

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

February 18, 2014

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening February 18, 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, Judy Edwards, Murray Ticknor, Paul Van Dam, Mike Derry, Bob van der Wijst.

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.

A correction was made on the agenda – the Closed Meeting on February 20, 2014 is at 6:00 p.m. not 7:00 p.m. as stated.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting February 4, 2014, were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Weddel and seconded by Councillor Hall. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: none declared

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Bob Edmunds gave Council an up-date on equipment specifications for a grader and the excavator. Mr. Edmunds also reported that there has been tampering with equipment parked in the sand shed, so everything is now being stored indoors, even though space is cramped. Two candidates for the truck driver/equipment operator position are scheduled for interviews February 20, 2014 starting at 6:00 p.m.

DELEGATIONS:

Barb Marlow and Judy Edwards gave a report on Winterfest 2014 and provided a financial report and a letter thanking Council for their continued support.

Murray Ticknor attended to give Council information on the plans to replace the bus in Burks Falls and the fund raising efforts underway. Council will require further information and a financial report before making a decision on donating to the project.

Paul Van Dam was present to discuss the potential spring flooding and the role of the Ministry of Natural Resources. Members of Council will try to follow up on this at the Ontario Good Roads Conference.

PRESENTATION:

Municipal Solicitor Bob van der Wijst attended to discuss a creative alternative regarding the McIndoo Falls Trail and consent application B-031/11. Council directed Mr. van der Wijst to pursue this option.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Steering Committee February 27, 2014 will be held at the arena in Burks Falls and representatives from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit will be presenting information on their accommodation requirements.

REPORTS:

- Council received the annual Statement of Remuneration and Expenses paid to Council in 2013
- Andrew Farnsworth provided a verbal report to Council on: the need for computer up-grades this year; and following up on the proposed Request for Proposal for engineering services for the municipal building roof requirements

Committee/Board Reports

- Councillors Weddel, Marlow and Sterling reported on the shared services webinar they recently attended. Reeve Miller and Councillor Weddel will attend a shared services meeting with Burks Falls and Armour in March
- Councillor Marlow reported on the Health Centre meeting and provided an up-date on the transportation services available
- A report was given on: the Community /Economic Development community guide; and an up-date on amendments to the draft agreement
- The Burks Falls Theatre project was discussed, Council would still like a financial report on the theatre operations, before considering making a donation to the project
- Fire Committee: information on the Fire Marque program was provided
- An up-date was given on the Regional Fire Committee

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

- Village of Burks Falls regarding the theatre
- VICARS re: workshop on Veterans and their Families in our Community
- AMO regarding the establishment of an OPP Billing Steering Committee
- Cecebe Waterways Newsletter
- Township of Armour, being a copy of a resolution regarding the Armstrong Bridge in Burks Falls; and information on proposed dates for a meeting regarding shared services

Minutes from:

- Health Centre
- Burks Falls & District Fire Committee
- Southeast Parry Sound Regional Fire Committee

BY-LAWS

- By-law 12-14, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of council

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council tender for grader prices for: 1. A new grader; 2. A used grader. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council have received the statement of Council remuneration and expenses for 2013. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize the purchase of computers/software and

printer from Munisoft and will budget approximately \$5,700.00 in the 2014 budget for this expenditure. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support, in principle, the Village of Burks Falls with their application for RED funding for the Theatre project. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel WHEREAS the bridge over the Magnetawan River, in the Village of Burks Falls situated on Highway 520 (Ontario Street), locally known as the Armstrong Bridge, was downloaded by the Ministry of Transportation to the Village of Burks Falls; AND WHEREAS Council of the Village of Burks Falls has had Wills Engineering complete a bridge assessment and the estimates for repairs to the bridge are approximately \$1,000,000.00; AND WHEREAS Council of the Township of Ryerson recognize the bridge as part of the main thoroughfare through Burks Falls used by: school buses; emergency response vehicles including police, fire and ambulance; municipal road maintenance vehicles; the MTO sub-contractor Carillion and of course the travelling public; AND WHEREAS this bridge is part of the alternate route for Highway 11, in the event that the highway is closed; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the Council of the Village of Burks Falls in their petition to the Province of Ontario for funding for repairs to the vital Armstrong Bridge. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Judy Kosowan to attend the AMCTO annual conference June 8 – 11, 2014 in Niagara Falls. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 12-14, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council, and further; That By-Law # 12– 14 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 18th day of February, 2014. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling that we do now adjourn at 10:20 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. A special closed meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct interviews for equipment operator position and to review employee performance evaluations. (Carried)

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CLERK