

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
TRI COUNCIL MINUTES**

The virtual TRI Council meeting of the Councils of the Township of Armour, the Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls was held on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. and hosted by the Township of Armour.

Those in attendance were:

Ryerson Council: Mayor George Sterling, Councillors Barbara Marlow, Penny Brandt, Celia Finley and Delynne Patterson. Staff: Brayden Robinson, Treasurer, Nancy Field, Deputy Clerk, Dave McNay, Fire Chief.

Burk's Falls Council present included Mayor Cathy Still, Councillors Jarvis Osborne, Lisa Morrison, John Wilson, and Rex Smith; Staff: Nicky Kunkel, CAO/Clerk and Graham Smith, Arena Manager.

Armour Council present included Reeve Bob MacPhail; Councillors Jerry Brandt, Rod Ward and Rod Blakelock; Staff: John Theriault, Clerk-Treasurer/ Administrator, Charlene Watt, Deputy-Clerk and Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator.

Guests: Judy Ransome, Paul Van Dam, Albine Cook, and Lee McConnell.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Bob MacPhail at 7:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the regular meeting held on October 26, 2020 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

DELEGATIONS:

Scott Aitchison, Member of Parliament, made a presentation to TRI Council on the work he is doing in our area, including access to broadband internet and affordable housing. Questions were asked and answered.

2021 DRAFT BUDGETS:

Waste Management

The Waste Management Administrator presented the final draft of the 2021 waste management budget. The final draft budget for Waste Management is increasing from \$173,245 in 2020 to \$223,495 in 2021, an increase of \$50,250 or 29.01%. This is a decrease of \$4,177 from the October 2020 draft budget.

The Township of Ryerson is asking to implement the increase over three years to lessen the impact. Staff advised the municipalities that what is being asked for in the 2021 budget is what it is going to cost to administer the landfill. To reduce the budget, we could increase the tipping fees revenues by \$20,000, the only drawback is that if we do not collect as many tipping fees as last year, there will be a deficit which will have to be covered by the municipalities.

The municipalities were also advised that there is only 6 to 7 years left of life in the landfill and if they wish to keep it open or change it to a transfer station we will have to spend a large amount of money.

Fire Department

The Fire Chief presented his final draft 2021 Fire Department budget. The final draft budget is increasing from \$437,374 in 2020 to \$463,720 in 2021, an increase of \$26,346 or 6.02%. This is an increase of \$11,100 from the draft budget proposed in October 2020 which was a total of \$452,620.

The increase is due to an increase in the cost of training (\$1,200), an increase in the purchasing of equipment (\$4,000) and an increase the price of the burn building from \$30,000 to \$60,000, increasing our share by \$6,000.

Arena

The Arena Manager presented the 2021 draft arena budget. The draft budget is decreasing from \$257,468 in 2020 to \$241,022 in 2021, a decrease of 6.39%. This is a decrease of \$25,604 from the draft budget presented in October 2020.

The major differences from the October 2020 draft budget a as follows:

• reduction of the proposed revenues	\$+34,190
• reduction in the proposed salaries	-29,681
• reduction in cost of hydro	-15,665
• reduction in cost of natural gas	-4,750
• reduction is cost of water and sewers	-2,730
• reduction is cost of ice plant	-2,775
• reduction is cost of building maintenance	-2,955
• increase in office supplies and uniforms	+1,365
• decrease in booth supplies	<u>-2,630</u>
	\$-25,631

These adjustments reflect the fact that the arena will not be used as much because of COVID-19.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The TRI Council meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Rod Ward, Seconded by Cathy Still; That the TRI Council of the Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk’s Falls approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 26, 2020. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, Seconded by George Stirling; That the TRI Council of the Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk’s Falls adjourn this regular TRI Council meeting at 8:35 p.m. until the next regular TRI Council meeting scheduled for October 25, 2021 to be hosted by the Village of Burk’s Falls. Carried

Mayor

Clerk / Deputy Clerk