

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

December 1, 2020

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was a combined in person/electronic meeting held at the Arena, located at 220 Centre Street in Burks Falls on Tuesday evening December 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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: George Sterling, Barbara Marlow, Delynne Patterson.
Council member attending electronically: Celia Finley, Penny Brandt.

Staff in attendance in person: Dave McNay, Nancy Field, Brayden Robinson, Judy Kosowan.
Delegation in attendance in person: Danika Hammond.

Public attending electronically: Rosalind Hall, Lee McConnell, John Finley, Paul Van Dam, Nieves Guijarro.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from the regular meeting November 17, 2020 were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared

BUSINESS ARISING

Fire Chief Dave McNay provided a written staff report with department up-dates. Chief McNay provided his summary of the November 19, 2020 Regional Fire meeting regarding the Regional Fire Training Officer and proposed agreements for Regional Fire Department initiatives. Council received correspondence from Township of Armour and resolutions received from the Municipality of Magnetawan and the Village of Burks Falls. Council adopted two resolutions as noted below. The next Regional Fire meeting is December 10, 2020.

DELEGATION:

Danika Hammond attended on behalf of the Santa Claus Parade Committee to request a donation. Information was provided about the events planned by the Committee. A resolution was adopted as noted below.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:

Treasurer Brayden Robinson provided a staff report summarizing the Request for Proposals for an IT Vendor of Record. Five submissions were received and evaluated. Council adopted a resolution as noted below.

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR: Lloyd Van Duzen provided a written report providing department up-dates.

DEPUTY CLERK: Nancy Field provided Council with the proposed 2021 meeting schedule and a resolution was passed accepting the schedule.

Council received a report regarding annual garbage bag allotment. A resolution was adopted.

CLERK: A staff report regarding website up-grades was received by Council. New information was provided about the deadline for accessibility compliance, therefore a resolution is not required. A request for quotes will be issued for a web site service provider.

Council discussed committee appointments and a resolution was adopted as noted below.

COUNCILLOR REPORT(S)

Mayor Sterling provided a report from a recent meeting at Eastholme. Councillor Finley asked the Mayor to provide answers to several questions, at a future meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/BUSINESS

- OGRA Virtual Conference Information February 22 – 25, 2021: road department staff will be asked if they would like to register for the virtual conference.
- Village of Burks Falls: A report and resolution were received about no installation of ice at the arena and a resolution was passed.
- Scott Aitchison, MP meeting availability: Council would like Mr. Aitchison to be invited to a Tri-Council meeting.
- Municipality of Marmora and Lake & Town of Amherstburg: Request resolution of support re: AODA Website Compliance support. Resolution was adopted.

Other correspondence received:

- Burks Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library Board Minutes October 21, 2020
- Joint Building Committee: permit summary
- Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation: Broadband up-date
- FONOM: 2021 Annual Virtual Conference
- Village of Burks Falls: Gingerbread House Community Competition

BY-LAWS

By-law 31-20: Procedural By-law to establish rules governing the proceedings of Council.

By-law 32-20 to enter into an agreement to appoint the Ontario Humane Society Poundkeeper.

By-law 33-20 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 November 17, 2020 be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has considered the Regional Fire Training Program and support continuation of this valuable training program as per Plan A: renew the current contract for three years based on a per Fire Department model (1/5). (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley whereas Ryerson Township Council has considered the proposals for Regional Fire Department and understand that the area fire departments already work as a region in many aspects; and whereas there is no apparent consensus that there is a need for a full regional fire department model at this time, but that it would be advantageous to enter into an agreement with area departments to formalize the current parameters; now therefore be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the proposal to enter into an agreement with the area fire departments to set Minimum Standards, Standardization of Equipment and Equipment Purchasing based on Regional Needs. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$200.00 annually to the Santa Claus Parade Committee and that these funds be drawn from the Parkland reserve. Recorded vote requested by Councillor Brandt. Yes: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson, Mayor Sterling. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council agree to enter into a contract with Northern Nerds for IT services and support. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council accept the 2021 Regular Council meeting schedule. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Council of the Township of Ryerson approve the issuance of 45 free garbage bags, for 2021, to property owners with residence/cottage/licensed trailer on their property and tenants within the Township of Ryerson. No free garbage bags shall be issued to property owners of Commercial/Industrial operations. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council remove Councillor Finley as the Councillor representative or alternate representative on the following committees and that new representatives be appointed as follows: Ryerson Township Recreation Committee: Barbara Marlow be appointed as the representative; Alternate: Penny Brandt; The Regional Recreation Committee: Barbara Marlow be appointed as the representative; Alternate Penny Brandt; The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee (AHHC): Delynne Patterson be appointed as the Alternate Representative; Burks Falls and District Historical Society: Penny Brandt be appointed the Alternate Representative from Council. Recorded vote requested by Councillor Brandt. Yes: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson, Mayor Sterling. No: Councillor Brandt. Abstention: Councillor Finley. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the resolution received from the Village of Burks Falls that the ice will not be installed at the Armour, Ryerson, Burks Falls Arena for January 2021 to March 2021. Recorded vote requested by Councillor Brandt. Yes: Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson, Mayor Sterling. No: Councillor Brandt. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the resolutions received from the Town of Amherstburg and the Municipality of Marmora and Lake requesting the Province of Ontario extend the compliance deadline stated in Section 14 (4) of O. Reg 191/11 to require designated public sector organizations to meet the compliance standards by a minimum of one year to at least January 1, 2022 and that that the Province of Ontario consider providing funding support and training resources to meet the compliance standards. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 31-20, being a Procedural By-law to establish rules governing the proceedings of Council and further; That By-Law # 31-20 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 December, 2020. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 32-20, being a By-law to enter into an agreement to appoint the Humane Society Poundkeeper and further; That By-Law # 32-20 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 December, 2020. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 33-20, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 33-20 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 December, 2020. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 8:22 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK