

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

December 17, 2019

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening December 17, 2019. Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff in attendance: Judy Kosowan and Nancy Field.

Notice of this meeting 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 December 3, 2019 and the special meeting December 12, 2019 were adopted as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS: A written report was submitted to Council providing Road Department updates.

DEPUTY CLERK: Reported on the updates to the Emergency Management Plan and a resolution to receive the 2019 Emergency Management Plan is noted below. Council accepted the 2020 Council meeting schedule, resolution is noted below. Council decided that the Ryerson Township Yard Sale will be held on June 20, 2020.

CLERK: A written report was received by Council regarding the Accessibility Plan which will be updated in this term of Council. A written report was provided and reviewed regarding updated policies from the Human Resources Manual, resolution is noted below. The Tri-R Administrator's report was received.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor Sterling: Written reports were provided from the meetings of: South East Planning Board on December 13, 2019, Eastholme December 12, 2019 and Amberley Gavel Meeting Workshop with Fred Dean and Nigel Belchamber on December 13, 2019.

Councillor Marlow: Provided a written report from December 6, 2019 meeting of the Almaguin Highlands Health Center.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS

A news release from the Ontario Government announcing the Ontario Health Teams and District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) correspondence were received by Council and further information was provided by Councillor Marlow. Resolution as noted below.

Village of Burks Falls, Regional Recreation Committee Minutes November 27, 2019 and information regarding the proposal for a 2020 Outdoor Trade Show were received by Council and questions were answered by Councillor Finley, a resolution is noted below.

Muskoka Algonquin HealthCare (MAHC) re: Stage 1 Proposal to Ministry of Health was provided for information.

Joint Building Committee Permit Statistics November 2019 were received and discussed by Council.

BY-LAWS

By-law # 52-19 to accept the Emergency Management Plan.

By-law # 53 -19 to confirm the meetings of Council.

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed meeting at 7:10 p.m. Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion and returned to the open meeting at 7:23 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting December 3, 2019 and the special meeting December 12, 2019 be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Ryerson hereby acknowledges and receives the minutes of the Emergency Management Program Committee and confirms the Township has reached compliance for the 2019 Emergency Management Program. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council accept the 2020 Regular Council meeting schedule. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the following up-dated policies from the Human Resources Manual: Employment Classifications, Hours of Work, Acting Pay, Holidays, Personal Leave of Absence, Bereavement Leave, Professional Association Membership, Employee Travel Expenses. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt, WHEREAS the Ontario Government has announced the formation of new Ontario Health Teams in Ontario. These teams are tasked with the coordination of integrated seamless healthcare services in the districts where they serve. The Northeast LHIN staff are directing the Ontario Health Teams and they are starting to form in Northern Ontario. The Nipissing OHT was given a green light to proceed without consultation with the District of Parry Sound. It appears that the proposed OHT models currently in play will split our region in three (3) pieces. Given the chronic lack of primary care, the chronic shortage of long-term care and the fractured mental health and addictions services, we are exceptionally concerned; AND WHEREAS the District of Parry Sound has one of the worst health equity rates in the Province of Ontario, the need for a unified District of Parry Sound is needed to address our chronic issues. According to Statistics Canada, the District of Parry Sound has the fastest aging population in Northern Ontario, and has very unique needs and challenges. A united OHT is required to ensure our district is not forgotten nor neglected;

AND WHEREAS a united District of Parry Sound OHT is requested from the Province of Ontario, for without this, our district will be left fighting for resources with large urban centres without a significant rural base. We need a model that respects the District of Parry Sound citizens and is focused on the District of Parry Sound needs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT REOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson request a united District of Parry Sound OHT so as not to further fracture services in the District of Parry Sound with the region potentially split into three (3) separate Ontario Health Teams;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER THAT this resolution be distributed to the Minister of Long-Term Care, the Minister for Mental Health and Addictions, MPP Vic Fedeli, MPP Norm Miller, FONOM Chair, NOMA Chair, Ontario Health Team Board, NE LHIN CEO and AMO Chair. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council accept the report provided by the Regional Recreation Committee and also support the proposal for the 2020 Outdoor Almaguin Tradeshow. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 52-19, being a By-law to Adopt an Emergency Management Program and further; That By-Law # 52-19 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 17th day of December, 2019. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 53-19, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 53-19 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 17th day of December, 2019. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt, that we move to a closed session at 7:10 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (c) as the subject matter being considered is regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board for a bridge project; And 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: a human resources matter. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:25p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK