

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

February 4, 2014

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening February 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Reeve Glenn Miller, Councillors Rosalind Hall, Barbara Marlow, George Sterling and Doug Weddel.

Staff, Delegations & Guests in attendance: Bob Edmunds; Andrew Farnsworth; Paul Van Dam; Judy Ransome; Michael Dorman; Linda Maurer.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the front door of the office and on the web site and recorded on the telephone voice message.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting January 21, 2014, were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Sterling and seconded by Councillor Hall. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST : none declared.

PRESENTATION

Michael Dorman from Infrastructure Ontario attended to provide Council with information on services they provide including the Ontario Loans Program. Services outlined included: loan financing; funding strategies/considerations; cost of deferring acquisition of capital projects and construction and interim financing.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Andrew Farnsworth provided information resulting from a meeting with an engineering firm regarding the garage roof and future services that may be required. Council directed that Mr. Farnsworth proceed with a letter of interest and request for proposal for engineering services on a retainer basis to provide services on possible future requirements.

Public Works Supervisor Bob Edmunds provided a spreadsheet to Council regarding the replacement of the excavator and outlined the challenges of getting prices from suppliers. A verbal update of road department activities was also given including: winter operations; winter sand inventory and that the restricted weight signs are installed on Midlothian Road.

DELEGATIONS:

Linda Maurer, from the Burks Falls and District Historical Society attended to provide Council with information on the proposal to use the Watt Family farm in Armour Township, owned by Northland Power as a museum. The Society is looking to apply for funding for consultant to do a Business Plan for the museum proposal. Council will support the proposal in principle and with a donation of up to \$500.00, if required.

ACCOUNTS: community development; fire, general, roads.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Correspondence from Township of Baldwin requesting support of a resolution regarding O.P.P. proposed costing model.

REPORTS

Council received: the monthly bank account report; a response from the Chief Building Official Brian Dumas providing further information on the annual statistics and

information on Showcase Almaguin to be held February 20, 2014 at the Burks Falls Arena.

Andrew Farnsworth provided Council with a written staff report including information on: building official responsibilities; office heating/generator; museum energy use; O.P.P. policing costs and MTO road signage.

Council received a draft copy of the 2013 year end surplus report.

Committee/Board Reports

Council received correspondence from the Township of Armour regarding a concept for shared services. Council will table this item until the next meeting February 18, 2014.

Council received and approved the draft survey received from the community/economic development committee. This will be included in the spring tax billing mail out.

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

- Township of Baldwin re: O.P.P. proposed costing model
- Town of Parry Sound re: OSUM Conference April 30 – May 2, 2014
- Municipal Employer Pension Centre Ontario being the annual report
- Township of Armour re: concept for shared services
- Women's Own Resource Centre being information on Showcase Almaguin
- Randy Pettapiece, M.P.P., Perth-Wellington re: Joint and Several Liability
- SSA Adjusters Limited re: Loss of Excavator
- Almaguin Highlands Health Centre re: February 7th meeting
- Village of Burks Falls re: Steering Committee
- DSSAB being a statement of remuneration and expenses paid
- Municipality of Greenstone and County of Lambton being a request to support a resolution from re: municipal building officials
- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit regarding the cost of Healthy Eating
- Township of Baldwin re: Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation
- Town of Parry Sound, being the POA statistics
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario and FONOM regarding the O.P.P. proposed costing model
- Township of Armour regarding maintenance of Highway 11

BY-LAWS

- By-law # 10 - 14, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief
- By-law # 11 -14 being a by-law to confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the Burks Falls and District Historical Society, in principle, up to \$500.00, with their application for a business plan. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that we approve the following accounts: Community Development Office voucher number 1 -14, in the amount of \$10,434.42. Fire Department accounts voucher number 1-14, in the amount of \$12,510.51; General accounts voucher number 1 - 14, in the amount of \$73,195.07; Road accounts voucher number 1 -14, in the amount of \$24,400.10. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow whereas municipalities have been legislated to provide police services; AND WHEREAS municipalities have been paying inequitable costs for policing service; AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police has developed a model for billing their services to municipalities; AND WHEREAS there are a number of small

municipalities who disagree with this funding model and do not believe that they will be beneficiaries of any proposed billing model; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario take back the responsibility for policing small municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize the wording of signs for placement at the Township boundaries on Highway 520 to read: Township of Ryerson, Welcome to Rural Almaguin. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize: Judy Edwards (full registration) and Glenn Miller (Saturday registration) to attend the Northeastern Fire Education Conference March 20 – 23, 2014 in North Bay. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 10-14, being a By-law to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief, and further; That By-Law # 10– 14 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 4th day of February, 2014. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the private member’s resolution introduced to the Ontario Legislature by Randy Pettapiece, MPP, Perth-Wellington stating: That, the government should protect taxpayers from higher property taxes by implementing a comprehensive, long-term solution to reform joint and several liability insurance for municipalities by no later than June 2014, addressing the alarming rise in insurance premiums due to rising litigation and claim costs. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the resolutions received from the Municipality of Greenstone and the County of Lambton regarding requalification of Municipal Building Officials. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Ryerson supports the resolution received from the Township of Armour requesting the Premier of Ontario to take the necessary steps to immediately restore the level of service for winter maintenance on Highway 11 to its former level. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 11-14, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council, and further; That By-Law # 11 – 14 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 4th day of February, 2014. Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow that we do now adjourn at 10:20 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

REEVE

CLERK