

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

February 1, 2022

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday February 1, 2022, at 6:03 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting combining electronic meeting via Zoom, phone and in person due to the COVID-19 Pandemic precautions.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:03 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, Nancy Field, Judy Kosowan.

Public attending by phone or electronically: Brenda Tota, Judy Ransome, Kathy Baker, Madonna Hall, Paul Van Dam, Nieves Guijarro.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 14 -22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting January 18, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

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

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Finley declared a pecuniary interest: I, Celia Finley, declare pecuniary interest with respect to: Item 5, Integrity Commissioner's Report. The general nature of the pecuniary interest is: Remuneration for attendance at council meetings.

4. REPORTS

BY-LAW: 2021 annual report from By-Law Officer Caitlin Deevey was received.

TREASURER: Council remuneration and expense report for 2021 was received by Council. Council remuneration by-law was adopted.

R- 15 -22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 5-22, being a By-law respecting remuneration and expenses for members of Council and further; That By-Law # 5-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 1st day of February, 2022.

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

DEPUTY CLERK: Consent Application B 056/21 approved by Council.

R- 16 -22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved Ryerson Township Council approve Consent Application

B-056/21, Concession 13, Part Lot 12, in Ryerson Township. The following conditions will apply:

- If the reference plan or other evidence discloses that either the severed property or the retained property owned by the Applicant contains a deviation road maintained by the Township as a public road, then the Applicant shall survey and transfer such deviation road to the Township as a condition of severance. The area to be surveyed and transferred shall generally be 66 feet in width and centered upon the centre line of the present traveled road. In situations where this is impractical, the Applicant should discuss how this requirement will be fulfilled with the Municipality before the reference plan is finalized.
- As a condition of severance approval, the Applicant shall pay to the Municipality in which the land is located, or otherwise satisfy the requirement for donation of Parkland set out in Section 51.1 of the Planning Act.
- The Township requires one copy of the draft reference plan, and two copies of the Final Reference Plan and one digital copy of the Final Reference Plan.
- That the Townships Consent Administrative Fee and Deposit be paid by the Applicant before finalization of the Consent is given.
- The Township requires that existing access to Highway 520, for both the severed and retained lots currently without MTO permits will be required to apply, in a timely manner, for new MTO access permits to be issued. The Planning Board will be advised in writing that this condition has been met before finalization of the consent is given. It is noted that the MTO has said that no additional access will be permitted to Highway 520 and that the Ministry will only allow the parcels (severed and retained) for residential use.

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

CLERK: Vaccination Policy Update received by Council and resolution adopted.

R- 17 -22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that the CAO/Clerk be directed to amend the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy as per option # One.
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.
(Carried)

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Patterson provided a report on ACED and the survey regarding municipal development related plans. An update report on the Library was received.

Councillor Brandt highlighted the Joint Building Committee (JBC) annual statistics.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

Councillor Finley left the meeting for the discussion on the Integrity Commissioner's report as per the previous declaration of pecuniary interest.

R- 18 -22 Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Patterson, Whereas Ryerson Township Council has received a report from the Integrity Commissioner Harold Elston, And Whereas the Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol has been considered, And Whereas Section 10.3 states: Upon review of the Report, Council shall pass a resolution stating whether or not it intends to take-action in response to the Report, and if so, what action it will take; Now Therefore Be It Resolved That as per Section 5.7 of the Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol, Ryerson Township Council accepts the Integrity Commissioner's recommendation.
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Patterson, Vella, Sterling. No: Brandt. Absent: Finley due to declaration of pecuniary interest. (Carried)

Councillor Finley returned to the meeting.

6. **NOTICE OF MOTION**: None received.

7. **COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

7.1 Hilda Tota: correspondence received regarding the Integrity Commissioner's report

7.2 Armour Township: Tri-Council item for agenda regarding tri-council meeting schedule

7.3 Joint Building Committee (JBC) meeting minutes, (Resolution re: Inspector wages)

R- 19 -22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support resolution # 2022 -008 dated January 20, 2022 from the Joint Building Committee recommending that the Building Inspector wage be increased by \$1.00 per hour effective January 2, 2022, with an additional \$1.00 per hour increase on successful completion of the Large Building exam.

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

7.4 Town of Bracebridge: request for support of a resolution regarding funding for Sexual Assault Services (Resolution)

R- 20-22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support resolution number 21-GC-317 dated December 22, 2021 requesting that increased and sustainable provincial funding for Muskoka Parry Sound Sexual Assault Services (MPSSAS) and other sexual assault services centres be supported for priority consideration by the Provincial Government and its agencies.

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

7.5 Township of Perry re: support for a resolution from Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Joint and Several Liability.

R- 21 -22 Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Patterson Whereas municipal governments provide essential services to the residents and businesses in their communities; and Whereas the ability to provide those services is negatively impacted by exponentially rising insurance costs; and

Whereas one driver of rising insurance costs is the legal principle of 'joint and several liability,' which assigns disproportionate liability to municipalities for an incident relative to their responsibility for it; and

Whereas, the Government of Ontario has the authority and responsibility for the legal framework of 'joint and several liability;' and

Whereas the Premier of Ontario committed to review the issue in 2018 with a view to helping municipal governments manage their risks and costs; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario on behalf of municipal governments has provided recommendations in the source document to align municipal liability with the proportionate responsibility for incidents and capping awards;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson does hereby support AMO's recommendations; and

Further be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson does hereby call on the Attorney General of Ontario to work with municipal governments to put forward a plan of action to address "joint and several liability" before the end of the government's current term so that municipalities can continue to offer high quality services to their communities.

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

Information Items

- Armour Township Head of Council change of Title
- Joint Building Committee Year End Statistics
- AMO: Updates
- NDMNRF: Housing news release

8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 22 -22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 6-22, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 6 -22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 1st day of February, 2022. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

9. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 23 -22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt, Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:27 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK