

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

February 5, 2019

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening February 5, 2019. Mayor Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff in attendance: Judy Kosowan, Nancy Field, Brayden Robinson.

Guests: John Puharich, Judy Ransome, Kim Palmer, Richard Hunt, Dominic Morand, John and Patty Bilodeau, Paul Van Dam, Rod Blakelock.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the front door of the office and on the web site and recorded on the telephone voice message.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Regular Meeting January 22, 2019 were adopted as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Brandt, and seconded by Councillor Patterson. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

DELEGATION

John Puharich addressed Council on behalf of several property owners from Spring Hill Road. Mr. Puharich's garage was destroyed by fire on February 1, 2019 and from that incident, concerns are now being raised regarding access and the private road. The residents asked what do they have to do to get help from the municipality to maintain this road. It was noted that this is a very complex matter and that further information is required before the Township can provide an answer to the question.

The Clerk was directed to collect information and to arrange a meeting with the property owners to provide information and discuss this issue.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department: The draft 2019 Fire Department budget was reviewed and will be submitted to the Tri-Council meeting February 28, 2019.

Public Works: Council received a written report from Lloyd Van Duzen, Public Works Supervisor up-dating winter maintenance and brushing operations.

Deputy Clerk: Nancy Field read a written report regarding Municipal By-law Prosecutor services and resolutions were adopted as noted below.

Treasurer: Brayden Robinson reported on changes to the Human Resources Policy and Procedures Manual and a resolution was adopted as noted below.

Clerk: Judy Kosowan provided information Staff Professional Development and a resolution was adopted. The quote from Tulloch Engineering regarding a review of the garage building was accepted by Council resolution. Council received a staff report on private roads.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Finley provided a written report to Council about the ROMA Conference. Highlights included: adapting to change in rural communities, farming and food tourism, caring for elderly, information about Long term care and facilities. This was an excellent conference and the theme of revitalizing small rural communities fit well with the local regional economic development initiatives.

Councillor Brandt also reported on the Roma Conference. Workshops attended included: Code of Conduct and Integrity Commissioner, Conflict of Interest legislation, legality of Cannabis and regulation and safety of edibles and public education regarding cannabis and impairment. Councillor Brandt also provided information to Council on assisted dying legislation.

Councillor Marlow provided Council with the minutes from the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee meeting.

Shared Services Meeting

A Shared Services meeting was held February 4, 2019. Gary Courtice, Regional Training Officer for the Burks Falls and District Fire Department presented information on the regional training program. Deputy Fire Chief/Fire Prevention Officer Joe Readman reviewed the draft Establish and Regulate By-law with the Councils from Armour, Burks Falls and Ryerson. The draft by-law will be up-dated with the amendments suggested at the meeting and will be re-circulated to the municipalities.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS

- Algonquin Life Magazine: launch spring 2019.
- BACED: Invitation to the Introductory ACED Board Meeting.
- Almaguin Recycling Initiative (ARI): Meeting agenda and minutes.
- Muskoka Algonquin HealthCare (MAHC): applications for Board of Directors Accreditation; Emergency Departments.
- Burks Falls, Armour, Ryerson Union Public Library: Ontario Public Libraries Pre-Budget Submissions.
- Ministry of Finance: enforcement of Ontario's cannabis legalization framework.
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Bill 66 – Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2016.
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO): Ontario's 2019 Budget.
- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit: Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017 Changes.

BY-LAWS

By-law # 10-19: confirm the meetings of Council.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Marlow, Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the quotation from Tulloch Engineering in the amount of \$5,800.00 plus HST for a review of the garage building. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the proposal from Debbie Hall for Municipal By-law Prosecutor services, that will be used on an as-needed basis. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the proposal from Michelle Scott for Municipal By-law Prosecutor services, that will be used on an as-needed basis. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the Human Resources Policy up-dates dated February 5, 2019, as attached. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the following expenditures for administration staff attendance at the Association of Municipal Managers Clerks and Treasurer Annual Conference in Huntsville: one full conference package and two one day packages (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #10-19, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law #10-19 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 5th day of February, 2019. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 8:15 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK