

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

March 14, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **March 14, 2023** 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 attending: Mayor Sterling, Councillors: Abbott, Miller, Patterson and Robertson.

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

Public attending by phone or electronically: Judy Ransome, Brenda Tota, Josh Lilly, and Nieves Guijarro.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 35 - 23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the Tri-Council February 27 and regular meeting February 28, 2023, and special meeting March 8, 2023, be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

4. DELEGATION: None registered

5. TENDERS

Council discussed the tendering for road projects and adopted the following resolution.

R- 36 -23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize tenders for crushed granite, 2-inch minus, roadside mowing, and winter sand. (Carried)

6. REPORTS:

TREASURER:

Council discussed the remuneration and expenses By-law and a resolution adopted.

R- 37-23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 12-23, being a By-law respecting remuneration and expenses for members of council and further; That By-Law # 12-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 14th day of March 2023. (Carried)

Council discussed the annual fireworks and the following resolution was adopted.

R- 38 -23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the increase in the budget for the annual fireworks to \$10,000, and will share the cost, net of donations received, equally, with Burks Falls and Armour. (Carried)

Council received a request from Perry Township and adopted the following resolution.

R- 39 -23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the request from Perry Township to share in the cost of surface treatment of 0.5 km of So-Ho-Mish Road, with Ryerson's share being \$18,375, plus additional taxes. (Carried)

CLERK:

Council discussed half load restrictions, and the following resolution was adopted.

R- 40 -23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson provide that permits to exceed dimension and weight limits may be issued by the Public Works Supervisor at the discretion of the Public Works Supervisor. (Carried)

R- 41 -23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council designates that Public Works Supervisor William (Fred) Schmeltz is a Corporate Officer with the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson, and delegated signing authority for CVOR documents. (Carried)

Council received the 2021 Service Delivery Review and the implementation plan was updated. The date of April 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. was set for further Council orientation.

COUNCIL:

Mayor Sterling provided an Eastholme report.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/BOARDS:

Council received meeting minutes and a progress report from the Almaguin Highlands Health Council.

7. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:

- 7.1 Information was received regarding the DSSAB Appointments.
- 7.2 Council received an update from the Burk's Falls Family Health Team.
- 7.3 Council received the appointment for the EMS Advisory Committee.
- 7.4 An update regarding the Hospital Local Share was provided to Council and the local share will be discussed further at a future meeting.

8. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

8.1 Council received information from AMO regarding homelessness in Ontario and adopted the following resolution.

R- 42 -23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

WHEREAS the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments; and,

WHEREAS homelessness requires a range of housing, social service and health solutions from government; and,

WHEREAS homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve; and,

WHEREAS municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge; and,

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ryerson Township Council calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;
- c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. (Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- Council received the February minutes from the Historical Society.
- Council received the February statistics from the Joint Building Committee.

9. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 43 -23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 13-23, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 13-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 14th day of March 2023. (Carried)

10. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 44 -23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:07pm. The next regular meeting March 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

Original Signed by George Sterling
MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Field
CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK