

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

June 16, 2015

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening June 16, 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: Bob Edmunds.

Delegations and Guests in attendance: Sgt. Stacey Whaley; Paul Van Dam; Judy Ransome.

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 2, 2015 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Sterling and seconded by Councillor Hall. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Public Works Superintendent Bob Edmunds discussed with Council his written road report and provided background on the alteration of the rate of speed by-law to reduce a portion of James Camp Rd to 20 km/hr.

DELEGATIONS

O.P.P. Sgt. Stacey Whaley provided Council with a summary of 2014 policing efforts in the Almaguin detachment; discussed the new billing model and its implementation over the next four years; police officer staffing; and the O.P.P. strategic response to areas experiencing elevated levels of crime.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- Abundant Solar Energy – project staff will be attending the Regular Council meeting, July 7, 2015 to discuss a proposed solar project on Pegg's Mountain Rd.
- Township of Perry re. Joint Fire – Council adopted a resolution (see below) to explore the development of more detailed and robust automatic aid agreements between area fire departments
- Landfill Accrual Audit – Council received correspondence from Judy Kleinhuis regarding landfill closure costs and directed the Deputy Clerk to request additional information from Ms. Kleinhuis.

DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

Andrew Farnsworth provided Council with a verbal report on the Midlothian Road Bridge Replacement project, noting that the project is on schedule with the Midlothian Road closure slated for July 6 to July 10, 2015. Council adopted a resolution (see below) to extend the noise by-law for Fowler Construction to midnight, July 6 to July 10.

Mr. Farnsworth discussed the addition of a Flying Lantern clause to the Open Air Burning By-law for Council's consideration.

Mr. Farnsworth also discussed a fill permit application for a resident to repair a section of the private portion of Spring Hill Rd. Council adopted a resolution (see below) to wave a site plan agreement for this application.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

- Report from Municipal Policing Bureau meeting
- Joint Building Committee: review Draft Financial Statements; JBC response to Ryerson request for business plan
- Economic Development Committee: Canada 150 Funding. Council discussed options for parks and recreation projects that would be applicable for this funding and directed the Deputy Clerk to prepare a list of potential projects.
- Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Report
- AMO: municipal delegation at AMO (deadline July 6, 2015). Council directed the Deputy Clerk to submit a delegation request to the Ministry of Energy to discuss concerns regarding green energy projects in the Township, including, siting and decommissioning requirements.

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

- Burks Falls Food Bank – Council discussed a request from the Burk’s Falls Food Bank for Ryerson to pay 1/7th of the annual rent for the Food Bank, or \$1,300. Council directed the Deputy Clerk to write to the Burk’s Falls Food Bank and include a cheque for \$1,000, \$750 being for rent and \$250 being the annual donation for food.
- Burks Falls re: Fire Works
- Ministry of Transportation, regarding provisions for off-road vehicles (ORVs). Council directed the Deputy Clerk to make the appropriate changes to the existing ATV by-law to add additional vehicle types.
- FONOM, being information on NOMA and NOSDA; comments on electoral reform
- Keep Hydro Public, being a request to support a resolution
- Muskoka Algonquin Health Care, being a new health information system
- Town of Newmarket, being a resolution regarding Canada Post community mailboxes
- Burk’s Falls, being a request for financial support for Summer Recreation program
- Burk’s Falls seeking volunteers for Canada Day
- Council requested that the August meeting date be changed to August 11, 2015.

BY-LAWS

- By-law # 28-15, being a by-law prescribing times for setting fires and precautions to be taken.
- By-law # 29 -15 being a By-law to set the rates of speed on all municipal highways
- By-law # 30-15, being a by-law to confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Weddel. Seconded by Councillor Marlow WHEREAS many neighbouring municipalities in the region have developed automatic aid

agreements as a means of working together and creating efficiencies in the delivery of municipal fire services; AND WHEREAS Ryerson Council believes that expanding these existing automatic aid agreements is the easiest and most cost-effective method to realize additional efficiencies in the delivery of fire service, and would act as an excellent next step toward regionalization of fire services following the successful Regional Training Officer initiative; AND WHEREAS Ryerson Council believes that the formation of a committee to develop a Memorandum of Understanding for the development of a Fire services/location study is premature, as it is best practice to make use of existing tools before purchasing new ones; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ryerson supports the formation of a committee comprised of administrative staff and the Fire Chiefs to pursue the development of more comprehensive automatic aid agreements between the area's fire departments. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson grants a special permit exemption from noise by-law 34-10 to Fowler's Construction for the replacement of the Midlothian Road Bridge. Noise will be permitted to extend beyond the allowable hours but no later than midnight from July 6 to July 10, 2015. The fee will be waived. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson Council waive a site plan agreement requirement (By-law 11-12) with respect to a fill application for Spring Hill Road for the plan to place fill on the road between civic address 483 and 441, which is minor in nature, as per the application. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the fireworks in Burks Falls Wednesday July 1, 2015 (rain date Saturday July 4, 2015) sharing the costs one third each with Burks Falls, and Armour. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel whereas the public electricity system in Ontario is a critical asset to the economy and vital to the living standard and well-being of all Ontarians; and whereas it is essential that Ontarians maintain public control and public decision-making with respect to electricity; and whereas experience in other jurisdictions shows that privatization typically means consumers pay more for electricity; and whereas a privatized Hydro One will no longer be subject to scrutiny by the Auditor General, the Ombudsman, the Financial Accountability Officer or the Integrity Commissioner, and will no longer be required to provide information or services to citizens under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, or the French Language Services Act; and whereas our public electricity system currently generates hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue for the provincial government every year to help pay for public services we all depend on; and whereas the sale of shares in Hydro One will provide a short-term financial gain for the province in exchange for a much larger long-term financial loss; and whereas the provincial government has no mandate from voters to sell any part of Hydro One; and whereas opinion polls show Ontarians oppose the privatization of Hydro One by a significant margin in every part of the province; therefore be it resolved that the Township of Ryerson call on the provincial government to: - Halt the sale of any part of Hydro One, and maintain Hydro One as a public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians; Strengthen Hydro

One by investing in the next generation of workers and upgrading our electricity transmission infrastructure; Respect the autonomy and local decision-making powers of local distribution companies by not forcing these companies into mergers or sales; and be it further resolved that the Township of Ryerson communicate this resolution to the Premier, with copies to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy, area MPP's, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and be it further resolved that the Township of Ryerson work through AMO to encourage other Ontario municipalities to express their opposition to the privatization of Hydro One. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 28-15, being a By-law law prescribing times for setting fires and precautions to be taken and further; That By-Law # 28– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 16th day of June, 2015. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 29-15, being a By-law to set the rates of speed on all municipal highways and further; That By-Law # 29 – 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 16th day of June, 2015. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 30-15, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council and further; That By-Law # 30– 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 16th day of June, 2015. (Carried)

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

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DEPUTY CLERK