

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

April 6, 2021

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday evening April 6, 2021 at 6:02 p.m. This was a fully electronic meeting via Zoom because our region was under restrictions due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Attendance was announced, and it was noted that the meeting is being recorded.

Mayor Sterling participated from the municipal office.

Council members attending electronically via Zoom: Barb Marlow, Delynne Patterson, Penny Brandt, and Celia Finley. (Councillor Marlow experienced technical difficulties and joined the meeting at the Municipal office at 6:11)

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

Public attending electronically: Judy Ransome, Lee McConnell (Almaguin News), Nieves Guijarro.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting March 16, 2021 and special meeting March 23, 2021 were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Brandt and seconded by Councillor Patterson. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

QUOTATIONS:

Council received a summary of three quotations for the OSIM Bridge Inspection and two quotations for the Roadside Mowing.

Resolutions were adopted as noted below.

STAFF REPORTS

FIRE CHIEF: Council received the written report from Chief Dave McNay. Training Officer, Gary Courtice and Fire Chief, Dave McNay were available to answer questions about the burn building proposal.

DEPUTY CLERK: A written report was received by Council with an update about the 2021 Spring Freshet from information provided from the MNRF meeting with the Magnetawan Watershed Communications Committee.

Nancy Field presented Council with a report about Pt 1 of Plan 42R-6633, a deviation roadway on South Horn Lake Rd. The section of road was deeded to the Township years ago and should be included into our maintained road system. A resolution was carried as noted below.

TREASURER: Refreshed a few points within the 2021 budget and after discussion it was decided to bring the budget to the May 4th, 2021 meeting for adoption.

CLERK: Provided a report to Council about the OPP Detachment Board and it was noted that more information will be coming to Council after a meeting with a Ministry of the Solicitor General representative, Burk's Falls Detachment Commander, Dominique Lalonde, and the Almaguin Clerks, on April 14th, 2021.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor Brandt reported on the Joint Building Committee meeting. A resolution to accept the Joint Building Committee Budget of \$203,627.00 is noted below.

Councillor Marlow and Councillor Patterson provided information on the Staycation initiative and after a discussion, Council agreed in principle with the proposal and would like ACED to take the lead and to fit it within their budget. A letter will be sent out to ACED.

Councillor Patterson informed Council that the Library Board will engage a subcommittee to establish the required needs for a larger site. Councillor Patterson provided updates on the activities of the Burks Falls and District Historical Society. An option to install a bike rack at the Wiseman Corner School site on Midlothian Road to accommodate Ontario by Bike participants will be pursued.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS

AMO Virtual Conference Information, AMO Virtual Conference Program, AMO Conference Update. No one will attend the 2021 conference.

FONOM Virtual Conference, save the date was discussed and when more information is provided about the 2021 conference, this item will be brought back to Council.

Briefing Notes Wendigo Lake and Project Dare, letters of support: Perry Township, Strong Township. After a discussion, a resolution was adopted as noted below.

LPAT Telephone Conference Call, Status of Haul Route Agreement Peggs Mountain pit/quarry.

Health Unit Advocating for increase in COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation. A resolution is noted below.

BY-LAWS

By-law number 12-21 being a by-law to assume a highway for public use.

By-law number 13-21 being a by-law to confirm the meetings of Council.

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed meeting by resolution at 7:22 p.m.

In the closed meeting, Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusions and returned to the open meeting at 8:12 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting March 16, 2021 and special meeting March 23, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Sterling. Absent: Marlow due to technical difficulties. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley Seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the quotation for OSIM Bridge Inspections from Tatham Engineering in the amount of \$4,000.00 plus HST.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Sterling. Absent: Marlow due to technical difficulties. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the quotation PW 1-21 for roadside mowing from Derrick Johnstone Construction in the amount of \$4,118.00 plus HST.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Sterling. Absent: Marlow due to technical difficulties. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 12-21, being a By-law to Assume a Highway for public use and further; That By-Law # 12-21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 6 day of April 2021.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the 2021 Joint Building Committee budget as presented in the amount of \$203,627.00.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council declare their support to the Government of Ontario for continuing to fund the facility and programs that are operated by Wendigo Lake Expeditions, located near the Village of South River; And Further that correspondence be sent to Norm Miller, M.P.P. requesting support of this request.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley,

Whereas the Township of Ryerson is within the district of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit); and

Whereas the Health Unit received its first allocation of vaccine more than a month and a half later than Southern Ontario and Ottawa health regions; and

Whereas vaccine allocation for the Health Unit has not increased over time to compensate for the delay in provision of the first vaccine allocation; and

Whereas COVID-19 transmission rates in Northern Ontario, as evidenced by the effective reproduction numbers $R_{(t)}$, are among the highest in the province; and

Whereas, due to the vaccine allocation, the Health Unit is still in phase 1 of the rollout while public health unit regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa are in phase 2; and

Whereas 26.5% of the population in the Parry Sound District and 22.4% of the population in the Nipissing District are aged 65 years or older, compared to 16.7% for all of Ontario (2016 Census); and

Whereas the delay in the Health Unit vaccine allocations is causing increasing inequities in the booking of COVID-19 vaccination clinics; and

Whereas, due to the vaccine allocation, Indigenous populations have not received their required allocation. **Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson request that the vaccine allocation be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in phase 1 to enable them to catch up to those regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa; and

Furthermore, Be It Resolved, that this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, Vic Fedeli, MPP – Nipissing, Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound-Muskoka, John Vanthof, MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane, Mayors/Reeves within the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit district, Ontario Boards of Health, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA).

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 13-21, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law #13 -21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 6 day of April 2021.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow, Be it resolved that we move to a closed session at 7:22 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 staff working relationships.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 8:13 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. (Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK