

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

October 26, 2020

The 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 October 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Armour, Ryerson, Burks Falls Memorial Arena, 220 Centre Street, Burk's Falls.

Ryerson Council in person attendance: Mayor George Sterling, Councillors Barbara Marlow, Penny Brandt, Delynne Patterson. Electronic attendance: Celia Finley. Staff: Judy Kosowan, CAO/Clerk; Nancy Field, Deputy Clerk; Brayden Robinson, Treasurer; Dave McNay, Fire Chief; Ken Stevenson, Deputy-Fire Chief.

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

Burk's Falls Council in person attendance: Mayor Cathy Still, Councillors Jarvis Osborne, John Wilson and Rex Smith. Electronic attendance: Lisa Morrison. Staff: Nicky Kunkel, CAO/Clerk, Tammy Wylie, Treasurer and Graham Smith, Arena Manager.

Presenters attending in person: Nieves Guijarro, CEO Library, Diane Brandt, President, Historical Society.

Public attending in person: Judy Ransome, Lee McConnell.

The Meeting was hosted by Township of Ryerson and Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the Tri-Council meeting held on March 9, 2020 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

2021 DRAFT BUDGETS/REPORTS:

Burks Falls and District Historical Society

Diane Brandt, President of the Burks Falls and District Historical Society presented an up-date on the Historical Society. This year was different due to COVID-19 and the two Heritage Centres were closed which allowed time to catch up on some much-needed projects that were outlined in the report. Many donations were received this year.

For next year Heritage Day and the Firefighters Challenge is set for Saturday July 10, 2021.

The 2021 budget was provided to the three Councils.

It was noted that if the Historical Society needs fill for the backyard that perhaps the three municipalities could provide fill from time to time.

Burks Falls, Armour and Ryerson Union Public Library

Nieves Guijarro, CEO from the Burks Falls, Armour and Ryerson Union Public Library provided the CEO Report and the 2021 Budget. The Library continues to provide services to the public while following directives from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit.

Armour, Ryerson & Burks Falls Memorial Arena and Community Centre

Graham Smith, Arena Manager reviewed 2021 Budget Notes and the 2021 budget. Challenges relating to COVID-19 and the affect on putting ice in and hall rentals were discussed. Burks Falls Council and the Arena Manager will continue to monitor Provincial and Health Unit restrictions and requirements regarding use of arenas.

Tri-R Waste Management

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, presented the 2021 draft budget and report. The effects of COVID-19 on the volumes of waste such as short-term rentals. It was noted that increased education regarding recycling for the owners and renters may help alleviate this.

Consideration of future expansion options for the landfill site and mining parts of previously used sections to extend the life were discussed. It was noted that transfer stations and shipping garbage are likely realities for the future, which will be costly.

Burks Falls and District Fire Department

Fire Chief Dave McNay presented the draft 2021 fire department budget with a 3.5% increase. The proposal for a burn building for training purposes, to be built in Perry Township and shared by five area fire departments was discussed.

DISCUSSION:

Reeve MacPhail provided an overview of the regional fire department proposal which was initiated six years ago. A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday November 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the arena in Burks Falls to discuss a workable funding model. Representatives from the five partner fire departments were invited to the meeting and the Municipality of Magnetawan has withdrawn from the discussions.

A second topic for discussion will be funding the Regional Fire Training Officer program. Currently this training is offered to five fire departments and several funding proposals have been brought forward by Magnetawan, Kearney and McMurrich/Monteith.

The importance of maintaining the excellent fire training program and automatic aid system that are in place was stressed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councillor Rex Smith, seconded by Councillor Jerry Brandt, be it resolved that the minutes from the Tri-Council meeting March 9, 2020 be approved as circulated. (Carried)

Moved by Mayor Cathy Still, seconded by Reeve Bob MacPhail, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 9:27 p.m. (Carried)

Mayor

Clerk