

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
April 19, 2022

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday April 19, 2022, at 6:06 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 6:06 p.m.
Attendance was announced, and it was noted that the meeting is being recorded.

Mayor George Sterling and Councillors Brandt and Patterson participated from the municipal office.

Council members attending electronically via Zoom: Councillor Finley and Councillor Vella.

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

Public attending by phone or electronically: Bev Abbott, Brenda Tota, Judy Ransome, Nieves Guijarro.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 65 -22 Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that the minutes from the special and regular meetings April 5, 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. BUSINESS ARISING:

4.1. Council was provided with the communications survey results. Twenty-five responses were received. Generally, the results indicated that respondents preferred a newsletter mailed with tax notices, and paper tax bills.

5. REPORTS:

FIRE CHIEF: Council received a report from Chief Dave McNay and adopted the following resolutions:

R- 66 - 22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Vella, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 18 -22, being a By-law to Establish and Regulate a Fire Department and further; That By-Law # 18 -22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 19 day of April 2022.

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

R- 67 -22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize the Treasurer to proceed with the purchase of the three-quarter ton Dodge pickup truck for the Fire Department in the amount of \$72,053.50 including HST. There will be additional costs for outfitting the truck with the required equipment, not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$100,000.

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

TREASURER: Brayden Robinson provided a staff report including: purchase of a public works pick up truck, O. Reg. 284/09 2022 Budget Report, Tax Ratio and Tax Rate by-laws. Resolutions adopted as follows:

R- 68 - 22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize the Treasurer to proceed with the purchase of the half-ton pickup truck for the Public Works department in the amount of \$59,782.00 including HST. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

R- 69 - 22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the 2022 Budget Report, excluding expenses as per Ontario Regulation 284/09. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

R- 70 - 22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 19 -22, being a By-law to set Tax Ratios for Municipal Purposes for 2022 and further; That By-Law # 19 -22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 19 day of April 2022. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

R- 71 - 22 Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 20 -22, being a By-law to Set and Levy the rates of Taxation for 2022 and further; That By-Law # 20 -22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 19 day of April 2022. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

PUBLIC WORKS: Rick Marcoux provided information on the boundary road maintenance agreement with Armour Township and a resolution was adopted.

R- 72 - 22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 21 -22, being a By-law to enter into a Boundary Road Maintenance Agreement with Armour Township and further; That By-Law # 21 -22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 19 day of April, 2022. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

DEPUTY CLERK: Nancy Field provided information for Consent Application B-010/22, a MNRF Watershed update and Emergency Management compliance for 2021. The 2022 annual emergency management table-top exercise is scheduled for May 19, 2022. The following resolution was adopted:

R- 73 - 22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve Consent Application B-010/22, Concession 14, Part Lot 13, 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 center 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 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

Council received information regarding the Information Session for Municipal Election Candidates to be held April 21 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the arena in Burks Falls or by Zoom. The Use of Corporate Resources for Election purposes policy was also provided.

A request for a donation from the Armour, Ryerson, Burks Falls Agricultural Society was received and a resolution adopted.

R- 74 - 22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$400.00 to the Armour, Ryerson, and Burks Falls Agricultural Society for the year 2022.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councillor Vella provided background information on the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre. Councillor Patterson provided reports on meetings with the Historical Society and the East Parry Sound Veterinary Service Committee.

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

7. **COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

- Burks Falls and District Food Bank: thanking the Township for past support and would appreciate future consideration for support. A letter thanking the Food Bank for their service to the community will be sent
- NECO Community Futures Development Corporation: Information was received on the organization and that NECO is looking for new members for the Board of Directors. It was suggested that the Tri-Council consider inviting the Executive Director Patti Carr to a Tri-Council meeting.

General Information Items:

- Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Response to COVID in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs: Avian Influenza
- FONOM: Passenger Rail Service
- ROMA updates April 5 and April 11, 2022
- AMO Communications: April 8 and April 11, 2022, AMO Election Guide information
- MAHC meeting minutes

8. **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

R- 75 -22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 22 -22, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 22 -22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 19 day of April, 2022.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

R- 76 -22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 6:58 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK