2017 South East Parry Sound Regional Fire Training Officer Budget, in the amount of \$85,950.00, with Ryerson's share to be \$4,297.50. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2017 Fire Budget, in the amount of \$353,255.00, with Ryerson's share to be \$88,313.75. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$1,794.28 will be put into a fire reserve. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2017 Burks Falls and Area Community Economic Development (BACED) Budget, in the amount of \$38,033.00. With Ryerson's share to be \$9,508.25. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2017 Burks Falls, Armour, Ryerson Union Public Library Budget, in the amount of \$121,375.00. With Ryerson's share to be \$30,343.75. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2017 Arena Budget, in the amount of \$189,725.00. With Ryerson's share to be \$47,431.25. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$1,590.95 will be put into an arena reserve. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2017 Tri-R Waste Management Budget, excluding proposed capital projects, in the amount of \$242,050.00. With Ryerson's share to be \$60,512.50. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$1,771.50 will be put into a landfill reserve. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has received the notes from the Tri-Council meeting January 23, 2017 and the notes from the Shared Services meeting February 8, 2017 as submitted by the Village of Burks Falls. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Rosalind Hall, Dave Gray, and Leanne Fetterley to attend a Regional Tourism meeting on March 22, 2017 hosted by the Municipality of East Ferris. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$50.00 in support of the M.A. Wittick Breakfast Club. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #10-17, being a By-law to authorize the execution of a boundary road agreement with Armour Township; That By-Law #10-17 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 February, 2017. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #11-17, being a By-law to authorize vote by mail for the 2018 Municipal Election; That By-Law #11-17 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 February, 2017. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #12-17, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law #12-17 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 February, 2017. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling that we do now adjourn at 11:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

Original signed by Barbara Marlow

DEPUTY REEVE

Original signed by Judy Kosowan

CLERK