

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

November 26, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **November 26, 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, Patterson and Robertson.

Staff in attendance: Nancy Field and Brayden Robinson.

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

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

R- 169 - 24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the November 26, 2024 agenda as circulated.

(Carried)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 170 - 24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting on November 12, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

5. REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS: Fred provided council with an October and November roads report. A report was also provided regarding declaring a nuisance beaver dam on a property in Ryerson. Questions were asked and answered. Resolution noted below.

R- 171 - 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council declare the beaver dam located at 1382 Nipissing Road South a Nuisance Beaver Dam as per the definition under Section 2 (c) of the Nuisance Beaver Dam By-law 48-24.

(Carried)

CAO/TREASURER: Brayden provided council with a draft capital budget plan. Questions were asked and answered. The shared By-law Enforcement Officers agreement with Armour Township was provided to council. Resolution noted below.

R- 172 - 24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 55-24, being a By-law to Renew the Agreement for the Services of By-law Enforcement Officers with the Township of Armour and further; That By-law # 55-24 be read a First, Second and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 26th day of November 2024.

(Carried)

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councillor Patterson provided Council with an update on the Almaguin Highlands Health Council.

6. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

R- 173 -24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the issuance of 45 free garbage bags, for 2025, to property owners with residences/cottages/licensed trailers on their properties and tenants within the Township of Ryerson. No free garbage bags shall be issued to property owners of Commercial/Industrial operations.

(Carried)

R- 174 - 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Whereas, due to higher earnings potential in private practice, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) faces difficulties in recruiting dentists, as the compensation packages offered in public health are less competitive than those in private practice; and

Whereas, the demand for basic dental services in the district is very high. Despite its relatively small size, the Health Unit offers one of the larger Oral Health programs among health units in Ontario. This includes the highly-utilized Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (provincially mandated) and provision of a Low-Income Adult Dental Program (not mandated but based on local need) contributing to the large size of the Oral Health Program in addition to the Healthy Smiles Ontario program (mandated for low-income children and youth); and

Whereas, it is not yet known how or if the Federal dental program will impact the need and level of service in local communities; and

Whereas, equity-seeking populations tend to have complex dental, social and logistical needs, which require more intensive clinical and administrative resources. These challenges drive up the cost of oral care provision, dissuading private practitioners from accepting equity-seeking clients; and

Whereas, there is no central coordination of dental services across the province to ensure that the oral health workforce matches need, and that remuneration models and rates encourage equitable access to basic care across Ontario; and

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit resolution #BOH/2024/09/04 regarding the current funding model for Oral Health Services.

(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- Council received the Almaguin Highlands Health Council November meeting minutes.
- Council received the Regional Fire Services Committee (RFSC) November meeting agenda
- Council received the Southeast Almaguin Highlands Regional Fire Services Committee August meeting minutes.

7. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 175 -24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 56-24, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law #56-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 26th day of November 2024.

(Carried)

10. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 176 -24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:06 p.m. The next regular meeting is December 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Original Signed by George Sterling

MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Field

CLERK