

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

September 10, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **September 10, 2024** 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 in person or electronically: Mayor Sterling, Councillors: Abbott, Miller and Robertson.

Regrets: Councillor Patterson.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson and Nancy Field

Public attending in person or electronically: Nieves Guijarro and Roman Kaczynski.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda with an addition. Resolution noted below.

R-127- 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the September 10, 2024, agenda as circulated and include the following addition.

1. MAHC resolution of support for circulation.

(Carried)

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 128 -24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting on August 13, 2024 and the Tri-Council meeting minutes on August 26, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None noted.

4. **DELEGATION:** None registered

5. REPORTS:

CLERK:

Discussions were had regarding who would be attending the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association. Resolution noted below.

R- 129 - 24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Councillors – Miller, Abbott, Robertson and Patterson to attend the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA) Fall Meeting on Friday, September 27, 2024.

(Carried)

CAO/TREASURER:

CAO/Treasurer provided Council with a procurement By-law, A Franchise agreement with Enbridge Gas. Resolutions noted below.

Discussions were had regarding the NOHFC grant and a new CEMC.

R- 130 - 24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 43-24, being a By-law governing procurement policies and procedures and further; That By-Law # 43-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 10th day of September, 2024.

(Carried)

R- 131 - 24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 44-24, being a By-law to enter into a 20-year Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas and further; That By-law # 44-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passes in Council this 10th day of September 2024.

(Carried)

Questions were asked and answered regarding the joint Bartlett Lake Culvert. Resolution noted below.

R- 132 - 24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council commit to budgeting for its share of the joint Bartlett Lake Road culvert replacement project in the 2025 fiscal year.

(Carried)

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council discussed the resolution regarding support MAHC. Resolution noted below.

R- 133 - 24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has demonstrated an unprecedented commitment to the health and well-being of our communities through a historic investment in healthcare, representing a bold step towards ensuring the future prosperity of all residents within the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) catchment area;

AND WHEREAS the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) has, through tireless effort, rigorous analysis, and meaningful consultation with stakeholders, developed a visionary, data-driven proposal that addresses the diverse healthcare needs of our region, both now and for generations to come;

AND WHEREAS the proposed multi-site delivery model not only ensures the preservation of essential healthcare services, but also fosters the expansion of much-needed specialized care, including services critical to our senior population, which would otherwise be unattainable under a traditional hospital model;

AND WHEREAS the ability to attract and retain top-tier specialty physicians—essential for maintaining the highest standards of care—is greatly enhanced through the establishment of centres of specialization, further ensuring our communities have access to world-class medical expertise;

AND WHEREAS the proposed future-oriented healthcare delivery model is not only a more sustainable solution but one that offers unparalleled flexibility in meeting the ever-evolving healthcare demands of our communities, securing a robust healthcare system for today and tomorrow;

AND WHEREAS this proposal, with its forward-thinking approach, would see a dramatic expansion of hospital infrastructure, including a significant increase in physical space at each hospital site, and an impressive doubling of emergency room capacity to meet the rising needs of all residents;

AND WHEREAS the adoption of a multi-site regional hospital model ensures equitable access to high-quality healthcare services for every individual across the vast MAHC catchment area, fostering healthier communities and stronger futures for all;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ryerson, with deep conviction and a commitment to the health of our residents, proudly and emphatically supports, in principle, the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) proposal to develop a multi-site regional hospital, recognizing its profound and far-reaching benefits for the people of this region;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MPP Graydon Smith, Premier Doug Ford, and all municipalities within the MAHC catchment area, urging them to join in this crucial support for the future of healthcare in our communities.

(Carried)

6. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

Council discussed the Township of Armours resolution submitted to Ryerson Township and the donation request from the Historical Society. Resolutions noted below.

R- 134- 24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support moving forward with the Live Fire Burn Unit and the 2024 commitment of \$20,000 for Burk's Falls District Fire Department;

And further that the Ryerson Township Council supports the additional cost of \$76, 211.69 be split between the five departments for a share each of \$15, 242.34 for the project to be completed.

(Carried)

R- 135 - 24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the Terms of Reference as presented by the Regional Fire Service Committee.

(Carried)

R- 136 -24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council will support Site A of the Greystone Construction Concept Site Plan SP-0 as the property on which the new library will be built on.

(Carried)

R- 137 - 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the Historical Society with an annual Children Halloween Party with a donation of \$ 200.00.

(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- Council received the August Waste Management Report
- Council received the July meeting minutes for the Historical Society
- Council received the Almaguin Highlands Health Council draft minutes.
- Council received the Joint Building Committee financial statement.

1. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 138 -24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 45-24, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 45-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 10th day of September 2024.

(Carried)

2. CLOSED MEETING

R- 139 -24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that we move to a closed session at 6:47 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (e) as the subject matter being considered is regarding potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the Municipality or local board. The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss; potential litigation affecting the Municipality.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 140 -24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 6:59pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Original Signed by George Sterling

MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Field

CLERK