

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

SHARED SERVICES MEETING **MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Senior's Centre, Burk's Falls – 7:00 P.M.

A Shared Services meeting with the Village of Burk's Falls, Township of Armour and Township of Ryerson was held at the Young at Heart Senior's Centre, 136 Yonge Street, Burk's Falls, Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Ryerson Township: Reeve Glenn Miller. Councillors: Barbara Marlow, George Sterling and Doug Weddel. Rosalind Hall was absent. Deputy Clerk Leanne Fetterley and Treasurer Judy Edwards were also present.

Burks Falls Council: Reeve Cathy Still and Councillors Lisa Morrison, Jarve Osborne and Rex Smith. Absent: Lewis Hodgson.

Armour Council: Reeve Bob MacPhail. Councillors Marina Hammond, Rod Blakelock and Jerry Brandt. Absent: Pat Hayes.

Members of the public and some members of the Burks Falls, Ryerson and Armour municipal staff were also in attendance.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None declared.

The Village of Burks Falls hosted the meeting and Reeve Cathy Still called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes from the meeting March 20, 2017 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Doug Weddel and seconded by Councillor Rex Smith. (Carried)

Statement: Burk's Falls

The purpose of this meeting was to determine the factors to be used for cost-sharing for two services: fire and landfill. Reeve Still reminded Members of Councils that we have all chosen to move forward together and that constructive input is needed to come to an agreement.

Budgets will not be discussed at this meeting; they will be addressed by the committees.

Reeve Still reviewed a proposed timeline for finalizing a renewed shared services agreement:

- All factors to be agreed upon by individual Council resolutions (Mid-may)
- Committees appointed (June)
- Lawyer contracted to draft agreement (June)
- Budgets reviewed by Committees (September)

Fire

Reeve Miller presented a statement from Ryerson proposing an equal weighting of population and household for the fire factor. Burk's Falls and Armour agreed. Staff requested clarification regarding the source data for calculations. 2016 census data was proposed.

Reeve Still asked for clarification regarding a statement made at the last shared services meeting indicating that the Burk's Falls & District Fire Department is the most expensive department in Ontario. Reeve Miller presented a report

comparing the budgets of departments in the region that illustrates the Burk's Falls is not the most expensive. Reeve MacPhail noted that it is challenging to compare budgets because we are not comparing like things; levels of service differ between departments. Reeve Miller provided additional data for Lake of Bays which serves a comparable population at a much higher cost.

Further discussion centred around the potential for reductions in the fire budget, the original purpose of hiring a full-time Chief for the department, and the impact of the proposed regional fire program.

Landfill

Burk's Falls noted that further discussion at their Council meeting is needed to assess how the expansion of the landfill will affect their proposed use of a contractor for waste removal.

Reeve Miller outlined Ryerson's position which proposes usage as the factor for landfill, based on accurate usage data.

Reeve MacPhail presented Armour's concept for sharing the landfill which is based on a division of the volume of the expansion. If Burk's Falls is not going to use 12.5% (of the current agreement 25%), Armour will assume that volume and lay claim to 62.5% of the landfill expansion and Ryerson will use 25% (as per Armour's Schedule G). In order to effectively use the expansion until the end of the landfill life-cycle, the usage by each Municipality is audited regularly and partners pay for what they use.

There was discussion about the process for auditing usage and commercial waste. Burk's Falls noted that they are willing to compromise by not factoring in seasonal resident/visitor waste if the partners will compromise on commercial waste.

Armour requested permission from Burk's Falls and Ryerson to purchase the garbage truck now that the landfill has been expanded. It was noted that costs at the landfill will go up if the truck is not purchased and that Armour has budgeted to cover the entire cost this year if the partners choose to pay their portion next year. Ryerson asked to defer the decision in order to ensure that a purchase this year can be included in next year's budget. Burk's Falls approved the purchase. Armour will move forward with the purchase.

Next Steps

The Clerks were directed to develop a resolution to be passed by each Council indicating the agreed-upon factors for all services. Budgets and service levels will be reviewed by the committees. All partners agreed to use one lawyer to draft an agreement.

A meeting was not scheduled at this time.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Marina Hammond, seconded by Councillor George Sterling that the meeting now adjourn at 8:34 pm. (Carried)

Original signed by Glenn Miller

REEVE

Original signed by Leanne Fetterley

DEPUTY CLERK