

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**  
**MINUTES**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Zoning By-law Amendment**

**Allan and Paula Dunn, 939 Spring Hill Road, Pt 26, Plan PSR-1895**

**March 15, 2022**

A public meeting concerning a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 56-14 was held Tuesday evening March 15, 2022 via Zoom at 5:30 p.m.

Council members present: Mayor George Sterling, Councillors Joe Vella, Delynne Patterson, Celia Finley and Penny Brandt.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, Judy Kosowan.

Public in attendance: Paul Van Dam

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce a proposed By-law to provide site specific zoning requirements for the property noted above.

The application was made by property owner's Allan and Paula Dunn.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Notice of this public meeting was given by prepaid first-class mail on February 22, 2022, to every owner of land within 120 meters of the above noted property, and other agencies as required by the Planning Act. Notice was also posted on the property.

**THE PURPOSE and EFFECT** of the proposed zoning by-law amendment will be to rezone property located at 939 Spring Hill Road, being Part 26, Plan PSR-1895, in Part of Lot 14, Concession 7, Ryerson, and located on the Magnetawan River, from the Flood Plain Holding (FP-H) zone to the Flood Plain Exception 23 (FP-23) Zone to permit the construction of a one storey detached garage and covered porch, to establish a minimum front yard setback of 20 metres, a minimum 3 metre side yard setback, a maximum height of 5 metres and limit the size of the garage to 56 square meters and the covered porch to 23 square metres. The garage will have to be flood proofed. The existing Flood Plain zone does not presently permit a new detached garage on the property. The zoning amendment is requested by the owner to accommodate the construction of a garage on the property that already has a single detached dwelling on it.

Deputy Clerk Nancy Field highlighted a power point presentation and provided an explanation of the proposal.

No submissions or objections to the rezoning proposal have been received.

Council received information about the application at this meeting, and no objections were heard. The matter will be considered further at the regular meeting of Council at 6:00 p.m. this evening and the by-law will be presented for Council's consideration.

Council will consider all matters placed before it prior to coming to a decision.

The public meeting regarding the proposed 939 Spring Hill Road re-zoning concluded at 5:43 p.m.

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**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**March 15, 2022**

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday March 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting combining in person, electronic meeting via Zoom and phone.

**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 George 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, Paul Van Dam, Nieves Guijarro, Judy Ransome.

Presenter attending virtually: Chris Bevan, Kennedy Insurance.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**R- 42 -22** Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting March 1 2022 be adopted as circulated.

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

The draft minutes from the Tri-Council meeting March 7, 2022 will be amended and brought back to the next meeting.

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None noted.

- 4. PRESENTATION:** Chris Bevan from Kennedy Insurance attended to provide information on municipal insurance coverage. Mr. Bevan provided definitions of who or what is and insured. Staff, members of Council and volunteers all have the same rights. Some municipalities have indemnification by-laws to cover items not insured. Any questions about specific occurrences may be sent to Mr. Bevan.  
Information was provided about insurance coverage on the School House Heritage Centre.

**5. REPORTS**

DEPUTY CLERK: Staff report and By-law to rezone 939 Spring Hill Rd.

**R- 43- 22** Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 14 -22, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law no. 56-14 (Allan and Paula Dunn, 939 Spring Hill Road) and further; That By-Law # 14 -22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

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

TREASURER: Resolutions to adopt the shared service budgets as presented at the Tri-Council meeting March 7, 2022:

**R- 44 -22** Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2022 net arena budget in the amount of \$322,298., with Ryerson's share to be \$107,433. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$2,409. will be put into an arena reserve.

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

**R- 45 - 22** Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2022 net fire budget in the amount of \$724,325., with Ryerson's share to be \$170,651. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$2,075. will be put into a fire reserve.

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

**R- 46 - 22** Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2022 net Tri-R Waste Management budget in the amount of \$214,970., with Ryerson's share to be \$67,652. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$2,522. will be put into a landfill reserve.

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

**R- 47 - 22** Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2022 Regional Training Officer budget in the amount of \$85,908., with Ryerson's share to be \$4,048

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

**R- 48 - 22** Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2022 net Library Board budget in the amount of \$155,647. Ryerson's share to be \$34,740.

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

CLERK: Council received the Community Safety and Well Being Plan:

**R- 49 - 22** Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 2 -22, being a By-law to Adopt the Community Safety and Well Being Plan and further; That By-Law # 12 -22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

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

Council received a staff report regarding COVID-19 policies:

**R- 50 - 22** Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council confirms that it will authorize and direct staff to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution in continuing to follow provincial legislation and local health unit guidance in meeting employee responsibilities under the Occupational Health and Safety Act;

And Further, Ryerson Township will continue to implement the current COVID 19 Pandemic requirements as restrictions are lifted or implemented and that any such directives, legislation, regulations, or orders shall take precedence until such time that the municipal policies are amended to conform to current requirements.

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

COUNCILLOR REPORTS: Councillor Patterson provided a written report updating the activities of the Burks Falls and District Historical Society.

Councillor Joseph Vella provided information from the Almaguin Highlands Health Council (AHHC) regarding Ontario Health Teams.

Minutes from the AHHC were provided and the following resolutions adopted:

**R- 51 - 22** Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Brandt. WHEREAS the life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average and one person in eight across the North do not have access to a family doctor, AND these Northern Ontario communities advocate for equitable health care, especially for underserved rural, Indigenous and Francophone communities in Northern Ontario, AND finding ways to encourage more family physicians and health care professionals to stay and work in Northern communities will contribute to reducing the crisis for citizens in the North, AND the Northern School of Medicine graduates far fewer health care professionals than the need requires and it would take five existing graduating classes at sixty-four physicians per year from NOSM just to address the current shortage, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson supports the Village of Sundridge Resolution #2021-381 and requests that the Provincial Government and the Ontario Medical Association expand NOSM's capacity for physician candidates to meet the needs of Northern Ontario, AND find ways to bring additional health care support from other areas of the Province. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

**R- 52 - 22** Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson WHEREAS healthcare funding is a provincial and federal responsibility; AND WHEREAS from 2009 to 2020 a total of \$415.4 million has been transferred from municipal operations to fund and build provincial hospitals; AND WHEREAS remaining long-term commitments to hospitals stand at \$117.5 million (as of 2020), which will also be financed from municipal operations; AND WHEREAS a hospital is one of many public services that contributes to healthy communities; AND WHEREAS municipal contributions to provincial hospitals takes away from the resources available for other municipal services that contribute to the health and well-being of residents; AND WHEREAS a community's total contribution to local hospitals also includes the donations made by benevolent individuals, groups, and businesses along with municipal contributions; AND WHEREAS a community's required local share is to pay 10% of capital construction costs and 100% of the cost of equipment, furniture, and fixtures, which includes medical equipment with big ticket prices: MRI machines, CT scanners, and x-ray machines; AND WHEREAS this translates to a 70% provincial share and 30% local share (individuals, groups, businesses, and municipalities) of the overall cost of provincial hospital operations and capital projects; AND WHEREAS the adoption of the "design-build-finance" hospital construction model (also known as alternative financing and procurement or P3 projects), has increased local share amounts because they now include the costs of long-term financing; AND WHEREAS equipment replacement needs are increasingly frequent and increasingly expensive with average equipment lifespan of just ten years; AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has highlighted the "local share" of hospital capital contributions as a major issue in its 2022 Pre-Budget Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson does hereby call for a provincial re-examination of the "local share" hospital capital calculation methodology, to better reflect the limited fiscal capacity of municipalities, and the contributions to health care services they already provide to a community; AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be hereby circulated to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

Mayor Sterling provided the Eastholme 2022 budget and annual levy information.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING**

Council received sample municipal indemnification by-laws. Council requested further information on when this type of by-law is used and who would be responsible for costs.

7. **NOTICE OF MOTION**: none noted.

**8. COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

- Joint Building Committee (JBC) Statistics
- Arena Reports

**General Information Items:**

- DSSAB: Independent Living option – The Meadow View
- AMO updates
- FONOM: Northern Ontario Task Force
- Ministry Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry: Use of Floating Accommodations
- Armour Township: resolutions approving shared service budgets

**9. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**R- 53 -22** Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 13 -22, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 13-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

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

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**R- 54 -22** Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:31 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 5 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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