

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

September 6, 2022

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday September 6, 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: Dave McNay, Ken Stevenson, Cameron Haffner, Brayden Robinson, Judy Kosowan.

Public attending: Judy Ransome, Nieves Guijarro, Bev Abbott, Paul Van Dam, Josh Lilley.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 143 - 22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley.

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting August 9, 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 Delegate was unable to attend but Council received information from the Magnetawan Ridge Runners with a request for Land Use Permission and the following resolution was adopted.

R- 144 -22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Vella,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council enter into the MOU agreement with the Magnetawan Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club.

The MOU agreement from September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2026, between the Magnetawan Ridge Runners and the Township of Ryerson will only come into effect upon receipt of proof of insurance from the OFSC, including the indemnification and hold harmless clause wording, and a current insurance certificate naming the Township of Ryerson as additional insured.

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

5. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP);

5.1 Council received a staff report regarding the Fire Department Pumper Truck.

6. REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

6.1 Council received the staff report from Fire Chief Dave McNay and the proposed 2023 Fire Department budget; the following resolution was adopted.

R -145- 22 Moved by Councillor Finley, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the proposed 2023 fire budget for presentation at the October 3, 2022, Tri-Council meeting.

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

CLERK:

6.2 Council was provided information about Restricted Acts under Section 275 of the Municipal Act known as “Lame Duck” and received a proposed meeting schedule for the remainder of the year.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

6.3 Mayor Sterling provided Council with an Eastholme Administrator’s report.

6.3.1 Councillor Vella provided Council with information regarding the ACED Almaguin Brand Initiative and Strong Township’s resolution of support. The following resolution was adopted.

R -146 -22 Moved by Councillor Vella, Seconded by Councillor Brandt,

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson recognizes the value of working together to promote the Almaguin Highlands Region to visitors, businesses and investors, and residents through implementing the Almaguin Brand Strategy; AND

WHEREAS the support of The Federal and Provincial Governments has provided the opportunity to create a foundation for regional scale marketing and promotional efforts, including the development of marketing material, assets, and initiatives; AND

WHEREAS The Township of Ryerson acknowledges that from time to time, minimal staff efforts may be required to support action items associated with the Almaguin Brand Strategy, including brand incorporation on municipal assets;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Township of Ryerson hereby adopts the Almaguin Brand, and its associated brand elements, as the collective brand for destination marketing. Furthermore, Township of Ryerson supports-in-principle, the continued implementation of the Almaguin Brand Strategy through the Spotlight Almaguin Project.

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

7. BUSINESS ARISING:

7.1 Following up from Heritage Day, Council was provided information about the Firefighter’s Coin.

7.2 Council received a Staff report regarding Bill-124 and the following resolution was adopted.

R – 147 – 22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Council support the Ontario Nurses Association’s (ONA) actions to repeal Bill 124 as a necessary first step to end the nursing shortage that is compromising our health system.

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

7.3 A staff report was provided to Council following up from a discussion at a previous meeting with an amendment request to the Noise By-Law. The following resolution was adopted.

R- 148- 22 Moved by Councillor Vella, Seconded by Councillor Finley

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council amend the Noise By-Law as per the attached wording in the staff report dated August 26, 2022:

Schedule ‘A’ to By-law, Number 11, after the words... “other than during a power outage”:

... OR in the case of an off-grid dwelling with an installed battery storage system: to charge the batteries in an extreme low energy situation, not longer than necessary.

Schedule 'A' to By-law, add a section 12: Discharging of firearms for target practice when not hunting. Prohibited time 4:30 p.m. one day until 9:30 a.m. the next day.

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

8. NOTICE OF MOTION: None.

9. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

9.1 Council received a letter of retirement from the Integrity Commissioner. Council was supportive of participating in a group request for proposal with area municipalities.

9.2 Council was provided information about the potential Library expansion from Armour Township. It was noted that Ryerson Council recognizes the Library Board as an Autonomous Board.

9.3 Council received information and a request to increase support of the annual fireworks from the Village of Burk's Falls. Council directed that the request to increase future support of fireworks be considered during 2023 budget deliberations.

9.4 Council was provided a report regarding the Arena.

General Information Items Received:

- Historical Society: July Minutes
- Burk's Falls, Armour, Ryerson Union Public Library Board minutes, patron count.
- McMurrich/Monteith: Doe Lake Girl Guides Property
- Armour Mayor Bob MacPhail Retirement BBQ, September 9, 2022, Katrine Community Centre 4-6 p.m.

10. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R-149 -22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Vella

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 43-22, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law #43-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 6th day of September 2022.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 150 -22 Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Brandt

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:09 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 20, 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 Judy Kosowan
CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK