

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

April 2, 2019

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening April 2, 2019. Deputy Mayor Marlow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council members present: Deputy Mayor Barbara Marlow, Councillors Penny Brandt, Celia Finley and Delynne Patterson. Regrets Mayor George Sterling

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

Public in attendance: Judy Ransome and Paul Van Dam.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the front door of the office and on the web site and recorded on the telephone voice message.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from the Regular Meeting March 19, 2019 were adopted as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Brandt, and seconded by Councillor Patterson. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

DELEGATION: None.

STAFF REPORTS:

Fire Department: a written report was submitted to Council regarding a Proposal for Estate Donation from the late Mr. Ron Stableford, for the Fire Department to purchase the Hurst Jaws of Life and Rescue 42 Truck Kit and a resolution was passed.

Public Works: Council received a written staff report including the following updates: during the winter season the equipment ran well with no major breakdowns, there was a shortage of sand that had to be addressed, the rental backhoe has been an asset to the Township and that the load restrictions are being enforced now.

Deputy Clerk: spoke to Council regarding unopened road allowance and the Policy to use Unopened Road Allowance By-law 8-02 also section 3.18 from the Official Plan was mentioned.

Treasurer: presented a draft 2019 Property Tax Collection Policy and an Investment Policy, both were passed by resolution.

Clerk: provided a written report summarizing Council Remuneration and Expense Reporting. A meeting was confirmed for April 16 at 5:00 p.m. for further Council Orientation. A request to Council from the Agricultural Society to make a donation to the Fall Fair was presented, and a resolution was passed.

By-law: Caitlin Deevey presented a request to attend an OAPSO training session at Cambrian College and for Council to consider splitting the costs between five Townships. A resolution was adopted as noted below.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Eastholme: a report was provided by Councillor Patterson with a brief summary of operating statistics as it relates to the Township of Ryerson.

Library: Councillor Patterson reported about the very successful Joy of Reading Celebration event. Council requested a letter of appreciation be sent out to Nieves Guijarro thanking her for organizing this event.

Joint Building Committee: Councillor Brandt explained the 2019 budget which include wages of a part time employee to be hired, a resolution was passed as below.

Northeastern Fire Conference: Councillor Marlow commented that the Conference was a real eye opener and it reinforced our knowledge regarding what a Fire Fighter does.

Councillor Brandt reported to Council regarding the liability and risk factors that Fire Departments/Fighters are exposed to. What the emergency services have to face.

Historical Society: The minutes from the last meeting were provided. Council discussed ways to increase memberships.

Clerks Forum: The Clerk provided Council with the highlights from the conference and discussed the comments from Marcia Wallace the Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Services Division.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS

- Norm Miller MPP - Spring News Letter.
- Association of Municipalities in Ontario AMO: Your Round Up – Things you need to know.
- Association of Municipalities in Ontario AMO: Resources to improve service delivery and efficiency.
- The Rural Ontario Municipal Association – New Board applauds recent funding announcements.
- Corporation of the Township of Armour Resolution expenditures of the 2019 shared Fire Budget to purchase a set of “Jaws of Life” and a Rescue 42 Strut Kit.
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing A message from Minister Steve Clark
- Joint Building Committee Meeting March 21st, 2019 Minutes (DRAFT).
- Eastholme Home for the Aged – Representatives for the Supporting Municipalities.
- Almaguin Adult Learning Centre – Thank you for your contribution and support.
- NECO Community Futures Development Corporation – Get on Our Board.
- Burk’s Falls & District Historical Society March 18th, 2019 Minutes.

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed meeting at 7:10 p.m. to discuss an employment contract. Council returned to the open meeting at 7:20 p.m. Council received information in the closed meeting and direction was given to the Clerk.

BY-LAWS

By-law #18-19: To appoint a Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer

By-law #17-19: To confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Meeting March 19, 2019 be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, WHEREAS Ron Stableford gave a very generous donation to the Burks Falls and District Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS the Burks Falls and District Fire Department has proposed that the purchase of the Jaws of Life and a Rescue 42 Truck Kit as these are very important pieces of equipment for the Department;

AND WHEREAS Ryerson Township Council agrees that the purchase of the Jaws of Life and the Rescue 42 Truck Kit is a very worthwhile use of the donation from Mr. Stableford;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ryerson Township Council authorize the purchase of the Hurst Jaws of Life and the Rescue 42 Truck Kit in the amount of \$24,615.74.(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the Property Tax Collection Policy dated March 1, 2019.(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the Investment Policy. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council will give a donation of \$200.00 to the Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls Agricultural Society Fall Fair; and also provide the Rock Climbing Wall. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that Council accept the By-Law Officers request to attend OAPSO training at Cambrian College in Sudbury and agree to pay 1/5th of the costs being \$202.80. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the recommendation from the Joint Building Committee and approve the 2019 budget in the amount of \$199,823.00. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 17-19, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 17-19 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 2nd day of April, 2019. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that we move to a closed session at 7:10 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (d) as the subject matter being considered is regarding labour relations or employee negotiations; The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss an employment contract. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #18-19, being a By-law to enter into an employment contract and further; That By-Law #18-19 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 2nd day of April, 2019. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:25 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. (Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK