

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

November 3, 2020

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was a combined in person/electronic meeting held at the Arena, located at 220 Centre Street in Burks Falls on Tuesday evening November 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council members attending in-person: Barbara Marlow, Delynne Patterson and Penny Brandt.
Council member attending electronically: Celia Finley.

Staff in attendance in person: Judy Kosowan, Nancy Field.

Public in attendance in person: Judy Ransome, Paul Van Dam, Nieves Guijarro, Lee McConnell.

Public attending electronically by phone: Rosalind Hall.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from the regular meeting October 20, 2020 and Tri-Council October 26, 2020 and Special meeting October 28, 2020 were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

BUSINESS ARISING

Council received information regarding the Regional Fire Department proposal and renewal of the contract for the Regional Fire Training Officer, from Armour Township, following up from the Tri-Council meeting October 26, 2020. A resolution was adopted as noted below.

STAFF REPORTS

DEPUTY CLERK: Nancy Field provided a report updating Emergency Management Compliance. A report on the Mutual Assistance Agreement was also provided and a resolution adopted. Council received a report on Office Holiday Hours and a resolution adopted.

CLERK: Council received and accepted the Staff/Volunteer Recognition report and directed that the same bonus given in 2019 be provided to Staff and Volunteers for 2020. A report on Groundskeeper/Cemetery Caretaking Services contract renewal was provided and a resolution adopted as noted below.

COUNCILLOR REPORT(S)

Mayor Sterling provided the Eastholme Administrator's Report.

COMMUNICATION ITEM:

- Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) re: Carpool Almaguin
- Joint Building Committee Minutes

BY-LAWS

By-law # 28-20 to confirm the meetings of Council.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting October 20, 2020 and Tri-Council October 26, 2020 and special meeting October 28, 2020 be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council direct Mayor Sterling and Delyne Patterson to attend the meeting on November 19, 2020 to communicate Council’s priorities regarding the renewal of the Regional Fire Training Officer’s contract and the Regional Fire Department proposal:

Firstly, renew the Regional Fire Training Officer’s contract based on five fire departments sharing the cost equally between the five departments. It is important to ensure that the success of the training program and automatic aid agreements are not jeopardized.

Secondly, that we continue to participate in discussions regarding Regional Fire Department options. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council hereby confirms their continued participation in the Mutual Assistance Agreement for emergency purposes in the event whole departments are depleted as a result as a result of COVID-19 or other major illnesses. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council set the 2020 Ryerson Township Office Holiday Hours as follows: Closed: December 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 2020 and January 1, 2021. Office to re-open regular hours Monday January 4, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that the contract with Almaguin Groundskeeping Service for grounds-keeping and cemetery caretaking, be renewed for a three-year term January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 28-20, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 28-20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 3 day of November, 2020. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 6:22 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK