

# **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

August 11, 2020

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was an in-person meeting held at the Senior's Centre, located at 136 Yonge Street in Burks Falls on Tuesday evening August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff in attendance: Judy Kosowan, Nancy Field, John Wilson and Dave McNay.

Public in attendance: Paul Van Dam, Nieves Guijarro and Judy Ransome.

Notice of this meeting, that was put on the website, posted on the front door of the office and recorded on the telephone voice message.

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the regular meeting June 16, 2020 were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None declared.

#### **TENDERS**

Council considered the tender for Breathing Air Compressor for the Burks Falls and District Fire Department. Fire Chief Dave McNay and Dispatcher John Wilson were in attendance to answer any questions. Council accepted the lowest tender from Trans Canada Safety, as noted in the resolution below.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

Council received staff reports with department up-dates from: Lloyd Van Duzen, Public Works Supervisor and Fire Chief Dave McNay.

Deputy Clerk Nancy Field provided Council with an update of planning applications and proposals.

Correspondence was received from Carol Koebel regarding the spelling of Jeffery Road. The municipal records indicate the spelling of the road is Jeffery Road and a response will be sent to Mrs. Koebel.

The Deputy Clerk followed up from a previous meeting and provided Council with a copy of the Clean Yard By-law. The By-law was adopted as noted below.

CAO/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer provided the Mandatory Face Covering policy to Council and it was adopted by resolution as noted below.

Representation on the Almaguin Community Economic Development Committee was discussed by Council and representative Delynne Patterson and alternate Barbara Marlow were appointed.

Council provided the Clerk with input for a by-law to amend the Procedure By-law to permit electronic meetings. The by-law will be brought to the next council meeting. Information about Bill 197 and the ability to choose to allow proxy voting at council meetings for council members who are absent was discussed. Council decided not to allow proxy voting.

Council received a staff report of general up-dates from the CAO/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer, the Deputy Clerk and the Treasurer.

### **COUNCILLOR REPORT(S)**

Mayor Sterling provided written reports from Eastholme and the South East Parry Sound District Planning Board meetings he attended.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER BUSINESS**

- Council received a letter from Kathy England, resigning as our volunteer community representative on the Burks Falls, Armour, Ryerson Union Public Library Board. Council accepted, with regret, the resignation and wish to thank Ms. England for her years of volunteer service.
- Information was received from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding the Blue Box Program and a resolution was passed as noted below
- Council received a request to up-date the noise by-law from Doug Mortson. Council will look into up-dating the by-law. In addition, Council would like to discuss a draft by-law to regulate fire works in the Township and would like information on short term accommodation rental by-laws at a future meeting
- Armour Township Tri R Waste Management Administrator's Report and budgetary up-date
- Burks Falls Arena Manager's report; Protocols for COVID-19 and Arena budget up-date
- Burks Falls and District Historical Society: Notice that Heritage Sites are to remain closed
- Almaguin Recycling Initiative: meeting minutes, information regarding HazMat Day Saturday August 22, 2020
- Armour Township notice of proposed By-law amendment
- Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare: Minutes from Political Leaders Teleconference
- Burks Falls, Armour and Ryerson Union Public Library Minutes: April 15 and May 13, 2020
- Paper copies of DSSAB's Housing and Homelessness Plan

### **BY-LAWS**

By-law# 21-20 to provide for maintaining land in a clean and clear condition (Clean Yard By-law).

By-law# 22-20 to confirm the meetings of Council.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Council moved to a closed meeting at 8:10 p.m. Council discussed the matter it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion and returned to the open meeting at 8:23 p.m.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting June 16, 2020 be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the tender for the air compressor for the Burks Falls and District Fire Department from Trans Canada Safety in the amount of \$ \$43,663.48 (including HST). (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 21-20, being a By-law to adopt a Clean Yard By-law and further; That By-Law # 21-20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the attached Mandatory Face Covering policy. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council appoint Delynne Patterson as the representative and Barbara Marlow as the alternate representative on the Almaguin Community Economic Development Board (ACED). (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept, with regret, the resignation of volunteer community member Kathy England, from the Burks Falls, Armour Ryerson Union Public Library Board. Council wishes to thank Kathy England for her years of volunteer service. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township advertise for a volunteer community member for the Burks Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library Board. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt WHEREAS the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways in Northeastern Ontario is a growing area of public concern;  
WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHGs significantly;  
WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is a critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;  
WHEREAS the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome;  
WHEREAS the Township of Ryerson is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products;  
WHEREAS the Township of Ryerson is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces;  
AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ryerson strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government's Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ryerson forward this resolution to the Honorable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northeastern Ontario Municipalities and the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the resolution received from the City of Sarnia dated June 22, 2020 requesting Premier Ford to start implementing immediately, improvements in Long Term Care Homes including the following: increasing hours for all part-time and casual labour, ensuring government funds for privately operated homes are being used for the benefit of the residents and not the huge profitability of the operators and end the neglect, and unacceptable conditions being experienced, each day, by our vulnerable seniors. (Defeated)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 22-20, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 22-20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that we move to a closed session at 8:10 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (b) as the subject matter being considered is regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss a council matter. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 8:24 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2020 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/DEPUTY CLERK