

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

TRI COUNCIL MINUTES

May 29, 2023

The combined in-person/virtual TRI Council meeting of the Councils of the Township of Armour, the Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls was held on Monday, May 29, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Katrine Community Centre and hosted by the Township of Armour.

Those in attendance for were:

Township of Armour Council present included Mayor Rod Ward; Councillors Jerry Brandt and Rod Blakelock; Staff: John Theriault, Clerk-Treasurer/ Administrator.

Village of Burk's Falls Council present included Mayor Chris Hope, Councillors John Wilson, Ryan Baptiste, Sean Cotton and Ashley Brandt; Staff: Tammy Wylie, Treasurer and Candy Shuker.

Township of Ryerson Council present included Councillors Delynne Patterson, Beverly Abbott, and Dan Robertson; Staff: Nancy Field, Deputy-Clerk, Brayden Robinson, Treasurer, Ken Stevenson, Deputy-Chief and Cam Haffner, Fire Prevention Officer.

Guests: Nieves Guijarro and Josie Woodman.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rod Ward at 7:02 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The notes of the regular meeting held on February 27, 2023 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

Mayor Rod Ward welcomed all of the participants and advised TRI Council that he would like these meetings more open for discussion and that some decisions be made to move items forward.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Proposed Agreement – Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

TRI Council discussed the report presented by the Village of Burk's Falls concerning the options on how to fund the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre. This report needs to be discussed by each Council included in the catchment area of the facility. Some Councils have already sent in a response on the options available in the report. Question was asked as to why this facility is not included in the shared services. A history of the facility was given and the discussion on including it in the shared services will need to be held in the future. Council for the Village of Burk's Falls also needs to discuss the responses to their proposed options before making a decision.

Appointments to shared Boards & Committees

TRI Council discussed how municipalities who share members of a board or committee could create a system by which appointing these members could be streamlined. A proposal would be to ask all Councils who is interested in sitting on a board or committee and then having a meeting with all the candidates to choose one who would be recommended by all of the Councils. Another option would be to have ballots until a candidate get the majority. Another idea would be to choose an alternate if the first representative could not fulfil his/her mandate. Another option would be to choose one municipality to be in charge of collecting the information and recommending a candidate.

Succession Planning – Senior Management TRI Services

TRI Council discussed succession planning for the TRI services. The Fire Chief and the Arena Manager will be retiring in the near future. TRI Council wanted to know what steps are being taken by each municipality to ensure that these positions will be filled when senior management retires. The arena has a succession plan. The Fire Department is looking at succession planning, but it has not been implemented yet. For the Fire

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Department could the position be shared with another municipality. Waste Management is not looking at its department head retiring soon, but Armour will also be looking into succession planning.

Rental Rates for Library and Fire Department

The Village of Burk's Falls requested a discussion on the rental rates they are charging for the Fire Department and the Library. The rates presently charged are not in line with what is being charged on the market. The Village would like to adjust these rates to reflect the market in our region so that they would have the money available to update the buildings when needed. Would the other two partners be agreeable to this?

New Library – Discussion, Timelines & Funding Model

TRI Council discussed the renovation or construction of a new library. There is a need for the Library Board to decide what they want to do with this project and to set a timeline for this project. TRI Council discussed how this project will be funded by the partners. If we wish to try and find grants, we will need to have a shovel ready project. TRI Council passed a resolution requesting that the Library Board Building Committee report back to TRI Council with a concrete plan on how to construct a new library.

New Fire Hall – Discussion, Timelines & Funding Model

TRI Council discussed the construction of a new fire hall. Since EMS is interested in a joint project within the next four (4) years, there is a need to set a timeline for this project and get it going. TRI Council discussed how this project will be funded by the partners. If we wish to try and find grants, we will need to have a shovel ready project. Township of Ryerson will look into the possibility of leading this project and will report back to TRI Council.

Agricultural Society – Fall Fair Update

An update was given on the Fall Fair. TRI Council discussed how the rental of the tents for the Fall Fair was going to be financed. The approximate cost for the tents is \$6,000. TRI Council agreed that the cost of the tents will be covered through the arena budget. A discussion ensued concerning the amount of work members of the Agricultural Society have to put in to be able to raise enough money every year to keep the Society moving forward. There was also some discussion within the Society on to how improve it.

Other Business

The Village of Burk's Falls would like neighbouring municipalities to work together to help in making events work. Volunteers are hard to find now, so putting our resources together would really help.

TRI Council was advised that projects are coming to the area and working together will help.

ADJOURNMENT:

The TRI Council meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by John Wilson, seconded by Jerry Brandt; That the TRI Council of the Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls approve the notes of the regular meeting held on February 27, 2022. Carried

Moved by Rod Blakelock, seconded by Chris Hope; That the Library Board present their findings concerning the construction of a new library to the TRI Council at their next meeting on August 28, 2023. Carried

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Moved by John Wilson, seconded by Ryan Baptiste; Be it resolved that each TRI Council municipality agrees to pay for the tents required to create an indoor venue for the Fall Fair to offset the inability to use the ice surface in the arena and further that the cost of the tents be paid from the arena budget and any overage caused in the budget be jointly covered by the three (3) municipalities. Carried

Moved by Sean Cotton, seconded by John Wilson; That the TRI Council of the Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls adjourn this regular TRI Council meeting at 9:00 p.m. until the next regular TRI Council meeting scheduled for Monday August 28, 2023 to be hosted by the Village of Burk's Falls. Carried

Original signed by George Sterling

Mayor

Original signed by Judy Kosowan

Clerk/~~Deputy Clerk~~