

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

August 1, 2017

In Celebration of Canada 150, Ryerson Township presents *Minutes from the Past!*

By-Law No 321: To authorize this Council to preserve or sell timber or trees on all road allowances. Be it enacted by the Municipal council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson in the District of Parry Sound, that after the passing this by-law the said Council of the Township of Ryerson shall have authority and power to preserve or sell the timber and trees on the Government and all other road allowances included in any license in the said Township of Ryerson. Passed this 27th day of December 1909. Signed Wm Alexander, Reeve and Robert Bradley, Clerk.

The intent of this By-law is still in place in Ryerson Township – the use of trees on Municipal road allowances is regulated by By-law #02-08.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening August 1, 2017. Reeve Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Reeve Glenn Miller, Councillors Barbara Marlow, Doug Weddel, and George Sterling. Councillor Rosalind Hall was absent.

Staff in attendance: Lloyd Van Duzen, Leanne Fetterley and Judy Kosowan.

Delegations & Guests in attendance: Staff Sgt. Stacey Whaley (OPP), Brian Moore (OPP), Paul Van Dam, and Judy Ransome.

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

The minutes from the Public and Regular meetings July 18, 2017 were adopted as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Weddel and seconded by Councillor Sterling. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (none declared)

INVITED PRESENTATION

S. Sgt. Stacey Whaley and Brian Moore of the Almaguin Highlands O.P.P. attended to provide an annual update on policing. S. Sgt. Whaley presented an overview of statistics for the Almaguin Highlands as well as Ryerson Township specifically. Highlights from the 2017-2019 Action Plan were also noted and S. Sgt. Whaley requested feedback regarding the current scheduling strategy. A property theft matter in Ryerson Township was also discussed.

DELEGATIONS (none registered)

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief

A written report from the Fire Chief was reviewed. Potential solutions were discussed for the removal of the donated training building currently located at the fairgrounds.

Public Works

The Lead Hand reviewed a written report including gravel and granite application, proposed improvements on Scott Drive, Township water truck filling options, grass mowing, removal of logs from Roskopff Road, Superior Roads ongoing repairs, policy updates, and equipment maintenance.

A written report from the Public Works Supervisor regarding Township water truck filling locations was received by Council for review at an upcoming meeting.

Staff were directed to continue to develop recommendations for Scott Drive.

Grass mowing was discussed and the tender document will be adjusted for 2018 as required.

The security of Municipal Property policy was discussed and staff were directed to implement this policy immediately.

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed meeting regarding a performance evaluation as noted in the below resolution. Council returned to the open meeting at 8:37 p.m. The Clerk will follow up with direction given in the closed meeting.

Deputy Clerk

Staff directed to finalize contract with Tulloch Engineering as the Engineer of Record for Ryerson Township (resolution below).

Clerk's Report

Council reviewed upcoming training opportunities (resolution below).

SHARED SERVICES

Council reviewed correspondence from Burk's Falls regarding ongoing shared services negotiations and a resolution defeating a motion to purchase a capital item at the landfill.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Reeve Miller provided updates from the Regional Fire Services Committee including the renewal of the contract for training and the regional Fire Prevention Officer initiative.

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed meeting regarding a litigation matter as noted in the below resolution. Council returned to the open meeting at 9:47 p.m. The Clerk will follow up with direction given in the closed meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS

- Burks Falls & District Historical Society being correspondence regarding volunteer appreciation (resolution)
- FONOM being a request for support for a resolution regarding the Proposed Made-in-Ontario ESA Species at Risk Guide (resolution)
- Regional Fire Training Officer 2017 Second Quarter Update
- Regional Fire Services Committee Minutes dated July 20, 2017

BY-LAWS

- By-law #31-17, being an open-air burning by-law
- By-law #32-17, being a by-law to set rate of speed on Municipal Highways
- By-law #33-17, being a by-law to confirm the meetings of Council

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed meeting regarding staff working relationships as noted in the below resolution. Council returned to the open meeting at 10:59 p.m. The Clerk will follow up with direction given in the closed meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that we move to a closed session at 8:20 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: staff performance review. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson accept the proposal from Tulloch Engineering to renew the Engineering and Consulting Services Engineer of Record contract for two years. Staff to finalize contract details. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Judy Edwards be authorized to attend the Northern Municipal Treasurers' Forum from October 19-20, 2017 in Sudbury. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel that we move to a closed session at 9:10 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: litigation affecting the Municipality. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson donates \$150.00 to the Burks Falls & District Historical Society for volunteer appreciation. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson supports the resolution No. 2017-12 received from FONOM regarding the Proposed Made-in-Ontario ESA Species at Risk Guide. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 31-17, being a By-law to regulate and prescribe open-air burning and further; That By-Law # 31-17 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 1st day of August, 2017. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 32-17, being a By-law to set the rate of speed on all municipal highways and further; That By-Law # 32-17 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 1st day of August, 2017. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 33-17, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 33-17 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 1st day of August, 2017. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that we move to a closed session at 10:00 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: review of staff working relationships. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel that we do now adjourn at 11:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

Original signed by Glenn Miller

REEVE

Original signed by Leanne Fetterley

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK