

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

November 21, 2017

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

November 23, 1945: Moved by Gavine, seconded by Parry: That the clerk write the Dept. of Health, stating, that as there is no Dentist within forty miles of Burks Falls, and our children's teeth are very badly neglected, we urge that they make some effort to have a Dentist placed in Burks Falls as soon as possible. Carried.

*Accessing healthcare services in small rural communities continues to be a challenge in 2017. Keep informed about opportunities to improve healthcare...
and don't forget to brush and floss daily!*

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

Staff in attendance: Dave Gray; Leanne Fetterley; and Judy Kosowan.

Guests in attendance: Paul Van Dam 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 November 7, 2017 were adopted as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Sterling and seconded by Councillor Hall. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (none declared)

DELEGATIONS (none registered)

STAFF REPORTS

Economic Development Officer

A written report was reviewed including updates on the following projects: wayfinding signage; digital sign; website; small business workshops; NECO board position; local business support; 2018 draft budget; and regional economic development. Several factors affecting the regional initiative have recently changed and therefore the proposed model is still in development.

Public Works

A written report was received from the Public Works Supervisor. Winter operations regarding snow removal as described in the Highway Traffic Act were reviewed. There was a discussion about overtime and staff were directed to provide more statistics.

Deputy Clerk

Council participated in a strategic planning exercise. Opportunities for community improvement were identified and a preliminary visioning session identified objectives for the development of parkland and access to waterbodies.

Clerk

The following items were reviewed: Township office holiday hours; staff and volunteer recognition; and the draft 2018 Council meeting schedule (see resolutions below).

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Financial Indicator Review was received by Council. Staff were directed to provide further clarification at an upcoming meeting.

SHARED SERVICES

The draft 2018 shared services budgets were reviewed and items to be clarified were noted by staff.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Regional Fire: The committee is currently investigating a cost sharing formula based on an equal weighting of population/households/assessment.

Eastholme: Confirmation was provided that Lady Isabelle will not be reopening as a nursing home. More funds will be requested from the Provincial government to address increasing cases of dementia at Eastholme.

Library: The Library is currently closed for renovations. More information to be provided following the Library Board meeting on November 22, 2017.

Historical Society: The Cookies with Mrs. Claus event is scheduled for December 10th. Heritage Day 2018 will be presented in partnership with Armour Township on July 14th. Applications will be submitted to request funding for students for next summer.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS

- Township of Armour resolutions in support of extending the current CIINO contract and support in principle of a regional economic development department
- Town of Lakeshore being a resolution urging the Government of Ontario to create a Provincial Flood Insurance Program; and City of Hamilton being a resolution endorsing the Town of Lakeshore's resolution
- Burks Falls Santa Claus Parade request for support and float entry form (see resolution below)
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs announcing "New Horizons – Ontario's Draft Agricultural Soil Health and Conservation Strategy"

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed meeting regarding a review of staff working relationships and litigation affecting the Municipality. Council returned to the open meeting at 10:40 p.m. The Clerk will follow up with direction given in the closed meeting.

BY-LAWS

- By-law 49-17: to confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the attached staff report dated November 15, 2017 regarding Christmas bonuses for employees and volunteers, as amended. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approves the proposed meeting schedule for 2018, as attached, as amended. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Office Holiday Hours will be as follows: closed December 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 2017, and January 1, 2018. Office to re-open regular hours Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the resolution received from the Town of Lakeshore urging the Government of Ontario to create a Provincial Flood Insurance Program. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$150.00 to the Burks Falls Santa Claus Parade Committee. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 49-17, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 49-17 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 November, 2017. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that we move to a closed session at 10:10 p.m., 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 and (e) as the subject matter being considered is regarding potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board; The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss: review of staff working relationships and litigation affecting the Municipality. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 10:41 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

Original signed by Glenn Miller

REEVE

Original signed by Leanne Fetterley

DEPUTY CLERK