

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
TRI-COUNCIL MEETING**

MINUTES

Senior's Centre, Burks Falls
Monday October 29, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

A Tri-Council meeting with the Village of Burk's Falls, Township of Armour and Township of Ryerson was held at the Senior's Centre in Burks Falls, Monday October 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Ryerson Township Council: Glenn Miller, Barbara Marlow, Rosalind Hall, Doug Weddel and George Sterling.

Burks Falls Council: Cathy Still, Rex Smith, Lisa Morrison and Jarve Osborne. Regrets: Lewis Hodgson.

Armour Council: Bob MacPhail, Marina Hammond, Rod Blakelock and Jerry Brandt. Regrets: Pat Hayes.

Staff in Attendance: Nancy Field and Judy Kosowan.

Other Staff was in attendance giving their budget reports and some members of the public were also in attendance.

The Village of Burks Falls hosted the meeting and Reeve Cathy Still called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

It was moved by Rod Blakelock seconded by George Sterling that the Councils for the Village of Burk's Falls, Township of Armour and Township of Ryerson hereby accept the minutes of the Tri Council meetings of April 30, 2018 and July 11, 2018 as circulated. Carried.

2019 Budgets Reports

Fire Department

Fire Chief McNay and Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) Joe Readman presented the report for the Fire Department along with highlights of the proposed 2019 budget. FPO Readman, discussed the proposed training regulations for firefighters and the impact to the training account. The Department will now train weekly instead of biweekly to ensure they are preparing to meet the expected training regulation and the tight deadlines. He also communicated that he attended a meeting with area Fire Chiefs who sent the province feedback on the regulation which stated they would like a four-year compliance timeline and that Fire Departments only train for the services listed in the establishing bylaws. No questions or comments were raised.

Arena

Arena Manager Mitch Matson discussed the workplan and proposed 2019 budget. He highlighted that the ice plant account has decreased since it had upgrades in 2018. However, the Fernie Report has just been issued and recommended best practices may impact the budget. The Manager will continue to review the report and provide advice. The user fee revenue has been decreased for 2019 to better reflect 2018 actuals. There was discussion that the building is a great community center but more needs to be done to increase use. The Manager continues to work on options and the newly created Recreation Coordinator for the Village has many ideas and events.

BACED

Community Economic Development Officer Dave Gray was present to report on the proposed 2019 budget. The budget indicates a share to operate the Office, as is, with no external funding at \$14,577. However, the Almaguin Regional Economic Development Task Force is working towards a Regional Department for early 2019 and have applied for the CINNO (Phase 1) from Fed Nor to seed the department for the next 3 years. The more municipalities and partners that sign on for the regional initiative and if funding is approved this budget number would decrease. It is expected that a 3-month bridge funding will be necessary for the existing BACED operations. The CEDO also reviewed the workplan for 2019 along with the defined core services offered and provided numbers for uptake on those services. He also announced that he was successful in obtaining his Economic Development Association of Canada Certification.

Tri R Landfill

Waste Management Administrator Amy Tilley presented the 2019 proposed budget and explained that there are several unknowns regarding the transfer to producer responsibility that remain outstanding. She has successfully secured a source for the Tire Stewardship wrap up after January 1, 2019. She has also moved some paper with Canadian Fibre and hopes that can continue. Electronic and organic waste is still being reviewed at the Provincial level. There is a huge problem with recycling being contaminated and therefore not resalable. Waste Reduction Week was a success and a new Facebook page for the site was created. The Budget reflects that starting January 1, 2019 bags at the landfill site will cost \$3.00. Armour and Ryerson are subsidizing residents' costs and that is also reflected in the revenues. The Village has curbside collection, so residents will pay directly to use the landfill site. 2018 was the first year with the reduced staff and modifications may be needed for the months of July and August annually.

Library

Librarian Nieves Guijarro handed out and presented a 2018 update and 2019 workplan. The 2019 budget was presented with one modification expected for wages. It was noted that the budget numbers for increase/decrease year over year are calculated using the projected year end of 2018 and not 2018 budget which would show that the overall budget has increased \$2,000 due to the addition of benefits and OMERS being offered.

New Business

Reeve MacPhail indicated that the three Reeves have met over the past weeks regarding the Fire Department and he suggested that a future Tri Council meeting devote four hours to the review of the establishing and regulating by-law for the Fire Department. There is an expense to having an extra meeting which will have to be covered. He expressed concern that Ryerson has three new untrained councillors who will need to be educated about the fire department.

The following statements were made: training is expensive, what do the three of us want to do, for example: we need ten qualified people to do ice rescue therefore if we are not doing this, there is no need to train or to have a boat; we need 8 -10 qualified people to enter a burning building, are there officers with enough experience, are we putting life at risk.

An orientation for new council members and a review of services offered along with the associated training requirements was recommended. It was suggested that this be set up once the new term of Council commences.

Next Meeting

Next regular shared services meeting will be hosted by the Township of Ryerson and will be held in February 2018. The date to be determined.

Adjournment

Moved by George Sterling, seconded by Lisa Morrison that the meeting now adjourns at 8:15 p.m. (Carried)

Original signed by Glenn Miller

REEVE

Original signed by Judy Kosowan

CLERK