

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

July 7, 2015

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening July 7, 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; Andrew Farnsworth; Dave McNay; Martyn Payge.

Delegations & Guests in attendance: Paul Van Dam; Jane Marshall; Ian McDonald; Mike Derry; Jennifer Cavanagh; Kaveh Kashani; Kent Randall.

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 16, 2015 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Marlow and seconded by Councillor Weddel. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Reeve Miller and Councillor Weddel declared pecuniary interest with respect to agenda items 6 Delegations: Abundant Solar Energy Inc. and Sky Solar Group; and also regarding items 9 and 10, the Deputy Clerk and the Clerk's staff reports about solar operations. Reeve Miller's property is part of the subject properties in the Sky Solar Group application and Councillor Weddel is a tenant farmer on the subject properties.

In addition, Reeve Miller will not participate in any solar operations discussion and Councillor Weddel further declared pecuniary interest in the matter of an application from Abundant Solar Energy Inc. as he owns Lot 7, Concession 9 which is adjoining property to one of the applications.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave McNay provided Council with a written report providing department updates and a report from the Fire Department Health & Safety Committee. Council reviewed the fees by-law, Fire Marque by-law and monthly accounts with Chief McNay.

Chief McNay explained a procurement opportunity for an air fill station and Council adopted a resolution regarding this as noted below.

Fire Prevention Officer Martyn Payge attended the meeting to provide a written report to Council.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Public Works Supervisor highlighted his written report with Council. Council directed that a letter be sent to Bell Canada regarding the cable relocation on Nipissing Road.

ACCOUNTS:

Community/Economic Development; Fire; General; Roads; Regional Fire Training

DELEGATIONS:

Jennifer Cavanagh attended the meeting to ask Council for an up-date on the status of the Peggs Mountain Haul Route agreement. The Clerk has spoken with Township Solicitor

Robert van der Wijst. A draft agreement and subsequent correspondence requesting a reply has been forwarded to Mr. Elston and to date no reply has been received. Mr. van der Wijst has now also written to the property owner asking for a response regarding the draft haul route agreement. The following information was requested: the date of the upcoming teleconference with the Ontario Municipal Board; copies of the correspondence sent to Mr. Elston and the property owner and a follow up with Armour Township.

Kaveh Kashani and Kent Randall (Planner from EcoView Consulting) from Sky Solar Canada Inc. attended to submit a new application for a Solar Operation on Lots 2 and 3 Concession 8.

Reeve Miller again declared a pecuniary interest as owner of one of the properties in the application, asked Barbara Marlow to Chair this portion of the meeting in his absence and left the room.

The representatives from Sky Solar Canada Inc. began their presentation, the location as now being further east and incorporating Lot 2, Concession 8 (Glenn Miller's property) was clearly defined. The reasons for the change were to move further away from the flood plain and also to be closer to the connection to the hydro lines located at East Road.

Councillor Weddel then left the room, declaring pecuniary interest as a tenant farmer on the subject property.

Council raised concerns about visibility of the solar panels and the effect on the rural nature of the Township and the importance of tourism to our area.

Mr. Kashani presented a plan to compensate for Council's concerns which were also raised when the original proposal was presented. The plan included land for a recreational park and establishment of a community fund to promote tourism and recreation in the Township. Mr. Kashani asked if Council would consider adopting a resolution to agree to the proposal in principle.

The Planner Kent Randall suggested that there would be ways to screen the solar operation in order to preserve the rural landscape.

Council requires more time to consider all the information before making a decision. This issue will be considered further at the council meeting July 21, 2015.

Deputy Clerk Andrew Farnsworth presented a written Supplementary Staff Report to Council regarding the Sky Solar Canada Inc. proposal.

Clerk Judy Kosowan provided Council with a written report regarding development of a checklist as a resource to use in consideration of development applications (other than Planning Act applications) such as solar operation proposals.

Councillor Weddel returned to the room.

Council then reviewed one of the applications received from Abundant Solar Energy Inc. for 1566 Peggs Mountain Road. Adjoining property owners Jane Marshall and Ian McDonald attended the meeting to express concerns about the effect of the solar operation proposal, on their property. Ms. Marshall invited members of Council for a site visit. This application will be considered further at a future meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Information was received from the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) that Sky Solar Canada Ltd. is having a Public Community Meeting on Monday July 20, 2015 at the Legion in Burks Falls located at 9 Mary Street from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. As a courtesy, the notice will be posted on the municipal website.

Reeve Miller returned to the meeting.

DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

Deputy Clerk Andrew Farnsworth provided Council with a written staff report.

CLERK'S REPORT

Council received a written report on the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Legislation review.

Council received the monthly bank balance report.

The date of the August meeting was changed from August 4, 2015 to Tuesday August 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Councillor Hall reported on the recent Community/Economic Development meeting on branding.

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

- Near North Crime Stoppers, being a request for a donation
- Minister of Energy, being a Ministry up-date
- Ontario Provincial Police regarding recent appointments
- Ontario Good Roads Association regarding Minimum Maintenance Standards
- Municipality of Tweed Disaster Relief Committee being a request for a donation
- AMO in response to a resolution regarding Hydro One
- Huntsville and Bracebridge resolution and petition re: MAHC one site hospital proposal
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church regarding the Kirkin O`the Tartan service July 26 2015

BY-LAWS

- By-law 31-15, being a By-law to establish fees for various services for the Burks Falls and District Fire Department
- By-law 32-15 being a By-law to authorize the signing and execution of an agreement with Fire Marque Inc.
- By-law # 33- 15, being a By-Law to enter into an agreement with other municipalities for the better provision of fire protection services
- By-law # 34-15, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Fowler Construction Company Limited
- By-law # 35-15 being a by-law to confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall WHEREAS Ryerson Township Council has consulted the Procurement By-law 59-14 and; WHEREAS Ryerson Township Council is directing that the following purchase be carried out as an exception (Section 3.3), as a fair and competitive process has been followed; NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Fire Chief is hereby directed to enter a bid not to exceed \$8,000.00 (not including the extra costs of delivery putting the equipment in service etc.) for one SCFS3- 6HP CompAir Mako Containment Fill Station and a IMCFS-3 CompAir Mako Mobile Containment Fill Station from GovDeals.Com. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 31-15, being a By-law to establish fees for various services of the Burks Falls and District Fire Department, and further; That By-Law # 31 – 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 7th day of July, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 32-15, being a By-law to authorize the signing and execution of an agreement with Fire Marque Inc., and further; That By-Law # 32 – 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 7th day of July, 2015. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the attached Standing Operating Procedures: Culvert Thawing and Bio-hazardous Material. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the attached Safe Operating Guidelines: Inclement Weather; Spreading Gravel on Roadways; Working with Propane. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that we approve the following accounts: Community/Economic Development Office voucher number 6-15, in the amount of \$1,884.70. Fire Department accounts voucher number 6-15, in the amount of \$6,427.22; General accounts voucher number 6-15, in the amount of \$193,526.97; Road accounts voucher number 6-15, in the amount of \$38,795.59. Regional Fire Training Service voucher number 6-15, in the amount of \$6,921.25. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize the following to attend the North East Ontario Planning workshop September 23 and 24, 2015 in Sudbury: Glenn Miller; Barbara Marlow; Andrew Farnsworth; Judy Kosowan. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson has received resolution number 194-15 dated June 22, 2015 from the Town of Huntsville regarding the Board of Directors of Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare approval of a “one hospital model” for hospital service delivery in the future; AND WHEREAS Ryerson Township Council supports this resolution from the Town of Huntsville; AND WHEREAS the Township of Ryerson is a very concerned community included in the MAHC catchment area located in the South East Corner of Parry Sound District known as Almaguin; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson petitions the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: That the Province of Ontario ensure that a full range of core hospital services, including acute inpatient, emergency, diagnostic and surgical services, are maintained on a multi-site basis at both the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital and the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge; That the Province of Ontario ensure that the changes to Ontario's health care delivery system currently being implemented do

not negatively impact access to services and the quality of care in Bracebridge, Huntsville and the entire MAHC catchment area including Algonquin Provincial Park and the south east section of Parry Sound District known as Almaguin; That the Province of Ontario ensure that the changes to Ontario's health care delivery system currently being implemented recognize the unique and important role that smaller hospitals, such as the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital and the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital have in promoting economic development and creating sustainable communities in Ontario. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 33-15, being a By-law to enter into an agreement with other municipalities for the better provision of fire protection services, with the Village of Sundridge and the Township of Strong and further; That By-Law # 33- 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 7th day of July, 2015. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 34-15, being a By-law to enter into an agreement with Fowler Construction Limited for removal of an existing bridge structure and installation of a new structural culvert on Midlothian Rd., Contract PW 1-15; and further; That By-Law # 34- 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 7th day of July, 2015. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 35-15, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council and further; That By-Law # 35 - 15 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and Finally passed in Council this 7th day of July, 2015. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow that we do now adjourn at 10:50 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

REEVE

CLERK