

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**January 28, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **January 28, 2025** 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, Patterson and Robertson.

Regrets: Councillor Miller.

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.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**R- 11 - 25** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the January 28, 2025 agenda as circulated.

(Carried)

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**R- 12 - 25** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting on January 14, 2025 and the special meeting on January 16, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

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

**5. REPORTS:**

**CLERK:** Nancy inquired if anyone from Council would be interested in attending the FONOM conference. Resolution noted below.

**R- 13 – 25** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council authorize: Delynne Patterson and Bev Abbott to attend the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) May 5-7, 2025, in North Bay.

(Carried)

**CAO/TREASURER:** Brayden provided council with the amendments to the 2025 fire budget and 2025 RTO budget. Questions were asked and answered. Resolutions noted below.

**R- 14 - 25** Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the amendments to the final 2025 Burks Falls and District Fire Department Budget for presentation at the Tri-Council meeting February 24, 2025.

(Carried)

**R- 15 - 25** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the amendments to the final 2025 RTO Budget for presentation at the Tri-Council meeting February 24, 2025.

(Carried)

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councillor Abbott provided a verbal report for the Library. Questions were asked and answered.

### **6. COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

**R- 16 - 25** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support resolution #2024-098 from The Town of Kearney regarding the letter sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra, pertaining to the changes made to the Planning Act through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 and the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024.

(Carried)

**R- 17 - 25** Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the resolution from the Joint Building Committee 2025-006 recommending the 2025 JBC Budget as presented in the amount of \$359,850.00.

(Carried)

**R- 18 -25** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

**Be it resolved that** the Council of the Township of Ryerson hereby appoint the following individuals to the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board, with terms and responsibilities in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, to serve until November 14, 2026

- Joe Lumley, Township of Perry, Council Representative
- Dan Robertson, Township of Ryerson, Council Representative
- Neil Scarlett, Township of Machar, Council Representative
- Kevin Noaik, Township of Strong, Council Representative
- Robert Sutherland, Community Representative
- Krista Miller, Community Representative

***And further that*** Council of the Township of Ryerson supports the Township of Perry remain as the lead municipality for the Almaguin Highlands OPP Board, whereas the Perry Township Deputy Clerk or designate acts as Secretary to the Board until a time when the Board formally appoints a Secretary;

***And further that*** Council of the Township of Ryerson supports paying its 1/12<sup>th</sup> share of annual Insurance Costs for the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board, as deemed required to protect the Board and its members, once the Insurance Provider and coverage details has been determined;

***And further that*** Council of the Township of Ryerson supports paying its 1/12<sup>th</sup> share of any other costs associated with the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board, as required under

O.Reg 135/24, including remuneration and travel costs for the Provincial Appointee and any other matters, programs, or items in which the OPP Detachment Board formally enact.

(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- Council received 2024 permit summary for Ryerson from the Joint Building Committee.
- Council received the Joint Building Committee’s 2024 permit summary.
- Council received a report on the number of permits for 2024 from Joint Building Committee.
- Council received the 5-year fee collection report from the Joint Building Committee.
- Council received the 5-year permit fee average from the Joint Building Committee.
- Council received the January draft minutes from the Joint Building Committee meeting.
- Council received Historical Society November meeting minutes.
- Council received the general meeting notice from the Historical Society.
- Council received the 2024 draft annual report from Almaguin Community Economic Development.
- Council received the November meeting minutes from Almaguin Community Economic Development.
- Council received the 2025 draft workplan from Almaguin Community Economic Development.
- Council received the Almaguin Highlands Healthcare meeting minutes for January.
- Council received Kearney’s resolution regarding AHHC cost recovery plan.
- Council received the letter from Norther Ontario Services Deliveries Association on the homelessness research.
- Council received the Regional Fire Services Committee meeting minutes from November.
- Council received the 2025 budget from the library.
- Council received the letter from Honourable Lisa Thompson regarding enabling opportunity for Ontario’s Rural Economic Development Strategy.

**7. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**R- 19 -25** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 7-25, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 7-25 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

(Carried)

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

**R- 20 -24** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 6:32 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Original Signed by George Sterling

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MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Field

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CLERK