

# **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

September 8, 2020

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was an in-person meeting held at the Arena, located at 220 Centre Street in Burks Falls on Tuesday evening September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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.

Public in attendance: Chris Bevan, Nieves Guijarro.

Notice of this meeting was put on the website.

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the regular meeting August 11, 2020 were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley. (Carried)

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

**PRESENTATION:** Chris Bevan from Kennedy Insurance attended to answer questions regarding the municipal building insurance. Mr. Bevan also provided information and answered questions regarding insurance requirements for the Magnetawan Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club Land Use permission.

#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Council received information regarding the two proposals received for a road needs study. Council accepted the lowest price from Tatham Engineering Limited, as noted in the resolution below.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

Council received reports as follows:

DEPUTY CLERK: Magnetawan road allowance exchange South Horn Lake Road (resolution adopted), Procedure By-law amendment, electronic meetings (By-law adopted).

CLERK: Municipal building update (resolution adopted), MOU Magnetawan Ridge Runners (resolution adopted), Report from abeyance register.

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

- The Village of Burks Falls being a recommendation regarding re-opening the arena (resolution adopted)
- The Village of Burks Falls: August Arena Manager's report
- The Village of Burks Falls: Regional Broadband (resolution adopted)
- Paul Fink: Thanking the road crew for the excellent job that they have done
- Minister of Municipal Affairs Steve Clark: Safe Restart Funding Announcement – Staff to follow up with a consultant regarding technology requirements for upgrades to equipment
- Tri R Waste Management: August 11, 2020 Administrator's report

- Burks Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library: July CEO Report and June 17, 2020 minutes
- FONOM Media Release re: AMO virtual conference

### **COUNCILLOR REPORT(S)**

Mayor Sterling provided written reports from Eastholme and the South East Parry Sound District Planning Board meetings he attended.

Council noted that compliments have been received regarding the roads and Council discussed suggestions for staff appreciation, this will be brought back to a future meeting.

### **BY-LAWS**

By-law# 23-20 to amend Procedure By-law # 13-20.

By-law# 24-20 to confirm the meetings of Council.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting August 11, 2020 be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the Request for Proposal for a Road Needs Study from Tatham Engineering, in the amount of \$11,329.00 (including HST). (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support, in principle, the resolution supporting the application received by the Municipality of Magnetawan regarding the exchange of a road allowance, known as South Horn Lake Rd. from Jeffery Bailey on the lands known as 119 Hawthorne Lane (Concession 1 Part Lots 2, 3 Rem. Pcl. 655255) for the unopened road allowance between lot 2 concession 1 in the geographic Township of Chapman and lot 2 concession 14 in the geographic Township of Ryerson; with the understanding that any costs incurred by Ryerson Township will be reimbursed by the Municipality of Magnetawan. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 23-20, being a By-law to amend Procedural By-law # 13 -20, and further; That By-Law # 23-20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow WHEREAS the Procurement By-law 59-14 defines an emergency as follows:

An “**Emergency**”, in the context of this policy, is a situation where the strict application of this policy will result in danger or damage to persons or property, or serious delays or non-delivery of services. It may involve, for example, an imminent threat to public health, maintenance of essential services, or a risk or serious financial liability (on the Township’s part) arising from environmental conditions;

AND WHEREAS the Procurement allows for exceptions:

**Applicability & Exceptions:** All commodities required by the Township shall be purchased in accordance with this policy, unless: The Council directs by resolution that any particular purchase or disposal of a commodity shall be carried out in some other manner;

An exemption to this policy applies (Appendix A); or any applicable law requires that the purchase of a commodity be carried out in some other manner;

AND WHEREAS the Procurement By-law allows for Emergency Procurement:

**Emergency Procurement:** Notwithstanding the provisions of this policy, the following shall only apply in case of an emergency, when an event occurs that is determined by a department head or the clerk to be a threat to: the public health; the welfare of persons or of public property; or the security of the Township’s interests and the occurrence requires the immediate delivery of goods and/or services and time does not permit for competitive bids;

AND WHEREAS time is of the essence in getting the municipal building re-constructed;

NOW THEREFORE Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize the Treasurer and CAO/Clerk/Deputy Clerk to approve emergency expenditures of up to \$15,000.00 relating

to the re-construction of the municipal building, and provide a report of the expenditures to Council at the next meeting. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council enter into the MOU agreement with the Magnetawan Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club, in order for the Club to obtain insurance from the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC). The MOU agreement from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 between the Magnetawan Ridge Runners and the Township of Ryerson will only come into effect upon receipt of proof of insurance from the OFSC, including the indemnification and hold harmless clause wording, and a current insurance certificate naming the Township of Ryerson as additional insured. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected the vulnerable elderly population in Ontario's long-term care (LTC) homes;  
AND WHEREAS it is the mandate of the Ministry of Long-Term Care to inspect long-term care homes;  
AND WHEREAS residents have been endangered by personnel moving between infection zones without adequate equipment;  
AND WHEREAS the province provides funding for privately-operated long-term care homes;

AND WHEREAS the province provides funding for privately operated homes, and they have an obligation to inspect these homes and see that they are being properly run, and that funds are being used for the benefit of the residents;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Ryerson urges the Ontario Government to provide funding to increase full-time positions in place of casual and part-time labour in long term care homes,  
AND FURTHER requests that the Ministry of Long-Term Care acts to regularly inspect all long-term care homes and that sound infection control measures are put in place in all Ontario long-term care homes;  
AND FURTHER that this resolution be sent to Premier Ford and Minister of Long-Term Care Merrilee Fullerton for consideration. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accepts the recommendations received from the Village of Burks Falls, dated August 19, 2020 regarding re-opening of the Armour, Ryerson, Burks Falls Memorial Arena. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley WHEREAS the Council for the Township of Ryerson understands the Federal priority of ensuring broadband access to 95% of all homes by 2026 & 100% of homes in 2030 and the Province of Ontario's priority of supporting infrastructure development projects through the recently announced Improving Connectivity in Ontario Program;  
WHEREAS the Council for the Township of Ryerson recognizes that there are homes and/or businesses in the municipality that do not have access to affordable, reliable and adequate broadband internet that meets national standard of at least 50mbps download and 10mbps upload;  
WHEREAS the Council for the Township of Ryerson acknowledges the availability of reliable broadband internet services to all residents and businesses throughout the municipality as critical to economic growth, social prosperity and community well-being; and  
WHEREAS Council for the Township of Ryerson acknowledges recent pressures imposed by the COVID-19 Pandemic on local governments to advocate for improved broadband service availability and improvement to support functions such as: working from home, e-learning from home, remote & virtual health care service delivery and increased demand for in-home entertainment; and WHEREAS the Council for the Township of Ryerson is aware of the development of a Muskoka Parry Sound Riding Cooperative Broadband Initiative focused on developing a model for a collective, multi-regional strategy for creating and deploying broadband to all residents throughout both districts; and WHEREAS the Council for the Township of Ryerson recognizes that this initiative relies on the partnership efforts of all affected municipalities, the West Parry Sound SMART Community Network, Blue Sky Net, health agencies, education boards, DSSABs, economic development organizations and other supportive partners and/or agencies;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Ryerson hereby declares their support in principle for the Muskoka – Parry Sound Riding Cooperative Broadband Initiative to develop and implement a riding wide strategy to ensure the availability of reliable broadband services to all residents within the Muskoka and Parry Sound Districts. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 24-20, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 24-20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:22 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

Original signed by Barbara Marlow

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DEPUTY MAYOR

Original signed by Judy Kosowan

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CLERK