

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

June 16, 2020

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening June 16, 2020. Electronic attendance was supported using Zoom. Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Public in attendance: Paul Van Dam, Nieves Guijarro.

Notice of this meeting, that allowed electronic attendance during a COVID-19 declared Health Emergency, 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 May 19, 2020 were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

STAFF REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Chief provided a written report with department updates. The FPO, AJ Lunn provided a written report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Department updates were provided to Council from a written report submitted by Lloyd Van Duzen, Public Works Supervisor.

TREASURER: 2020 Budget Variance Report was reviewed, Brayden Robinson provided a report about the Asset Management FCM funding and a resolution is noted below.

DEPUTY CLERK: Provided a written report and a copy of the Draft Clean Yard By-law as an introduction to this By-law, followed by a discussion. This draft by-law will be brought forward to a future meeting.

CLERK: A report was provided to Council along with the Accountability and Transparency By-law, a resolution is noted below. The Clerk provided a report to Council with a request for a donation to the Winterfest Building Project, a resolution is noted below.

COUNCILLOR REPORT(S)

Councillor Marlow: Written report was provided to request direction from Council for redirecting the OTN funds, a resolution is noted below.

Mayor Sterling: Written report from the Eastholme meeting was provided.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER BUSINESS

BY-LAWS

- By-law# 18-20 to establish an accountability and transparency policy
- By-law# 19-20 to assume a highway for public use

- By-law# 20-20 to confirm the meetings of Council

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed meeting at 7:26 p.m. Council discussed the matter it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion and returned to the open meeting at 7:42 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting May 19, 2020 be adopted as circulated. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson Councillor Marlow, and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Marlow, Whereas tenders for the breathing air compressor expire on June 19, 2020; And Whereas information regarding funding from the other partners has not been confirmed; Now Therefore be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council does not accept any tender from the first tender issue; And Further that we re-tender for the breathing air compressor. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson Councillor Marlow, and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for the Asset Management Up-date Project;
And be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program: Road Needs Study; Up-dated Asset Inventory; Asset Management Plan Phase 1 Completion;
And be it further resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson commits \$5,730.00 from its budget toward the cost of this initiative. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 18 -20, being a By-law to adopt the up-dated Accountability and Transparency Policy and further; That By-law # 18 -20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 16th day of June, 2020. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council contribute \$300.00 to the Winterfest Building Project. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that the Township of Ryerson, based on resolution number 2020 -14 from the ACED Board, approves the amended 2020 budget with a contribution of \$10,000.00 per partner, except for one contribution of \$5,000.00.
Furthermore, that the Township of Ryerson agrees to contribute an amount of \$10,000.00 to the 2020 ACED budget. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that The Township of Ryerson authorize a donation of \$324.00 to the Women's Own Resource Centre. Recorded vote: Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council requests that the \$200.00 donation be returned because the Annual Fall Fair

is cancelled for 2020. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the resolution from the Town of Orangeville, dated June 8, 2020, requesting the Solicitor General to encourage common training requirements for all members of Police Services in Ontario as it relates to diversity, empathy and use of force;

And that the Solicitor General provide clarity on police oversight going forward given the anticipated changes to legislation to ensure effective accountability continues;

And that annual updates or refresher courses be mandatory to ensure our Police Services have the best and current information available to them;

And that we ask that a Mental Health Officer be hired as so many of these confrontations stem from problems due to mental health that the police are not trained adequately in this process;

And that the use of force protocols be reviewed to ensure they are safe and would meet current standards, and then shared across the province. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Absent: Councillor Marlow.

(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Patterson Whereas the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers and waterways is a growing area of public concern;

And whereas reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHGs significantly;

And whereas the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;

And whereas the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome;

And whereas the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Ryerson is supportive of a timely, seamless and successful transition of Blue Box Programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products;

And whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box to full producer responsibility;

And whereas the TRI Communal Landfill & Recycling Centre has been providing a Blue Box program to its residents for over 30 years;

And whereas the Recycling Centre has the necessary infrastructure and contracts to continue providing an efficient program;

And whereas the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Ryerson would be interested in providing collection services to Producers should we be able to arrive at mutually agreeable commercial terms.

Now therefore, be it resolved that The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Ryerson would like to transition their Blue Box program to full producer responsibility January 1, 2023;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Recorded Vote, Yea:

Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Absent: Councillor Marlow. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Brandt Whereas on August 22, 2017 Ryerson Township Council adopted a resolution: "...to support the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre with an annual contribution of \$500.00 per year for five years toward the cost of the replacement of the OTN Equipment at the Health Centre in Burks Falls, starting in 2018."

And whereas the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre (AHHC) received onetime funding to purchase the OTN Equipment;

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accepts the recommendation from the AHHC and approves the redirection of the OTN funds collected from the municipalities for the expenses related to supporting the OTN services. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt,

Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None

(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support resolution number 2020-64 dated June 3, 2020 from the Municipality of McDougall, stating that we are in agreement with the opinion of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), that the current District Social

Services Administration Boards (DSSAB's) would not be the best solution for overseeing the Northern OPP Detachments. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that we move to a closed session at 7:26 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. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 19 -20, being a By-law to Assume a Highway for Public Use (Part Lot 78, Concession A, and further; That By-law # 19 -20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 16th day of June, 2020. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 20-20, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 20-20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 16th day of June, 2020. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:58 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK