

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

May 30, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **May 30, 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 in attendance: Mayor: Sterling, Councillors: Abbott, Miller Patterson and Robertson.

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

Public attending by phone or electronically: Judy Ransome, Nieves Guijarro, Josh Lilley, and Roman Kaczynski.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 94 - 23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the special meeting, public meeting, and regular meetings on May 16, 2023 be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

4. DELEGATION: None registered

5. TENDERS : None

6. REPORTS:

TREASURER:

6.1 Council was provided with the final draft of the 2023 budget and O. Reg. 284/09 2023 Budget Report and the following resolutions were adopted.

R- 95 -23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the 2023 Budget Report, excluding expenses as per Ontario Regulation 284/09. (Carried)

R- 96 -23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 24 -23, being a By-law to set and levy the rates of taxation for 2023 and further; That By-Law # 24 -23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 30th day of May 2023. (Carried)

CLERK:

6.2 Council discussed re-evaluating contributions to the Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) program as there is a need to prioritize expenditures within our limited financial resources. Council adopted the following resolution.

R- 97 - 23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson has a fiduciary duty to its taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS Council understands and supports the importance of regional economic development but must find a balance within its fiscal reality between funding services provided by ACED other essential fiscal demands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ryerson Township Council is hereby providing notice to ACED that it will withdraw its current partnership effective January 1, 2024;

AND FURTHER THAT Ryerson Township Council would like to continue as a non-voting member with a donation of \$5,000 for 2024.

Council will review their support of ACED annually during budget discussions. (Carried)

6.2.1 Council discussed level of service expectation for municipal by-law enforcement. Two priorities discussed included clean yards and trailers. Further information will be provided.

Council took a break and the meeting resumed at 7:03 p.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

6.3 Councillor Patterson provided a report from FONOM.

6.4 Councillor Abbott provided a Library report.

7. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:

7.1 Council received a Staff Report regarding the Regional Fire Training Officer Agreement and adopted the following resolution.

R- 98 - 23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 25-23, being a By-law to enter into a joint municipal agreement for provision of regional fire training services and further; That By-Law # 25 -23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 30th day of May 2023. (Carried)

7.2 Council discussed the reports received from the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre and would like to wait for more information before deciding on a motion.

7.3 Council received more information regarding the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School Prom and adopted the following resolutions.

R- 99 - 23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved the Ryerson Township Council move to reconsider motion 90-23 from May 16, 2023. (Carried)

R- 100 – 23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has considered information received about the request for a donation to the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School 2023 Prom and have decided to rescind resolution number R-90-23 dated May 16, 2023. (Carried)

8. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

8.1 Council received information from the Township of Armour regarding the Aerodrome petition. Council adopted the following resolution.

R- 101 -23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

WHEREAS some proponents of water aerodromes claim federal jurisdiction to bypass provincial and municipal authorities and build massive docks and boathouses under the guise of the Aeronautics Act;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada does not require proponents of water aerodromes to follow the same registration and certification procedures as land aerodromes;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada's current regulations for water aerodromes fail to state that mixed-use docks and structures are not permitted;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada does not require a proponent to be transparent with local authorities about their intentions or submit a building permit and final construction plans;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada does not require a proponent to provide the municipality with a copy of the water aerodrome registration or certification documents;

AND WHEREAS Registration and certification of water aerodromes are done without environmental impact assessments from provincial and municipal authorities;

AND WHEREAS Registration and certification of water aerodromes are done without safety assessments from local authorities;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada's loopholes in the regulations lead to lengthy court battles paid by provincial and municipal jurisdictions.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Ryerson supports efforts to raise awareness about the loopholes in current regulations regarding water aerodromes that allow proponents to build massive docks and boathouses without municipal consultation, approval, or adherence to bylaws and regulations.

AND FURTHERMORE, The Council of the Township of Ryerson endorses the letter from the Three Mile Lake Community Club Inc. and calls on Transport Canada to:

- Amend current legislation regarding water aerodromes to require mandatory consultation and transparency with provincial and municipal authorities prior to construction.
- State that 'mixed-use' docks and structures will not be permitted

AND FURTHERMORE, the Council of the Township of Ryerson urges all mentioned in this resolution to support petition e4364 to the Minister of Transport, Omar Alghabra.

Petition e-4364 - Petitions (ourcommons.ca)

AND FURTHERMORE, be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to neighbouring municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), MP Scott Aitchison, MP Marcus Powlowski (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Ontario), Graydon Smith MPP.
(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- Council received the April minutes from ACED.
- Council received the April minutes and CEO report from the library board.
- Council received the April statistics from the Joint Building Committee.
- Council received the resolution from Joly Township regarding the hospital local share.
- Council received the Area 4 appointment from Perry Township for DSSAB.

9. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 102 -23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,
Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 26-23, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law #26-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 30th day of May 2023. (Carried)

10. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 103 -23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:33 pm. The next regular meeting June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

Original Signed by George Sterling
MAYOR

Original Signed by Judy Kosowan
CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK