

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

February 6, 2018

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening February 6, 2018. Deputy Reeve Marlow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Councillors George Sterling, Rosalind Hall, and Doug Weddel. Reeve Glenn Miller was absent.

Staff in attendance: Leanne Fetterley; Judy Kosowan.

Guests in attendance: Judy Ransome; 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 January 23, 2018 and the Tri-Council meeting January 29, 2018 and the Shared Services meeting January 30, 2018 were adopted as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Sterling and seconded by Councillor Weddel. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (none declared)

DELEGATIONS (none registered)

STAFF REPORTS

By-Law Officer

Jim Mahoney introduced Caitlin Deevey. She has been training with Mr. Mahoney as part of the By-law Officer succession plan previously approved by Council. An update on Ms. Deevey's progress was provided and it was requested that Council consider appointing her as a By-law Officer to enable her to transition to working more independently. For now Mr. Mahoney will still perform the paralegal duties and continue to provide mentorship. The Clerk will prepare a proposed compensation package for Council's consideration.

Fire Department

A written report from the Fire Chief regarding the Tanker truck replacement was reviewed. Council also received a written report from the Public Works Supervisor which supports the rationale of the Fire Chief's report by detailing a number of experiences with new and used equipment in public works operations.

Three options for replacing the tanker were presented and Council supported the staff recommendation to purchase a new (2015) fire truck. The fire budget was discussed and solutions were proposed to accommodate the new truck within the proposed 2018 capital budget.

Staff were directed to arrange for delegations to Burks Falls and Armour to discuss the tanker options and budget.

Public Works

A written report was received from the Public Works Supervisor detailing winter operations, winter sand stocks, the 2018 pickup tender, and R.A.P. supply. There were no comments or questions.

Deputy Clerk

An updated Accessibility Plan was reviewed and adopted by Council (see By-law below). There was a discussion regarding next steps for projects to improve accessibility.

Clerk

A written report was reviewed with a recommendation to support the Fall Fair by providing the Rock Climbing Wall activity (see resolution below).

Council reviewed a written report from the Clerk which included the Statistics Canada Consumer Price Index and authorized a cost of living increase as per the resolution below.

SHARED SERVICES

Tri Council budgets: There were no comments or questions at this time.

The notes from the Shared Services meeting January 30, 2018 were received. Ryerson's insurer is currently reviewing the draft shared services agreement; specifically environmental liability for the landfill. Staff will provide Council with further information on the shared services agreement at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Councillor Sterling provided a verbal update about the Eastholme union contract.

Deputy Reeve Marlow reported on recent discussions about two hospital sites versus a single site model. It was also noted that there was not an EMS meeting this month.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS

- Village of Burks Falls Special Tri Council Meeting (Shared Services Agreement) Minutes January 30, 2018
- Correspondence re: proposed regional Fire Prevention Officer Services (see resolution below)
- Town of Lakeshore resolution proposing that a proportionate share of new tax revenues generated from the sale of marijuana to be allocated to municipalities (see resolution below)
- West Nipissing resolution seeking a permanent exemption for use of Hand-Held Devices for Municipalities (see resolution below)
- FONOM 2018 Save the Date: May 9-11, 2018, Parry Sound (see resolution below)
- Celia Finley email re: request for snowmobiling statistics in Ryerson Township dated January 23, 2018 and email response dated January 29, 2018
- Regional Fire Meeting Minutes January 18, 2018
- Library Meeting Minutes November 22, 2017

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed meeting with the Solicitor to receive advice regarding a human resources matter. Council returned to the open meeting at 10:55 p.m.

BY-LAWS

By-law 9-18: to adopt an updated accessibility plan and policies

By-law 10-18: confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council contract Blackrock Climbers for the Climbing Tower activity for the Burks Falls Fair Monday September 3, 2018 for the price of \$1,287.60 plus tax. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize an increase of 2% for 2018 to be applied to the salary grid, council pay and road department stand-by policy. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council is willing to participate in the initiative proposed by the Regional Fire Services Committee (RFSC) to adopt a regional Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) program which includes hiring two (2) Fire Prevention Officers subject to approval of a final budget. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the Town of Lakeshore resolution proposing that a proportionate share of new tax revenues generated from the sale of marijuana to be allocated to municipalities. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the West Nipissing resolution seeking a permanent exemption for use of Hand-Held Devices for Municipalities. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Rosalind Hall and Barbara Marlow to attend the full FONOM Conference May 9-11, 2018 in Parry Sound. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #9-18, being a By-law to adopt the updated Accessibility Plan and Policies and further; That By-Law #9-18 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 6th day of February, 2018. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #10-18, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law #10-18 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 6th day of February, 2018. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Sterling be That we move to a closed session at 8:55 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: a human resources matter. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that we move to a closed session at 8:55 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; The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss: review of staff workload and staff compensation. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 10:57 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 20th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

Original signed by Glenn Miller

REEVE

Original signed by Leanne Fetterley

DEPUTY CLERK