

# **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

December 3, 2019

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening December 3, 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, Brayden Robinson and Nancy Field.

Public in attendance: Judy Ransome.

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 November 19, 2019 and Special Council meetings from November 19th, 20th and 27th, 2019 were adopted as circulated.

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

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

Chris Bevan presented to Council the 2020 Kennedy Insurance program, highlighting the changes to the policy. A discussion followed and Mr. Bevan provided Council answers to questions that they had. Council renewed the policy as per resolution noted below.

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Almaguin Saving the Huntsville Hospital (ASHH) notes were received from the meeting November 25<sup>th</sup> and Council accepted the plan in principle to work as one group and present one plan to the Province and to the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) regarding the local share portion of the two hospitals model for Huntsville and Bracebridge. Resolution is noted below.

The Armour Township Regional Fire Initiative update was reviewed and discussed. Blue Sky Net Almaguin Highlands Northwest Parry Sound Broadband Project updates were provided.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** A written report was submitted to Council providing department updates.

**DEPUTY CLERK:** An update to the Ray Johnston Family Holdings Inc. consent application was provided. Council was informed that Mr. Johnston may not be proceeding with the consent. Tom

Doyle is now looking at alternatives for access to Concession 3 Lot 25, he would like a decisive answer from Council about opening up the un-opened road allowance at the end of Starratt Rd. A written report was received by Council from an introductory meeting staff had with our Lawyer's, we look forward to working with Barriston Law.

TREASURER: A reminder to hand in expense forms by December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was given. A written report was provided and the Treasurer explained a Provincial announcement for a new funding program available to be used for Municipal Modernization. Council supported sending a submission in for the 1<sup>st</sup> intake of this funding, a resolution is noted below.

CLERK: A follow up from the Human Resources Committee meeting was provided regarding proposals about the allocation of staff time. A Special meeting of Council was scheduled to review the Procedure By-Law on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

### **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor Finley: Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) report dated November 19, 2019 was brought back to council for comments.

Councillor Patterson: Written reports were provided from meetings for the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library and Burk's Falls & District Historical Society.

Councillor Marlow: Informed Council of an upcoming meeting in Bracebridge on Friday December 6, 2019. Burk's Falls Mayor, Cathy Still will be attending and will bring the information regarding Ontario Health Teams back to the Almaguin Highlands Health Center meeting.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Council moved to a closed meeting at 8:20 p.m. Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion and returned to the open meeting at 8:30 p.m.

### **BY-LAWS**

By-law # 50-19 to enter into an employment contract.

By-law # 51 -19 to confirm the meetings of Council.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that the minutes from the special and regular meetings November 19, 2019 and special meetings on November 20, 2019 and November 27, 2019 be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the quotation for the for 2020 Insurance renewal in the amount of \$56,912.00 plus applicable taxes. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council agree to continue to work as one group and present one plan to the Province and Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) regarding the Local Share portion of the two hospitals model for Huntsville and Bracebridge;

AND FURTHER that Ryerson Township Council accept the Plan, in principle, (pending review of the actual numbers that will be presented) as outlined at the Almaguin Saving the Huntsville Hospital Committee meeting November 25, 2019. The four components include:

1. The model would be based on the assessment and not per/household. Assessment would include all classes such as Industrial, Commercial, Recreational, Vacant, Seasonal and Permanent Residential, etc.
2. We would multiply the assessment by a "usage factor". The "usage factor" would be defined as what residents of a municipality use the Huntsville or Bracebridge Hospital compared to other hospitals in the region. Each Council will have to decide what their "usage factor" is. Residents close to Huntsville might be 100%, because they only use the Huntsville or Bracebridge Hospitals, but those further away such as Joly might be 25%, because residents use the North Bay or Parry Sound hospitals 75% of the time.
3. We would approach MAHC and ask for certain services to be returned to Burk's Falls in return for our support of Huntsville and Bracebridge. One service we would like to see is a walk-in clinic in Burk's Falls.
4. When all the information has been compiled, we would present our plan to Norm Miller in the Spring of 2020. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the submission of the Expression of Interest for the funding under the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 1 for a review of municipal service delivery expenditures by an independent third party reviewer for the purpose of finding savings and efficiencies. Recorded vote was requested by Penny Brandt. Yeas: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the HR Committee proposal that work which provides general information with respect to current land use issues, reviews and processes a variety of development applications and provides consultative assistance to the public on planning related issues, will be limited to one day of the week, this will be re-evaluated after a three month trial period. Recorded vote requested by Penny Brandt. Yeas: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. (Carried).

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the HR Committee proposal to keep the Ryerson Township Office closed to the public for one day a week to provide a day of uninterrupted work for staff. This will be re-evaluated after three months. Effective January 1, 2020. Recorded vote requested by Penny Brandt. Yeas: Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. Nays: Brandt. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, 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: a human resources matter, and Pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (f) as the subject matter being considered is regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss: legal representation. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 50 -19, being a By-law to enter into an employment contract and further;

That By-Law # 50 -19 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 51-19, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law #51-19 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 8:35p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. (Carried).

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CLERK