

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

February 15, 2022

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday February 15, 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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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: Dave McNay, Ken Stevenson, Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, Judy Kosowan.

Public attending by phone or electronically: Brenda Tota, Judy Ransome, Paul Van Dam, Nieves Guijarro, Bev Abbott, Sarah Cooke (Almaguin News).

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 24 -22 Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting February 1, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

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

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

4. REPORTS

FIRE CHIEF Dave McNay: February Staff report received by Council and amended 2022 Fire Department Budget presented.

R- 25 -22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the amendments to the final 2022 Burks Falls and District Fire Department Budget for presentation at the Tri-Council meeting March 7, 2022.

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

TREASURER: Approval has been received from the Province for funding for Intake 3 for the Municipal Modernization Fund in the amount of \$40,068., for Public Works Digitization.

R- 26 -22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 7-22, being a By-law to execute a transfer payment agreement for the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 3 and further that; That By-Law # 7 -22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 15th day of February 2022.

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

DEPUTY CLERK: Registration for the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Conference and Staff report for Consent Application B-061/21.

R- 27 -22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Joe Vella, Penny Brandt or Delynne Patterson to attend the in-person Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Conference in North Bay May 9,10, 11 2022. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

R- 28 -22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve Consent Application B-061/21, Lot 18, Concession 4, 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.

The Township requires one copy of the draft reference plan for review prior to registration, two copies of the Final Reference Plan and a digital copy of the Final Reference Plan.

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 that the applicant/agent provide evidence that, with the creeks/streams going through the property and the requirements for minimum setbacks, there is suitable development building areas on the proposed severed lot.

The Township requires that for any proposed entrance: the Public Works Supervisor will be contacted to inspect the location to determine that a safe location for an entrance can be found. The Planning Board will be advised in writing that this condition has been met, before finalization of the consent is given

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

CLERK: Tri-Council meeting March 7, 2022 draft agenda and 2022 Municipal Election staff report received by Council.

COUNCILLOR REPORT: Councillor Joseph Vella's written report regarding the virtual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference attended January 24/25. 2022 was received by Council.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

Council discussed appointments to committees and adopted the following resolution:

R- 29 -22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Vella, be it resolved that Council approve the Council Committee appointments as per the attached list. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

Attachment Council Committees:

Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) Meets monthly: Joe Vella, and alternate Delynne Patterson.

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Meets monthly: Joe Vella and alternate Celia Finley.

Burks Falls and District Historical Society Meets monthly: Delynne Patterson, and alternate Penny Brandt.

Joint Building Committee Meets monthly: Joe Vella and alternate Delynne Patterson.

Burks Falls, Armour, Ryerson Union Public Library Board Meets monthly: Delynne Patterson and alternate Celia Finley; public volunteer members: Hilda Tota and Bev Abbott.

Town of Parry Sound Municipal Partners Provincial Offences Act Advisory Committee (POA) Meets twice/year: Penny Brandt and alternate Delynne Patterson.

Regional Recreation Committee: Meets as needed: Joe Vella, and alternate Celia Finley.

Ryerson Recreation Committee Meets as needed: Celia Finley, and alternate Joe Vella. Plus, volunteer community members.

South East Parry Sound District Planning Board Meets monthly: George Sterling and alternate Penny Brandt.

East Parry Sound Veterinary Unit Meets once/year: Delynne Patterson and alternate Penny Brandt.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION:

Notice of Motion of the Township of Ryerson, Procedural By-law,
Member of Council, Celia Finley Hereby files a Notice of Motion to be included on the Agenda for the Regular meeting of Council, which is scheduled to be held on:
Feb. 15 2022 under the following Agenda heading:

Subject: Payment of legal fees for all members for legal advice and legal defence when threatened or served with any lawsuit arising from members' speech in council or committee or public meetings.

And which Notice of Motion reads as follows:

Whereas Members of Council must be free to speak openly and honestly on all issues that come before council,

And whereas Council has been requested to consider whether there should be payment of member's legal fees when their words spoken in council or committee meetings have been alleged to be defamatory,

And further that Council has been requested to rule on this matter and the matter of ability insurance for all councillors facing lawsuits arising from remarks made in open council meetings,

And whereas in order to encourage transparency, accountability and the freedom for all to speak in open and honest debate without fear or favour, Council must provide a safe forum,

Now therefore be it resolved that Council will fully cover members' legal fees in this matter, and further, that Council directs the Clerk to make a report on liability insurance for defamation etc. from our Insurers, for Council's deliberation.

The motion will be placed on the March 1, 2022 Council meeting agenda.

7. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

- Correspondence received from Madonna Hall regarding generators: Clerk to send a response

General Information Items:

- Police 2021 Statistics and 2020 Report

- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) updates/newsletter
- District Social Services Administration Board 2022 budget and statistics
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing: Ontario-Municipal Housing Affordability Summit
- Arena Report
- Historical Society Report and Budget
- Waste Management Report
- Joint Building Committee (JBC) January statistics
- ROMA Media Release: Mental Health, Addictions, Homelessness, and Executive Summary
- International Women's Day

8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 30 -22 Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 8-22, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 8-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 15th day of February, 2022. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

9. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 31 -22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:26 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK