

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

February 3, 2015

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening February 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Reeve Glenn Miller, Councillors Rosalind Hall, Barbara Marlow, George Sterling and Doug Weddel.

In attendance: Staff: Dave McNay; Bob Edmunds; Andrew Farnsworth. Guests: C. Powley; G. Powley; Mike Derry; Celia Finley; John Finley; Paul Van Dam; Sandra Whittaker; Jennifer Cavanagh; Ryan Corrigan. Municipal Solicitor Robert 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 special and regular meetings January 6, 2015 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Sterling and seconded by Councillor Hall. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Written report from Fire Chief Dave McNay received by Council

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

- Public Works Supervisor Bob Edmunds provided Council with a copy of an email from Volvo regarding the excavator; and provided a verbal up-date of road department activities including calcium tender and Nipissing Road construction project and Bell Canada
- Council also received correspondence from Ontario Good Roads Association regarding a Superior Court decision about use of road salt

ACCOUNTS

- Community/economic development; fire; general; roads; regional fire training

DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

- Written report from Deputy Clerk Andrew Farnsworth was received by Council

DELEGATIONS:

Jenn Cavanagh, on behalf of the Peggs Mountain Group, regarding the Ontario Municipal Board hearing and By-law 31-13. Ms. Cavanagh agreed to make public, the correspondence (Without Prejudice) dated January 28, 2015 and draft minutes of settlement, presented to Council with respect to the Ontario Municipal Board Hearing regarding By-law 31-13.

Municipal Solicitor Robert van der Wijst was in attendance and made comments on the proposals by Peggs Mountain Group: (1) an environmental assessment as a condition of lifting the holding symbol; and (2) permitting citizen members to participate in an advisory committee. Mr. van der Wijst is of the opinion that it is not a good idea for Council to seek to add to the conditions at this point. He would rather have Peggs Mountain Group participate in the hearing and make their point to the Board. He understands that it may be possible for additional studies to be required as negotiation of

any agreements with the owner. Mr. van der Wijst is not opposed to having public involved in negotiations with the owners if there will be conditions to negotiate. The decision is Council's to make.

The points raised by Ms. Cavanagh and Mr. van der Wijst were discussed and the decision was that the offer to settle from The Peggs Mountain Group was declined by Council.

Mike Derry advised that a sign regarding depositing of fill is missing from Peggs Mountain Road and he would like a written response when the sign is re-installed.

CLERK'S REPORT

Verbal report from the Clerk Judy Kosowan included the following:

- Council attendance at the up-coming OMB Hearing for By-law 31-13: members of Council may attend the hearing as they wish, they will receive council honourarium for up to four days. Councillor Weddel is a witness at the hearing and may receive council honourarium for up to five days.
- Date of the Yard Sale was set for Saturday June 27, 2015
- Date for a special closed meeting was set for Tuesday February 10, 2015 to discuss personnel matters.
- Correspondence from Robert van der Wijst regarding By-law 56-14 was received by Council; monthly bank balance report was received by Council
- Correspondence received from; Township of Strong regarding Emergency Management meeting April 23, 2015; Huntsville Hospital regarding a meeting February 9, 2015.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

- Council received the draft minutes from the Tri-Council meeting January 26, 2015. The Almaguin News is looking for comments from Ryerson regarding the announcement that Burks Falls and Armour are in Amalgamation talks, a notice will be drafted.
- Annual statistics from the Joint Building Committee were discussed
- Council received a written report from Councillor Marlow regarding the EMS Advisory Committee
- Councillor Sterling verbally up-dated Council on Eastholme and the funding shortfalls
- Verbal reports were given from those who attended the Council orientation meetings held January 20th and 30th, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

- Township of Perry regarding the Burks Falls and District Food Bank
- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit being the Price of Eating Well Report and regarding Smoke-Free Ontario Act
- Minister of Energy, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing and Minister of Natural Resources regarding Ministry Initiatives
- Northern Policy Institute regarding a Federal Economic Agenda for Ontario
- Burks Falls and District Food Bank being a thank you for donation
- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit re: Accommodation Planning
- Municipal Employer Pension Centre Ontario (MEPCO) being an up-date
- Ministry of Northern Development & Mines being congratulations on election
- Tri R Waste Management being a copy of the January 2015 Administrator's report
- Karen Jones Consulting being information on the services available
- Township of Strong being a resolution regarding the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG)

- District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) regarding the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS)
- Winterfest, being a thank you for support
- Ontario Good Roads Association regarding a Superior Court decision about use of road salt
- Blue Sky Region regarding Blue Sky Net funding for record file digitization and refunding of the BEAM project

Minutes from:

- Library Board
- Joint Building Committee

BY-LAWS

- By-law 1-15, being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing
- By-law 2-15, being a by-law to charge interest on non-payment of tax arrears
- By-law 3-15, being a by-law to charge a penalty on non-payment of current taxes
- By-law 4-15, being a By-law to provide for an Interim Tax Billing
- By-law 5-15, being a by-law to appoint the Committee of Adjustment
- By-law # 6-15 being a by-law for the provision of one third council remuneration as expenses
- By-law # 7- 15 being a by-law to authorize borrowing
- By-law # 8- 15, being a by-law to confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel that Ryerson Township Council support the letter regarding Parry Sound District EMS, submitted by Fire Chief Dave McNay, dated January 14, 2015.
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling WHEREAS the training and certification of professional firefighters is established and mandated by the Province of Ontario under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997; AND WHEREAS it is the responsibility of municipalities to establish fire departments and appoint fire chiefs to provide fire protection services as they determine may be necessary in accordance with their needs and circumstances; AND WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities rely on both full time and volunteer firefighters in order to provide fire protection; AND WHEREAS the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Constitution prohibits full time firefighters from volunteering as firefighters in another municipal jurisdiction (i.e. “Double Hatting”); AND WHEREAS the IAFF’S stance on Double Hatting is specifically prohibited by legislation in almost all provinces in Canada and much of the united States; AND WHEREAS a volunteer firefighter in the Innisfil Fire and Rescue Service is challenging the IAFF ban on Double Hatting and their expulsions from that Union because of his desire to continue volunteering while being employed as a full time fire fighter in another jurisdiction; AND WHEREAS the right of individuals to use their free time in service of their community is a fundamental right in a free, open and democratic society; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson requests that the Province of Ontario amend the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 with respect to salaried firefighters who also work as volunteer firefighters, such that if a person is denied membership in an

association of firefighters, is expelled or disciplined by the association or engages in reasonable dissent within the association in connection with this kind of dual role, the association is not permitted to require the employer to refuse to employ the person as a salaried firefighter, terminate his or her employment as a salaried firefighter or refuse to assign the person to fire protection services.

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to: Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; Hon. Madeline, Attorney General; Hon. Kevin Flynn, Minister of Labour; Hon. Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services; Hon. Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that we approve the following accounts: Community Development Office voucher number 2-15, in the amount of \$669.15; Fire Department accounts voucher number 2 -15, in the amount of \$8,851.92; General accounts voucher number 2-15, in the amount of \$94,573.51; Road accounts voucher number 2-15, in the amount of \$51,307.43; Regional Training Service voucher number 2-15, in the amount of \$5,083.75. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Armour Township Council supports the participation of the South Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee (SAHEDC) in a regional Business Retention and Expansion Program led by the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce. The cost to SAHEDC will be up to \$3,000, and the project will be included as a line item in the 2015 SAHEDC/CDO budget. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the funding application for summer Students, in partnership with the Burks Falls and District Historical Society. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has received the 2014 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses paid to Council Report. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the resolution received from the Joint Building Committee (JBC) dated January 15, 2015 recommending a 2% wage increase for the JBC employees retroactive to January 1, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support Resolution Number 15 01 04 from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board expressing concern about the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) implemented by the Ministry of Community and Social Services that is not working properly. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the resolution received from the Joint Building Committee (JBC) dated January 15, 2015 recommending a 2% wage increase for the JBC employees retroactive to January 1, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 1-15, being a By-law to authorize temporary

borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015, and further; That By-Law # 1– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 3rd day of February, 2015. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 2-15, being a By-law to impose an interest charge expressed as a percentage per month for non-payment of tax arrears. and further; That By-Law # 2– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 3rd day of February, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 3-15, being a By-law to impose a penalty charge expressed as a monthly percentage charge for non-payment of current taxes or any class or installment thereof and further; That By-Law # 3– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 3rd day of February, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a bill # 4-15, being a by-law to being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy and the payment of interim taxes for the year 2015 and further; That By-Law # 4– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 3rd day of February, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a bill # 5-15, being a by-law to appoint the Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Ryerson and further; That By-Law #5– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 3rd day of February, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 6-15, being a By-law for the Provision of One-Third of the Remuneration to be paid To Elected Members of Council and further; That By-Law # 6 – 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 3rd day of February, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 7-15, being a By-law to authorize the borrowing towards the cost of public works equipment from Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation and further; That By-Law # 7– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 3rd day of February, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 8-15, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council and further; That By-Law # 8– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 3rd day of February, 2015. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling that we move to a closed session at 10:20 p.m., 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: an employee contract. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall that we return to the open meeting at 10:45 p.m. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow that we do now adjourn at 10:46 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

REEVE

CLERK