

# **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

May 5, 2020

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening May 5, 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

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 April 21, 2020 were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Brandt.

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

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

FIRE CHIEF: Written report providing department updates

PUBLIC WORKS: Written report providing department updates

TREASURER: Fire Department Fee's By-Law, Tax Ratio By-law. Resolutions are noted below.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER BUSINESS:**

Council received a letter of support for High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rural Ontario, from Armour Township and a resolution was adopted as noted below.

#### **BY-LAWS**

By-law # 13-20 to set the tax ratios.

By-law # 14-20 to set the fees for the Fire Department.

By-law # 15-20 to confirm the meetings of Council.

#### **CLOSED MEETING**

Council moved to a closed meeting at 6:19 p.m. Council discussed the matter it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion and returned to the open meeting at 6:44 p.m.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meetings April 21, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried) Abstention: Councillor Finley

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support Resolution Number 6 dated April 28, 2020, from the Township of Armour, in support of the letter dated April 15, 2020 from Councillor Rod Ward, on the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in rural areas.

Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, 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 # 13-20, being a By-law to Establish Fees for the various services of the Burk's Falls and District Fire Department and further; That By-Law # 13-20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 14-20, being a By-law to set Tax Ratios for Municipal purposes 2020 and further; That By-Law # 14-20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 15-20, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 15-20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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 we move to a closed session at 6:19 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. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 6:47 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

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