

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
TRI COUNCIL MINUTES**

Monday, March 9th, 2020

Young at Heart Seniors Centre – 7:00 pm

The regular Tri-Council meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour, Council of the Township of Ryerson and the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls was held on Monday March 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Young at Heart Senior Centre, 136 Yonge Street, Burk's Falls.

Attendance:

Ryerson Council: Mayor George Sterling, Councillors Barbara Marlow, Penny Brandt, Celia Finley and Delynne Patterson. Staff: Nancy Field, Deputy Clerk, Dave McNay, Fire Chief; Ken Stevenson, Deputy Chief.

Armour Council: Reeve Bob MacPhail, Councillors Rod Blakelock, Rod Ward, Jerry Brandt and Wendy Whitwell; Staff: John Theriault, Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator and Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator

Burk's Falls Council: Mayor Cathy Still, Councillors Jarvis Osborne, Lewis Hodgson, Lisa Morrison and Rex Smith. Staff: Nicky Kunkel, CAO/Clerk

Guests: Judy Ransome, John Finley and Diane Brandt.

The Meeting was hosted by Burks Falls and Mayor Still called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the regular Tri-Council meeting held on October 28, 2019 were approved as circulated moved by Rex Smith Seconded by Jerry Brandt

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

Delegations:

1. Celia Finley, Township of Ryerson Councillor reported to the Tri Council the impacts of the aging population and the immediate and future needs of long term care for the residents of Almaguin. She explained that Almaguin officially only has one long term Home (Eastholme) which currently has a waitlist of 178 with a wait time of 3.5 years. In the next 15 years the population of Almaguin that will require long term care will increase by 66%. This clearly indicates that action is needed now. The situation is similar in neighboring regions. With the numbers showing a total required need of 370 persons needing care by 2031, with 52 of those projected to be dementia patients, Councillor Finley is suggesting that a task force with the 7 municipalities in Almaguin South be established now to start to work on the solution. The Province is introducing new legislation that will offer more in-home care to residents and even this currently has a shortage of staff so more needs to be done. She does suggest a new home could be built in Burk's Falls with partners with a cost of \$30M and an annual operating cost of approximately \$7.5M (based on the Conference Board of Canada analysis).

2020 Budget Presentations

1. Arena Update and Report for Budget 2020
The budget was presented and it was commented that the ICIP Recreation Funding results won't be known until June but there is \$15,000 in the budget earmarked for the detailed design of the project for 2020. Construction would not start until spring of 2021 if result is favourable. If the application is not successful the \$15,000 would instead be used to fix the storage problems experienced at the facility. The operating budget was then discussed with questions on wage amounts, lower than 2019 but the staff will not be performing the capital work from 2019 so the wage is expected to be lower. Training

amounts have increased as new staff will be hired and training will be necessary. The two main capital items for the ice plant are the soft starts and the condenser fan. These items will proceed and will save on energy costs. There was discussion on the filling of the Manager position, and it is hoped that there will be a one week overlap before the incumbent leaves. A few maintenance items (washroom floor and toilet covers) needing remediation were brought to Burk's Falls attention and they will be resolved within the building maintenance budgeted numbers.

2. Fire Department - Budget 2020

Fire Chief McNay provided details on the changes to his budget amounting to \$6,370 difference since October 2019 which consists of the purchase of a smart TV for the Who's Responding App, lifesaving vests, repairs for a hydraulic leak, aerial and master board in a truck. There were no further discussions.

3. Waste Management Update Report for Budget 2020

Administrator Amy Tilley highlighted the amendments to the budget since October 2019. The skid steer was slated to be replaced but due to a breakdown in late December the pump has been repaired which will extend the life of the existing machine. The funding for the Waste Diversion has not been announced for 2019 yet so the number in the budget is submitted as an estimate. EJ Williams is still preparing the final survey of the landfill site and it is expected in 2020.

New Business

1. Councillor Rod Blakelock spoke to Tri Council regarding the need for a storage shed for the Winterfest supplies. He was encouraged to submit a letter to the Firefighters Association as well for assistance. He will send a letter to the three Councils if there are funding shortfalls.
2. Councillor Rod Ward asked if the ICIP Recreation funding is not approved if there has been any consideration to a Plan B for the Library. The idea of purchasing a building was mention as well. There has been no formal plan but once funding is known then further discussion should occur.

Moved by Bob MacPhail and Seconded by Lisa Morrison
That the Tri Council meeting be adjourned at 19:45. Carried.

Next Meeting

October 26, 2020 with Ryerson to host.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Rex Smith, seconded by Jerry Brandt: That the Tri-Council of the Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 28, 2019, as circulated. (Carried)

Moved by Bob McPhail, seconded by Lisa Morrison: That the Tri-Council of the Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls adjourn this regular Tri-Council meeting at 19:45 p.m. until the next regular Tri-Council meeting scheduled for October 26, 2020 to be hosted by the Township of Ryerson. (Carried)

Mayor

Clerk/Deputy Clerk