

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

March 17, 2015

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

Staff in attendance: Andrew Farnsworth; Bob Edmunds.

Guests in attendance: Judy Ransome; Paul Van Dam; Robert van der Wijst; Chris Carrier.

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 March 3, 2015 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Weddel and seconded by Councillor Marlow. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: none declared

PRESENTATION:

Chris Carrier from Fire Marque attended to present Council with information on a cost recovery program from property owner insurance for fire department expenses. Council expressed an interest in this program and directed that the Fire Chief follow up on this and draft the by-laws to support this program.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Municipal Solicitor Robert van der Wijst was present to discuss the process for developing a haul route agreement, following up from the Ontario Municipal Board hearing February 23, 24 2015. Council provided direction as per the resolution below.

Council discussed a proposed committee that would be involved in negotiating a haul route agreement with the owners of Lots 4, 5 Concession 6. This item will be brought back to the next meeting.

Public Works Supervisor Bob Edmunds presented a draft 2015 road budget. Council provided input and a second draft will be prepared.

Council received the severe weather event policy and adopted the sand bag policy and the slips, trips and falls policy.

Council was up-dated on the Midlothian Road bridge construction project.

DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

Deputy Clerk Andrew Farnsworth provided a written staff report highlighting: Eastholme OMB appeal; Minimum Distance Separation; Economic Development; update on Request for Proposals; Strategic Planning and Showcase Almaguin.

CLERK'S REPORT

Council reviewed the 2015 Fire Department and Economic Development Department 2015 budgets and adopted them by resolutions noted below.

Council was notified of the date of April 27, 2015 for the next Tri-Council meeting hosted by the Village of Burks Falls.

Council supported the Almaguin Fish Improvement Association by resolution as noted below.

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs: municipal officials seminar
- Almaguin Fish Improvement Association (AFIA); resolution from Magnetawan
- District of Parry Sound Municipal Association: Ward representative and notice of meeting April 24th in Callander
- O.P.P. , being two information items
- Near North District School Board re: strategic planning
- Ontario Medical Association re: provincial funding
- Tri R Waste Management Administrator's Report
- Ministry of Labour response re: 'Double Hatters'
- VCARS re: Emergency Management meeting
- Town of Huntsville regarding hospital services
- Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare regarding community information sessions.

BY-LAWS

- By-law 14-15 being a By-law to approve a policy to prescribe the accounting treatment for tangible capital assets
- By-law # 15-15 being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council direct that Municipal Solicitor Robert van der Wijst may use Duke engineering as a consultant with respect to the negotiation of a road haulage agreement. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the sand bag policy dated March 2015, as attached. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the Trips, Slips, Falls Policy dated March 2015, as attached. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel WHEREAS the Township of Ryerson in partnership with Armour Township and the Village of Burk's Falls requested \$298,100 in Northern Ontario Development Program funding under the Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario (CIINO) component, which represents 84.85% of eligible program costs, to support the hiring of a Community Economic Development Officer for a period of three-years to implement various projects in our community; AND WHEREAS the request for funding was approved, with an anticipated program start date not before April 1, 2015 and continuing until March 30, 2018; AND WHEREAS the municipal component of the program costs as defined in the CIINO funding application is 15.15% of eligible program costs in the amount of \$53,240; AND WHEREAS the current cost sharing agreement between the three municipalities for the

Community Development Officer / South Almaguin Highlands Economic Development Committee (CDO/SAHEDC) apportions 25%, 25%, and 50% of CDO/SAHEDC costs to the Township of Ryerson, the Village of Burk's Falls, and the Township of Armour respectively; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Ryerson approves the three-year program cost of \$13,310 to be billed in installments through the 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 SAHEDC budgets. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2015 Economic Development budget as presented. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow that Ryerson Township Council extend the meeting past the curfew time of 11:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approves the 2015 budget for the Burks Falls and District Fire Department. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow WHEREAS the Almaguin Fish Improvement Association (AFIA), a volunteer organization, has been stocking Lake Cecebe and Ahmic Lake with pickerel/walleye for the last 35 years, except for three years 2008 – 2010, when the Ministry of Natural Resources closed the program; and WHEREAS local MNR officials have informed us that they want to close the hatchery down permanently; and WHEREAS, the AFIA has informed the MNR on many occasions, with no opposing view from the Ministry, that it is perfectly capable of operating the hatchery with a minimum of supervision; and WHEREAS the MNR has communicated that the closure is brought about due to the cost and the validity of the program; and WHEREAS the AFIA has volunteered to cover many Ministry costs (ie. – nets, oversight, boats, secretarial needs and compilation of records, which the Ministry says it can't afford) that may be associated with the operation of the hatchery; and WHEREAS the hatchery was run prior to 2008 with a minimum of supervision by the MNR; and WHEREAS there is no evidence that harm is being done to the fishery; and WHEREAS despite local Ministry claims that the local walleye stock's DNA is being adversely affected by the program, with absolutely no scientific data to back up the claim; and WHEREAS the MNR has requested that the AFIA do DNA studies on the adults and fry we process, despite this program not being forced on any other walleye hatcheries in the province; and WHEREAS in fact, local municipalities, industries, commercial businesses, outfitters and service groups believe the hatchery's operation is an enhancement to the area's tourist industry; and WHEREAS a Nipissing University Study in 2010 stated "Beyond the obvious benefits that the tourist industry would gain from an improved recreational fishery, the AFIA's program also adds a unique marketing and sales dynamic to the community."; and WHEREAS the AFIA runs a successful educational program for the local school children; and WHEREAS the AFIA's program has the full support of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and the Eastern Georgian Bay Stewardship Council; and WHEREAS other pickerel/walleye hatcheries in the province are not being shut down and many have a great relationship with the MNR, such as Sudbury, which apparently has one of the most successful operations in the province. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson petition the Minister of Natural Resources to direct the local

office of the MNR to reinstate our hatchery program for the good of the residents, cottagers, tourists, businesses and tourist operators of the Almaguin Highlands. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council hereby appoints Norm Hofstetter as the Ward 4 Representative on the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Executive for the 2014 – 2018 term. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 14-15, being a By-law to approve a policy to prescribe the accounting treatment for tangible capital assets and further; That By-Law # 14– 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 March, 2015. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 15-15, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council and further; That By-Law # 15– 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 March, 2015. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall that we do now adjourn at 11:15 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

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CLERK