

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

July 12, 2022

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday July 12, 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.

Council members in attendance: Mayor Sterling, Councillors Finley, Brandt, Patterson, and Vella.

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

Presenters: Al Bottomley, Jocelyn Palm, Katherine Zucker.

Public attending by phone or electronically: Judy Ransome, Nieves Guijarro. In person: Paul Van Dam.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 114 - 22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Vella,
Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting June 21, 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. DELEGATION:

4.1 Al Bottomley provided information about the formation of the Almaguin Climate Change action group and discussed several climate and related technological development issues with Council. The Group intends to arrange a meeting of the East Parry Sound District Municipalities to discuss suggestions for changes that we all can make at the local level and to develop a plan of action.

4.2 Jocelyn Palm from the Near North Enviro Education Centre outlined a power point presentation, Inspiring Sustainable Communities, and discussed the Rural Keystone Survey Project. The following resolution was adopted.

R-115 -22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Finley,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the survey project to assess many aspects (economic, cultural, environmental and leadership) of life in Almaguin, received from the Near North Enviro Education Centre located in Sundridge,

And further that Ryerson Township will help promote this initiative by posting the survey on the municipal website and Facebook page.

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

5. TENDERS

One tender was received for PW Tender # 8-22 for granite and two-inch minus gravel supply and apply, Peggs Mountain Rd. The following resolution was adopted.

R- 116 – 22 Moved by Councillor Vella, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept tender PW# 8 - 22 for supply and apply 7/8” crushed granite to 1.9 km of Peggs Mountain Rd. and supply and apply 2-inch minus gravel to 259 metres of the Doe Lake Extension of Peggs Mountain Rd. and supply and apply 7/8” crushed granite to 259 metres of the Doe Lake extension of Peggs Mountain Rd. from Fowler Construction Company Ltd. for the total tender price of \$68,631.13 plus HST \$8,922.05 for a total of \$77,553.18.

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

6. REPORTS:

TREASURER: Council received a budget variance report for 2022.

DEPUTY CLERK: Council received information about the MNRF Doe Lake Watershed meeting on August 18, 2022.

Council was provided with information about the transfer of a one-foot reserve to the Township regarding Plan M 412 on Sandwood Drive. The following resolution was approved.

R- 117 - 22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 33-22, being a By-law to assume a highway for public use, Block D Plan M412 Sandwood Drive and further; That By-Law # 33-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 12th day of July 2022.

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

Council received a staff report about McIndoo Falls Trail and the Minimum Maintenance Standards By-law. Staff will obtain legal advice on options for maintaining the original intent and use of the trail.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councillor Vella provided information from the Joint Building Committee. The following resolutions were adopted.

R- 118 – 22 Moved by Councillor Vella, Seconded by Councillor Brandt,
Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council agrees to enter into an agreement with the Municipality of Magnetawan for Chief Building Official shared services as recommended by Resolution Number 2022-022 from the Joint Building Committee.
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.
(Carried)

R -119 – 22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Finley,
Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the recommendation from the Joint Building Committee that Township of Strong, the Administrator, pursue hiring a full time Deputy Chief Building Official/Building Inspector, effective immediately, with a wage range of \$36.00 to \$43.00 per hour.
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.
(Carried)

Councillor Vella provided a written staff report regarding the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Conference.

Councillor Brandt provided a verbal report about the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Conference attended.

Mayor Sterling provided Council with an Eastholme Administrator's report.

7. BUSINESS ARISING:

Council received a Staff Report regarding the consolidated Procedural By-law and adopted the following resolution.

R- 120 - 22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Vella
Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 34-22, being a Procedural By-law and further; That By-Law # 34-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 12th day of July, 2022.
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.
(Carried)

Council received a Staff Report following up on the Tri-Council meeting and the following resolutions were adopted.

R- 121 - 22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson
Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council direct staff to prepare a 10-year capital plan for the Fire Department, and further that staff meet with the Township of Armour and the Village of Burks Falls to review and compile the 10-year capital plans for all shared services and report the result of this exercise to the Tri-Council.
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.
(Carried)

R- 122 – 22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,
WHEREAS Ryerson Township Council has considered participating in the proposed study of the water/wastewater expansion project with the Village of Burks Falls and the Township of Armour,
AND WHEREAS Ryerson Township Council has previously agreed and still does agree, in principle, with the proposed study and recognizes the potential economic development benefits to the area,
NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that we advise the Village of Burks Falls and the Township of Armour that Ryerson Township will not be participating in the study, as the potential benefits to this municipality do not outweigh the projected costs of the study.
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.
(Carried)

Council received a Staff Report following up from the Tri-Council meeting June 6, 2022 and the matter of the Burks Falls Fair and the ice in the Arena. Council was advised that additional information about agreements between Burks Falls and the Agricultural Society from 1974 and 1982 have just been made available. Council has been notified that for this year Burks Falls will take the ice out of the arena and the Armour, Ryerson, Burks Falls Agricultural Society will have use of the arena for the Fall Fair. Council understands that any future arrangements about the fair and the arena are between Burks Falls and the Agricultural Society. Council does appreciate being kept informed about this matter.

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION**: Not required.

9. **COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

9.1 Council received the June report from the Tri-R Waste Management Administrator.

9.2 Council was informed about the Doe Lake Island Conservation Project and the following resolution was adopted.

R – 123 - 22 Moved by Councillor Vella, Seconded by Councillor Finley,
WHEREAS Ryerson Township Council has been made aware that the Girl Guide Camp on Doe Lake is slated to be sold;
AND WHEREAS a group of taxpayers and the Magnetawan Watershed and Land Trust have brought forward the concern of protecting the local environment of two islands in Doe Lake and a proposal for establishing a conservation easement;
NOW THEREFORE Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the initiative of the concerned taxpayers and the Magnetawan Watershed and Land Trust to preserve the Doe Lake Islands and the proposal to establish a conservation easement;
AND FURTHER that a letter of support for this initiative will be sent from the Township of Ryerson to the Girl Guides.
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.
(Carried)

9.3 Council received and update regarding the Burks Falls Arena.

9.4 Council received resolutions from the Municipality of Brighton and Hasting County and the following resolution was adopted.

R- 124 -22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the resolutions received from the Municipality of Brighton and Hastings County requesting the Province of Ontario to develop and implement a community warning program similar to Amber Alert for those persons of special needs or circumstances who leave the caregivers or locations and potentially put themselves at risk.

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

10. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R – 125 – 22 Moved by Councillor Finley, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #35-22, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 35-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 12th day of July, 2022.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 126 -22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Vella

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 8:07 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 9th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Original Signed by George Sterling
MAYOR

Original signed by Nancy Field
CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK