

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

May 4, 2021

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday evening May 4, 2021 at 6:00 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 6:00 p.m. Attendance was announced, and it was noted that the meeting is being recorded.

Mayor Sterling and Councillor Marlow participated from the municipal office.

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

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

Public attending electronically: Lee McConnell (Almaguin News), Paul Van Dam, Judy Ransome. Nieves Guijarro entered the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting April 20, 2021 were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Patterson and seconded by Councillor Finley. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

TENDERS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:

Council was provided with a summary of eight quotations received for the request for quotation for a Human Resources Vendor of Record.

A resolution was adopted as noted below.

STAFF REPORTS:

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT: A quarterly staff report from Caitlin Deevey was provided to Council.

DEPUTY CLERK: Nancy Field presented and reviewed a request for a road closing from Louise Cottreau (Concession 8/9 road allowance Midlothian Road). Council did not support the request to close this road allowance.

TREASURER: Brayden Robinson provided Council with a copy of the final draft of the 2021 budget with a 2.1 percent increase.

The tax ratio by-law was introduced and adopted. Mr. Robinson explained the 2021 budget report as required by Ontario Regulation 284/09, and a resolution adopted.

The 2021 tax rate by-law was presented and adopted by Council.

CLERK: Judy Kosowan provided Council with the report and survey prepared by the Almaguin Clerk's Group regarding the establishment of the OPP Detachment Policing Board. Council provided their decisions on the survey. The responses will be forwarded to the Burks Falls office.

COUNCIL REPORT:

Councillor Marlow noted that the Arena Repurposing Committee and the Library will be conducting a public survey.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS

City of Cambridge request to support a resolution re: Ontario paid sick leave during an infectious disease emergency, resolution adopted as noted below.
FONOM Virtual Conference May 18, 202, resolution adopted.
Almaguin Highlands Health Centre: updates and Nurse Practitioner Survey
Province of Ontario, AMO: Feedback to Strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct, resolution adopted
DSSAB: Strategic Planning Process
2021 Census, resolution adopted

BY-LAWS

By-law number 16-21 to set the tax ratios for 2021.

By-law number 17-21 to set the tax rates for 2021.

By-law number 18-21 to confirm the meetings of Council.

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed meeting by resolution at 7:15 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 7:52 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley, Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting April 20, 2021 be adopted as circulated.
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 agree to enter into a contract with Pesce and Associates for Human Resources Services, for a one-year period.
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling.
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 16 -21, being a By-law to set the Tax Ratios for Municipal purposes for 2021 and further; That By-Law # 16 -21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 4th day of May, 2021.
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling.
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson, Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the 2021 Budget Report, excluding expenses as per Ontario Regulation 284/09.
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 leave be given to introduce a Bill # 17 - 21, being a By-law to set Tax Rates for 2021 and further; That By-Law # 17 - 21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 4th day of May, 2021.

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

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson opts in to being part of the Almaguin Highlands O.P.P. Detachment Police Services Board and responded to the survey as follows:

1. Board Composition Ranking: 7 Member Board (1), 5 Member Board (2), 9 Member Board (3)
2. Community Appointee: (b) Advertise for the general public to apply
3. 3 (a) Does your municipality have the capacity to administer the Board and provide the secretary: No
3 (b) Do we create a part-time ad-hoc position to be the secretary to the Board, shared among all partners: yes

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 Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the resolution received from the City of Cambridge, urging the Honourable Doug Ford to provide necessary funding and/or support to employers so that all workers in Ontario have access to no less than 10 paid sick days annually in the event of a declared infectious disease emergency, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. No: Penny Brandt (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Marlow, Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Penny Brandt, Delynne Patterson, Celia Finley, Barbara Marlow to attend the virtual FONOM Conference May 18, 2021.

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

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council appoint Delynne Patterson to attend the virtual provincial meeting regarding municipal codes of conduct June 10, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.

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

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt, Be it resolved that The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

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

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley, Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 18 - 21, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 18 - 21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 4th day of May, 2021.

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

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, that we move to a closed session at 7:15 p. m, pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (b) as the subject matter being considered is regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees . 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 Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow, Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:53 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK