

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
MINUTES
June 2, 2015

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening June 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Reeve Glenn Miller, Councillors Rosalind Hall, Barbara Marlow, George Sterling and Doug Weddel.

Staff in attendance: Andrew Farnsworth; Dave McNay; Bob Edmunds.

Delegations & Guests in attendance: Paul Van Dam; Mike Derry; Judy Ransome; Judy Kleinhuis; Kaveh Kashani.

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 May 19, 2015 and the budget meeting May 26, 2015 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Sterling and seconded by Councillor Hall. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Weddel declared a pecuniary interest with reference to agenda item 6, Sky Solar Canada Inc. proposal, if there is a request for a decision. Reeve Miller also will declare a pecuniary interest with respect to agenda item 6 and will ask Councillor Marlow to Chair that portion of the meeting.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave McNay provided a written staff report highlighting: recent inspections and fire drills; up-date on general department activities.

Council also discussed the resolution from Perry Township regarding the formation of a committee to investigate the feasibility of a joint fire department with. Council directed that a letter be sent to Perry Township and the surrounding municipalities indicating that Ryerson would support the formation of a committee comprised of administration staff and the Fire Chiefs to pursue this initiative starting with looking into the development of more comprehensive automatic aid agreements between the departments. Council is of the opinion that investigation of hiring a consultant is premature at this time and this process should start with looking into automatic aid agreements.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Bob Edmunds provided a written up-date on road department activities.

DELEGATIONS:

Judy Kleinhuis, Accountant from Grant Thornton attended the meeting to present the 2014 Consolidated Financial Statements to Council. Several questions were asked and overall there were no issues with the audit opinion and the 2014 statements.

Kaveh Kashani from Sky Solar Canada Inc. gave a presentation to Council on a solar operation proposal for 417 Highway 520. Issues such as visibility from the road, potential effect on the river and the Official Plan policies were discussed. Councillor Marlow chaired this portion of the meeting, as Reeve Miller declared a pecuniary interest as a property owner adjacent to the property and Councillor Weddel declared a pecuniary interest as a tenant farmer on the land under consideration. They both left the room during the presentation and the adoption of the resolution below.

ACCOUNTS: Community/Economic Development Department; Fire Department; General; Road Department; Regional Fire Training Services

DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

Andrew Farnsworth provided a written report highlighting: Official Plan policies relating to solar operations; a second solar operation request from Abundant Solar Energy Inc. and a proposed severance application for Lots 13, 14, Concession 6. Abundant Solar will be advised to contact the property owners in the area and provide a report back to Council.

Mr. Farnsworth also updated Council on the meeting he attended at the Township of McMurrich/Monteith regarding the Regional Fire Training Service.

Council also discussed the trailer regulation in the Zoning By-law. The Lawyer and Planner will be contacted to determine if an amendment could be drafted.

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

- Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare regarding the decision to have one hospital site
- DSSAB re: the High Five recreational program training
- Municipal Affairs & Housing: amendments to the Municipal Elections Act
- Belvedere Heights re: 50th Anniversary celebration July 25, 2015
- Joint Building Committee being the draft 2014 Financial Statements and draft minutes from the May 21, 2015 meeting
- Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing regarding the Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act
- AMO re: Infrastructure funding outside of the GTHA
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Almaguin Fish Improvement Association
- Monthly bank balance report
- Municipal Policing Bureau about a meeting June 15, 2015 regarding the O.P.P. billing model

Council was reminded of the annual yard sale to be held Saturday June 27, 2015.

BY-LAWS

- By-law # 25- 15, being a bylaw to set and levy the rates of taxation for 2015
- By-law 26-15, being a by-law to enter into an employment contract
- By-law # 27-15, being a by-law to confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that we approve the following accounts: Community/Economic Development Office voucher number 5-15, in the amount of \$771.44; Fire Department accounts voucher number 5-15, in the amount of \$9,753.71; General accounts voucher number 5-15, in the amount of \$99,137.29; Road accounts voucher number 5-15, in the amount of \$99,137.29; Regional Fire Training Service voucher number 5-15, in the amount of \$6,921.25. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the 2014 Financial Statements as presented. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson supports the development, construction and operation of the Large Renewable Project proposal from Sky Solar Canada Ltd. Located at 417 Hwy. 520. Declaration of pecuniary interest by Glenn Miller and Doug Weddel. Recorded vote called by Councillor

Sterling. Yeas: Zero; Nays: Councillor Hall; Councillor Marlow; Councillor Sterling. Absent: Reeve Miller; Councillor Weddel. (Defeated)

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the 2015 Budget Report, excluding expenses as per Ontario Regulation 284/09. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has reviewed and approves the final draft of the 2015 budget with a 4.7 % overall increase in the budget (tax levy) and an overall tax rate increase of 1.9 %. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson adopt the Workplace Harassment Policy and the Workplace Violence Policies dated June 2, 2015, as attached. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 25-15, being a By-law to set and levy the rates of taxation for 2015 and further; That By-Law # 25– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 2nd day of June, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 26-15, being a By-law to enter into an employment contract and further; That By-Law # 26– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 2nd day of June, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 27-15, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council and further; That By-Law # 27 – 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 2nd day of June, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow that we do now adjourn at 11:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

REEVE

CLERK