

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

February 17, 2015

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening February 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Reeve Glenn Miller, Councillors Rosalind Hall, George Sterling and Doug Weddel. Councillor Marlow arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Staff in attendance: Andrew Farnsworth; Bob Edmunds.

Guests in attendance: Judy Ransome; Mike Derry.

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 February 3, 2015 and special meeting February 10, 2015 be approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Sterling and seconded by Councilor Hall. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: none declared

DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

Andrew Farnsworth verbally updated Council on the following: Midlothian Road Bridge project: the transportation department for the school boards has been contacted and there is one bus and one van that would be affected by a road closure during the school year, which ends June 26, 2015. Council directed that the bridge replacement be scheduled for the week of July 6, 2015; The Request for Proposal for Engineering Services is completed and will be posted on the website; The Burks Falls and District Historical Society had the official announcement at the Watt Farm on Chetwynd Road Friday February 13, 2015.

CLERK'S REPORT

Council received the Audit Planning Report from Grant Thornton. Council advised that it is not necessary for Judy Kleinhuis to attend a meeting to present the report.

The Clerk also presented to Council information regarding: a road department policy, stand by time policy; correspondence from Ministry of Transportation regarding Ontario's Default Speed Limit; amended draft fire budget; Councillor orientation session and a Tri R Waste Management Report.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Councillor Marlow updated Council on: a meeting attended regarding Founding Mews Inc. and the proposed affordable housing project in the Village of Burks Falls; a meeting hosted by the Town of Huntsville regarding services at the Huntsville Hospital.

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

- Ombudsman's annual report
- Cecebe Waterways winter newsletter
- Copy of email from John Finley
- Pat Haufe, East Nipissing/Parry Sound Federation of Agriculture re: Annual Farmer's Symposium Saturday Feb. 28, 2015
- Tom Campbell re: Legion Military Service Recognition Book

BY-LAWS

- By-law # 9 -15, being a by-law to enter into an employment contract
- By-law # 10 -15, being a by-law to confirm the meetings of Council

Council moved to a closed meeting with Municipal Solicitor Robert van der Wijst and Planning Consultant Rick Hunter regarding the Ontario Municipal Board hearing scheduled for February 23, 2015.

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the attached road department policy regarding enclosed air brake chambers. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the Road Department Stand-By Policy for fall 2015 and winter 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council appoint Rex Smith as the representative on the Almaguin Recycling Initiative Board. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson is a Township in the District of Parry Sound; AND WHEREAS Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare operates two fully functional hospital sites within the District of Muskoka, those being Huntsville District Memorial Hospital and South Muskoka Hospital; AND WHEREAS Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare is considering single-siting all surgical procedures at one of the hospital sites in order to balance their budget; AND WHEREAS such a move would have a devastating impact on the Huntsville Hospital site and on our communities in East Parry Sound District, in terms of both healthcare and our economy; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson hereby requests that Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare removes consideration of single-siting surgery from their deliberations immediately; AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Bracebridge, Town of Huntsville and the Hon. Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 9-15, being a By-law to enter into an employment contract (CDO) and further; That By-Law # 9– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 17th day of February, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 10-15, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council and further; That By-Law #10 – 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 17th day of February, 2015. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel that we move to a closed session at 8:05 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: the Ontario Municipal Board Hearing for By-law 31-13, scheduled for February 23, 2015 ; and 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: staff compensation. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall that we return to the open meeting at 9:50 p. m. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel that we do now adjourn at 9:55 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

REEVE

CLERK