

# **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

## **MINUTES**

**June 17, 2014**

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening June 17, 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: Andrew Farnsworth; Bob Edmunds; Mike Derry; Paul Van Dam; Kevin Thompson; Rick Evans; Karen Jones; Haley MacDonald; Judy Ransome; 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.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the regular meeting June 3, 2014, were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Marlow and seconded by Councillor Sterling. (Carried)

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None

### **DELEGATION**

Karen Jones, Rick Evans, Consultants, and Haley MacDonald, Board Member, from the Burks Falls and District Historical Society attended to provide Council with information on the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society Business Plan Initiative. The Historical Society received funding from NECO for this project. There will be a Community Consultation on Thursday July 3, 2014 at Fell Homes 5 Mary Street in Burks Falls from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT**

Public Works Supervisor Bob Edmunds provided Council with a written report regarding the use of Harrison Lake Road and cost of maintenance over this past winter season. Council will consider the report further at a future meeting.

Road department up-dates included: Council approved seasonal road sign wording; the excavator request for proposal is a work in progress; calcium program nearing completion; roadside mowing will be underway soon; new loader should be delivered early in July; Starratt Road north construction going well.

Mr. Edmunds has set up a meeting with representatives from Bell Canada next week to discuss Nipissing Road construction and location of Bell cables. Council will up-date the by-law regarding Bell Canada if required.

Other road department matters discussed included: sight lines for entrances will be set at 200 feet and the by-law will be up-dated; the availability of recycled asphalt and proposed cost to be estimated for the 2015 budget.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Deputy Clerk Andrew Farnsworth reviewed the Regional Fire Training Agreement with Council and also reported on a meeting with McMurrich/Monteith Council regarding regional fire training. McMurrich/Monteith has decided not to be part of this joint venture as the cost sharing is not based on assessment. Municipal Solicitor Bob van der Wijst provided comments on the agreement, amendments were made and the agreement was ready for adoption by Council.

Mr. Farnsworth also verbally reported on the Shared Services Sub Committee meeting and meeting with the Clerks from Armour and Burks Falls. The draft shared services agreement has been sent to the law firm of Russell, Christie.

Council received a copy of the Ontario Municipal Board Memorandum of Oral Decision from the Pre-hearing Conference May 13, 2014.

## **REPORTS**

### **Staff Reports**

Plans were finalized for the Yard Sale to be held Saturday June 21, 2014 at the Township yard from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Council authorized the municipal office to close on Monday June 30, 2014, with staff using vacation time for the day off. The office will also remain closed on Tuesday July 1, 2014 for Canada Day.

CAO/Clerk Judy Kosowan gave Council a verbal report on the AMCTO Annual conference she recently attended in Niagara Falls.

A request for proposal for office cleaning services and gardening services (other than grass cutting) has recently been posted on the municipal website. No responses were received by the deadline. Council directed that service providers in the area be contacted to obtain prices.

Council received a Staff Report of questions and answers regarding Thompson Re-zoning By-Law 31-13 (Peggs Mountain). Staff have developed this document to provide a standard set of responses to questions that are asked of staff regarding this matter. Council will provide any comments to staff and the document will be posted on the website by June 30, 2014. Paper copies will also be available to the public. A notice regarding this Staff Report was included with the mail out of the annual landfill passes.

### **Committee/Board Reports**

Council received the financial statements for the Burks Falls and District Fire Department.

Reeve Miller read a letter he received from Paul Van Dam (dated April 16, 2014) regarding municipal councillors and municipal operations and staff. Reeve Miller verbally answered the items raised in the letter

## **NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER**

- Almaguin Highlands O.P.P. being the 2014 First Quarter Statistics
- East & West Parry Sound Victim Services re: Youth Crisis Response Team
- Burks Falls & District Fire Committee Minutes and Financial Statements

## **BY-LAWS**

- By-law # 37-14 being a by-law to enter into a joint agreement to provide a Regional Fire Training Program
- By-Law 38-14 being a by-law to establish a fire department
- By-law # 39-14 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council
- By-law 40-14 being a by-law to enter into an employment contract

Council moved to a closed meeting at 9:10 to meet with the municipal solicitor and also to discuss personnel matters. The open meeting was reconvened at 10:15 p.m. Items discussed in the closed meeting included: a verbal report from the Municipal Solicitor Bob van der Wijst regarding litigation strategy for the scheduled Ontario Municipal Board Hearing regarding By-Law 31-13; personnel matters regarding roads and fire department employees.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the 2013 Fire Department Financial Statements as presented. (Carried)
  
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 37-14, being a By-law to enter into a joint agreement to provide a Regional Fire Training Program and further; That By-Law # 37 – 14 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014. (Carried)
  
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 38-14, being a By-law to establish a fire department and further; that By-Law # 38 – 14 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014. (Carried)
  
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 39-14, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council and further; That By-Law # 39-14 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014. (Carried)
  
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel that we move to a closed session at 9:10 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (f) as the subject matter being considered is regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss: litigation strategy with the municipal solicitor for the scheduled OMB Hearing regarding Thompson Re-Zoning By-law 31-13 and also for a second reason: pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (d) as the subject matter being considered is regarding labour relations or employee negotiations. The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss: road department employee contract renewal; also fire department personnel. (Carried)
  
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 40-14, being a By-law to enter into a Definite term employment contract for a truck driver/equipment operator and further; That By-Law #40–14 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014. (Carried)
  
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Sterling that we do now adjourn at 10:20 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

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