

# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES

October 20, 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 October 20, 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: Nancy Field, Brayden Robinson, Judy Kosowan

Public in attendance in person: Paul Van Dam.

Public attending electronically by phone: Harold Elston, Carly Emmett, Rosalind Hall, Lee McConnell, John Finley, Judy Ransome.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the regular meeting October 6, 2020 were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson. (Carried)

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

#### **PRESENTATION**

Harold Elston, Integrity Commissioner, attended the meeting electronically to present two reports about complaints received against Councillor Finley and Councillor Brandt. The complaints were filed by Rosalind Hall regarding the reception she received while in attendance at a Council meeting February 18, 2020.

Mr. Elston's report found that Councillor Brandt breached Sections 6 and 7 of the Code of Conduct and recommended that she be reprimanded. Mr. Elston reported that regarding Councillor Finley there was no breach of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, however, she was in breach of Section 13 of the Code of Conduct and should be reprimanded.

Council considered the reports and adopted the resolution as noted below.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

**TREASURER:** Written report regarding Safe Restart Funding and IT Vendor of Record Request for Proposal (RFP).

**DEPUTY CLERK:** Written report providing an explanation of the cash-in-lieu of parkland calculation used for consent application.

**CLERK:** Written report regarding Regional Fire Training Officer.

**BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT:** Written report of Quarterly activity.

## **COUNCILLOR REPORT(S)**

Councillor Finley provided a verbal report on her opinions relating to service delivery review, record retention, procurement and the request for proposal process. Council set the date of Monday November 9, 2020 for a special meeting at 9:00 a.m. to review the procurement by-law and record retention by-law.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/BUSINESS**

- Local Planning Appeal Tribunal: Memorandum of Oral Decision October 7, 2020

### **GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE: Emailed to Council**

- Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED): Minutes September 21, 2020
- Joint Building Statistics
- McMurrich/Monteith: Parry Sound EMS Supplementary Levy
- AMO re: Feedback on AMO OPP Detachment Board Discussion Paper
- Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) Minutes from Teleconference October 2, 2020
- West Parry Sound Health Centre – Parry Sound District EMS re: Annual Toy Drive
- Almaguin Highlands Health Centre: Minutes from October 2, 2020 meeting

## **BY-LAWS**

By-law # 27-20 to confirm the meetings of Council.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

Council moved to a closed meeting at 8:15 p.m. Council discussed the matter it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion and returned to the open meeting at 8:45 p.m.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting October 6, 2020 be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow WHEREAS Ryerson Township Council has received two reports from the Integrity Commissioner Harold Elston, AND WHEREAS the Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol has been considered, AND WHEREAS Section 10.3 states: Upon review of the Report, Council shall pass a resolution stating whether or not it intends to take-action in response to the Report, and if so, what action it will take;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT as per Section 5.7 of the Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol, Ryerson Township Council has given Councillor Brandt a verbal reprimand and has requested that Councillor Brandt write a letter of apology to Ms. Hall; and further that Council has given Councillor Finley a verbal reprimand and request that she send a letter of apology to Ms. Hall for not recusing herself from the discussion. A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Brandt: Yeas: Penny Brandt, Barbara Marlow, Delynne Patterson, George Sterling. Nays: Celia Finley. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 27-20, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 27-20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 20 day of October, 2020. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley that we move to a closed session at 8:15 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (f) as the

subject matter being considered is regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. The general nature of the closed meeting is to receive correspondence from our Solicitor regarding the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) File PL130823 - Application for a Class A license for the removal of aggregate (Peggs Mountain Rd.). (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that we move to a closed session at 8:15 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. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 8:47 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

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MAYOR

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CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK