

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

January 18, 2022

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday January 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting combining electronic meeting via Zoom, phone and in person due to the COVID-19 Pandemic precautions.

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 participated from the municipal office.

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

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

Public attending by phone or electronically: Nieves Guijarro, Hilda Tota, Paul Van Dam, Judy Ransome, Bev Abbott.

Delegation in attendance via Zoom: Madonna Hall.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R-01-22 Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that the minutes from the special and regular meetings December 20, 2021, and special and regular meetings December 21, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

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

Councillor Brandt requested a closed session for a discussion prior to discussion on DSSAB as it is about an identifiable person.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Patterson declared a Conflict of Interest: I, Delynne Patterson, declare a pecuniary interest in item 6 on the January 18, 2022 Council agenda. I am making this declaration because As you know, I declared a pecuniary interest on December 21, 2021 regarding the matter of the DSSAB appointment and will continue to do so until a decision is made regarding myself. Given that Councillor Brandt and I have both expressed an interest in this appointment, it seems to me that it would be appropriate for both of us to be declaring the same pecuniary interest and recuse ourselves from any discussion and decision on this matter. That would leave the three remaining members of council to make an impartial decision without influence for either of us. I confirm that I will not vote on the matter, I will not take part in the discussion on any question in respect of the matter, and I will not attempt in any way whether before, during or after the meeting to influence voting on any such question.

DELEGATION

Madonna Hall attended to follow up regarding the Noise By-law and noise from generators. Council is in the process of finalizing an updated noise by-law and a copy of the draft by-law will be provided to Madonna Hall.

REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Dave McNay's report was received.

R-02-22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment for the Burk's Falls and District Fire Department, the Township of Ryerson's share of this to be funded through their 2022 budget; And further that Council authorizes the single-source purchase of this equipment from M & L Supply, in accordance with section 8.3 (attached) of the Township's Procurement By-law 34-20.

Attachment:

8.3 Single Source

When there is more than one source in the open market, but for reasons of standardization, function, or service, one Vendor is recommended for consideration of the Commodity, such as: Compatibility with an existing product, facility or service is required; and The Vendor for function or service has skills related to and existing knowledge of the nature of the service,

The Department Head requesting Sole or Single Source must obtain written approval by the Treasurer before making a purchase. Upon approval by the Treasurer, further approval shall be required by Council for purchases over \$5,000.

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

TREASURER: Brayden Robinson provided copies of the 2022 Waste Management Budget and the area budget. Staff reports received: Cost of Living Adjustment and Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund (NORDS).

R-03-22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve a cost-of-living adjustment of 2.5% to be applied to the 2022 salary grid.

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

R-04-22 Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorizes the CAO to automatically adjust the Township's municipal salary grid each year, to provide a cost of living increase equal to Ontario's published CPI inflation rate from the preceding November; and further that the cost of living increase sha;; be capped at a maximum of 3 %, and a minimum of 1%.

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

R-05-22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the submission of an application under the NORDS funding program, for capital upgrades to Peggs Mountain Road.

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

Tax By-laws received and adopted:

R-06-22 Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 1-22, being a By-law to impose interest for non-payment of tax arrears and further; That By-Law # 1-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 18th day of January 2022.

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

R-07-22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 2-22, being a By-law to impose a penalty for non-payment of

current taxes and further; That By-Law # 2-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 18th day of January 2022.

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

R-08-22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 3-22, being a By-law provide for an interim tax levy for 2022 and further; That By-Law # 3-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 18th day of January 2022.

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

DEPUTY CLERK: Nancy Field's Schedule of Regular Council Meetings for 2022 was received and accepted.

R-09-22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council accept the 2022 Regular Council meeting schedule, as amended.

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

Staff Report: Update from the Magnetawan River Watershed Communications Committee received by Council.

COUNCIL: Councillor Patterson provided the Burks Falls Union Public Library Facility Needs Assessment.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Noise by-law: Staff report and draft noise by-law received and amended. The final draft will be brought to a future meeting for adoption.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

General information items received:

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre meeting minutes Jan. 7, 2022, and progress report
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Bill 13 Supporting People and Business Act, Bill 276 Supporting Recovery and Competitiveness Act
Correspondence: Arena update

CONFIRMING BY-LAW:

R-10-22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 4-22, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 4-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 18th day of January 2022.

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

CLOSED MEETING:

R-11-22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that we move to a closed session at 7:27 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 a councillor legal matter.

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

Councillor Patterson did not participate in this closed meeting, as a declaration of pecuniary interest was declared at the beginning of the meeting.

In the closed meeting, information was provided to Council.
Council returned to the open meeting at 7:36 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Appointment of DSSAB representative:

R-12-22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council appoint Joe Vella to the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Services Board Area 4, representing Armour, Burks Falls, Kearney, Perry, McMurrich/Monteith and Ryerson.

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

Councillor Patterson returned to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

R-13-22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Vella, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:43 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK