

# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

## MINUTES

TRI-COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2023

The Tri-Council meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour, Council of the Township of Ryerson and the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls was held on Monday February 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Armour, Ryerson, Burk's Falls Memorial Arena, 220 Centre Street, Burk's Falls.

### **Attendance:**

Council members in attendance:

Township of Armour: Mayor Rod Ward, Councillors Rod Blakelock, Wendy Whitwell, Jerry Brandt, and Dorothy Haggart-Davis. Staff: John Theriault, Clerk-Treasurer; Charlene Watt, Deputy Clerk; Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator.

Township of Ryerson: Mayor George Sterling, Councillors Beverly Abbott, Glenn Miller, Delynne Patterson and Dan Robertson. Staff: Judy Kosowan, CAO/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer; Kryssi Sinclair, Administrative Intern; Brayden Robinson, Treasurer; Dave McNay Fire Chief; Ken Stevenson, Deputy Chief and Cam Haffner, Fire Prevention Officer.

Village of Burk's Falls: Mayor Chris Hope, Councillors John Wilson, Ryan Baptiste. Ashley Brandt and Sean Cotton. Staff: Nicky Kunkel, Clerk Administrator; Tammy Wylie, Treasurer; Graham Smith Arena Manager and Christina Merrick, Arena Operator.

Presenters attended: Jessica Taylor (Municipal Program Manager), Nieves Guijarro (CEO Library), Diane Brandt, (President of the Burks Falls and District Historical Society).

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Sterling.
2. Adoption of Minutes. Moved by Chris Hope Seconded by Delynne Patterson R-1-23 Be it resolved that That the notes from the Tri Council meeting of October 3, 2022, be accepted as presented. (Carried)
3. Presentation: Jessica Taylor, Municipal Program Manager, presented TRI-Council with information regarding Food Cycler Science, and the results of the Food Cycler Pilot Program. The pilot project was successful with many of the participants pleased with the results. 21 MT of food wasted was diverted from the landfill for our area. Stage 2 of the program is being considered.

#### **4. Shared Services 2023 Budgets and Reports:**

##### 4.1 Burk's Falls and District Historical Society

Diane Brandt, President of the Burks Falls and District Historical Society, provided the Annual Report for 2022 and the 2023 budget. There were no questions regarding the report or budget.

Heritage Day will be held Saturday July 8, 2023 in Burks Falls at the Fair grounds, with thanks to the Armour, Ryerson Burks Falls Agricultural Society.

##### 4.2 Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls Union Public Library

Nieves Guijarro, CEO from the Burks Falls, Armour, and Ryerson Union Public Library provided the 2023 Budget. The discussion centered around the established building project reserve currently set at one percent of the total annual municipal contributions. It was noted that at that level of funding there will not be enough funds soon enough, to meet the needs of the project.

A dollar value of \$100,000. was noted as a starting point for discussion.

The Councils will require information and direction from the Library Building Committee.

A copy of the Assessment Report from the previous Committee will be provided to the three municipalities. It is understood that there are new Board Members, and the re-established Building Committee will be meeting, and more information will be forthcoming. Each Council will discuss the level of funding for a building reserve and will receive information when available from the Building Committee. The topic will be discussed at the next Tri-Council meeting.

#### 4.3 Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls Memorial Arena and Community Centre

Graham Smith, Arena Manager presented the 2023 Budget and highlighted a few items. The participation levels at the facilities are increasing to almost pre-COVID times. The 2023 budget has increased significantly since the draft budget was presented in October 2022. This is due to overall inflation, 11% increase for insurance, and there will be maintenance and repair costs.

The ice will still be in for September and concerns were raised regarding the Fall Fair. There was a discussion regarding the cost to cover the ice and storage issue for those supplies. Suggestions were made about having a covered venue outside and the use of the lobby and hall for the vendors. It was suggested that perhaps the municipalities could consider contributing to the cost. Another suggestion was that use of the ice could be included for events like puck drops or family skating at the fall fair. Burks Falls will continue discussions with the Agricultural Society.

#### 4.4 TRI-R Waste Management

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, highlighted the Waste Management Report including: landfill utilization, landfill mining as a capital project for 2026, 4 Season Waste Audit and bag tallies. There were no changes in the 2023 budget, since the fall meeting. Fluctuations in recycling revenues were explained.

The Food Cycler Project was successful and the opportunity for Phase Two is under consideration.

The Blue Box transition was explained, and we will transition in 2025. The Diversion programs currently in place will remain unchanged by the transition of the blue box program.

#### 4.5 Burk's Falls and District Fire Department.

Fire Chief Dave McNay highlighted several line items in the 2023 fire department budget. There have been significant increases in many items, including the cost of purchasing the bunker gear. There is a 3.9% overall increase in operating costs. Chief McNay discussed some proposed expenses for 2023 such as replacement of the weather stripping to the bay doors and plans to extend the Fire Hall by 8 feet to house the new fire truck with a projected cost of \$50,000. The new Fire Truck needs to be housed in a heated enclosure and will be temporarily stored at Perry Township for approximately a year when they will need the space for their new truck. The need for a new Fire Hall and alternative options were discussed. Parry Sound EMS has indicated that they are interested in a shared project.

### 5. **Other Business.**

The three Councils discussed the Fire Works for Canada Day celebrations. Residents enjoyed the Fireworks last year, but there was some concern voiced about the short time frame of the show. Burk's Falls has proposed a Firework budget of \$10,000. Options for fund raising in the community were discussed. The requirement to have licensed professionals to set off the fireworks was noted and several options were discussed. Armour and Ryerson will provide Burks Falls with their decisions on supporting the increased budget for fireworks.

#### **Summary**

- Each of the three Councils will give consideration of amounts to provide to the Library for their building fund reserve
- Each Council to consider their own level of reserves for future fire hall construction
- Armour and Ryerson will provide Burks Falls with a decision on the Fireworks budget

6. **Next meeting** is Monday May 29, 2023 with Township of Armour hosting.

**7. Adjournment**

R- 2- 23 Moved by Ryan Baptiste Seconded by Delynne Patterson

Be it resolved that the Tri Council meeting hereby be adjourned at 9:28 p.m. (Carried)

Original signed by George Sterling

MAYOR

Original signed by Nancy Field

~~CLERK~~/DEPUTY CLERK