

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

February 16, 2021

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday evening February 2, 2021 at 6:15 p.m. This was a fully electronic meeting via Zoom because our region was in Provincial lockdown due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Attendance was announced, and it was noted that the meeting is being recorded.

Mayor Sterling participated from the municipal office via Zoom.

Council members attending electronically: Barbara Marlow, Delynne Patterson, Penny Brandt, Celia Finley.

Staff in attendance at the municipal office attending via Zoom: Dave McNay, Nancy Field, Brayden Robinson, Judy Kosowan.

Public attending electronically: Paul Van Dam, Lee McConnell (Almaguin News) and Judy Ransome.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of special meeting February 1, 2021 and special meeting February 2, 2021 were adopted as circulated and regular meeting minutes from February 2, 2021 were adopted as amended by correcting the time of adjournment to 8:34 p.m., on a motion moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Brandt. (Carried)

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

**BUSINESS ARISING / ACTIVITY LOG**

Municipality of Magnetawan's request for a letter of concurrence for a communication tower project located on the Rosskopf boundary Road was brought forward from the last meeting for discussion, and a resolution regarding this project is noted below.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief, Dave McNay, outlined the amendment to the 2021 fire department budget to allow for some in-house training and a resolution was adopted approving this amended budget.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Lloyd Van Duzen provided a written report about mid-winter Road Department operation updates. The Public Works Supervisor highlighted fleet maintenance to Council, and the reorganization of the shop, noting that operations will benefit from the positive effect of better manageability of parts and supplies.

**TREASURER:** Council received the 2020 Council remuneration/expenses annual report, Brayden Robinson also provided an overview of the funding program updates.

**CLERK:** Judy Kosowan provided Council a written report as an introduction to a draft By-Law to adopt a Municipal Law Enforcement Protocol. Information for our contract renewal process was provided to Council in a written report, along with a sample of a 2019 Request for Proposals (RFP).

## **COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Council received a written report from Councillor Patterson summarizing the highlights from the 2021 ROMA Annual General Meeting and Virtual Conference that was recently attended.

Mayor George Sterling provided an update on Eastholme.

Councillor Marlow provided updates from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) Council entered a discussion about homelessness in this area and what is being done to mitigate this problem and further action that can be taken. Councillor Marlow provided an update from the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre (AHHC) meetings.

## **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

From the Township of Augusta, asking for support for their resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario reverse its decision to close the Ontario Fire College, as it is the most cost-effective method to certify Northern Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario, a resolution of support is noted below.

Township of Armour sent Council a letter from Reeve MacPhail to Update Regional Fire Department.

ACED 2021 budget was received and a resolution to support the 2021 budget is noted below.

Councillor Patterson raised the topic of the Tri R Waste budget received February 2<sup>nd</sup> and concern about a 31% increase over the previous year budget. Council entered a discussion and directed staff to send an email to Armour Township requesting that consideration be given to implementing the increased budget over a three-year period.

Concern was raised about the 'Items requiring short term remedial action' in the January 26, 2021 Arena report. Staff was directed to contact Burks Falls about the load capacity of the second floor of the arena, and if major construction will be required in the future?

## **BY-LAWS**

By-law # 08-21 to Confirm meetings of Council.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Councillor Marlow Seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that the minutes from the special meeting February 1, 2021 and special meeting February 2, 2021 be adopted as circulated and regular meeting February 2, 2021 be adopted as amended by correcting the time of adjournment to 8:34 p.m.

Recorded vote: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow Patterson, Sterling. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow,  
WHEREAS Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd. (Spectrum Group) wishes to erect a 110 foot self-support communication tower structure on a site located on a section of unopened boundary road allowance between the Municipality of Magnetawan and Ryerson on the northern (Magnetawan) at Lot 81 Concession B and Lot 84 Concession B, PIN52080-0571, for the delivery of wireless Internet, broadband data and other services; AND WHEREAS Spectrum Group is required by Industry Canada to consult with the local land use authorities being the Township of Ryerson and the Municipality of Magnetawan to obtain a statement of concurrence from the municipalities; AND WHEREAS Spectrum Group will be completing the required public consultation process which includes providing written notice garnering feedback to landowners within a minimum of 330 feet and hosting a public meeting, which is to be held at the Municipality of Magnetawan's Community Centre on March 17, 2021; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Ryerson hereby authorizes the CAO/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer, to issue a statement of concurrence to Spectrum Group in favour of the proposed telecommunication tower, provided any concerns brought forth during the public consultation period have been settled and Magnetawan provides a copy of their letter of concurrence to the CAO/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer.

Recorded vote: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the amendment to the final 2021 Burks Falls and District Fire Department Budget for presentation at the Tri-Council meeting February 22, 2021.

Recorded vote: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the resolution received from the Township of Augusta dated January 26, 2021, requesting that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents.

Recorded vote: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council approve the 2021 ACED Budget in the amount of \$391,347.00 with the Ryerson share to be \$10,000.00.

Recorded vote: Yes: Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. No: Brandt (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 08-21, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 08-21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 2 day of February 2021.

Recorded vote: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:37 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Recorded vote: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. (Carried)

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CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK