

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

Electronic Meeting via Zoom, the meeting was recorded.

March 23, 2021

A special meeting of Council was held Tuesday March 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., for a preliminary review the draft 2021 Budget.

Members of Council were notified of this special meeting by e-mail on March 8, 2021. The public and Council were notified of this meeting by posting of the agenda for the regular meeting March 16, 2021 and by posting this special meeting agenda March 17, 2021, on the website. This was an electronic meeting via Zoom, due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Mayor Sterling and Councillor Marlow participated from the municipal office.

Council members attending electronically: Delynne Patterson, Penny Brandt, Celia Finley.

Staff in attendance at the municipal office: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, Judy Kosowan.

Public in attendance electronically: Paul Van Dam at 10:14 a.m.

Mayor Sterling called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance was announced and it was noted that the meeting is being recorded.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

PRESENTATION:

Treasurer Brayden Robinson gave an update of unpaid tax balances, assessment, asset management and grant status before proceeding with a review of the 2021 draft budget.

Revenues, expenses, and capital projects were highlighted.

Mr. Robinson noted that a previous suggestion had been made to start a reserve fund for anticipated future costs for the Joint Building Committee. In addition, it was suggested that a reserve fund be established for a future contribution toward a new hospital, as Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) has indicated that the municipality will be approached about support for the project. Council agreed to the establishment of the two reserves for the 2021 budget.

There are still several line items that need to be finalized and the updated budget will be brought back to a future meeting.

Council discussed expectations resulting from previous discussions regarding issues concerning affordable housing, homelessness and long-term care facilities. Council would like to develop a plan that would be effective in making their voice heard. It was suggested that the M.P. Scott Aitchison and M.P.P. Norm Miller could be invited to future meetings to hear Council's concerns.

RESOLUTION:

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 11:06 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. Councillor Marlow. (Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK