

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

March 1, 2016

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening March 1, 2016 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; Judy Kosowan.

Delegations & Guests in attendance: Willy Hollett; Linda Maurer; Diane Brandt; Brandon McCracken.

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 16, 2016 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Weddel and seconded by Councillor Marlow. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Weddel declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the proposed Minor Variance application for Part Lot 5, Concession 8, as he is a tenant farmer on the property, and is a tenant farmer on the adjoining property Lot 4, Concession 8.

DELEGATIONS

Willy Hollett, President of the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce attended to provide information to Council about the Chamber of Commerce and to introduce the concept of an intern position and potential partnership opportunities. Mr. Hollett outlined the proposal to partner with the Burks Falls and Area Community Economic Development Committee to hire an intern, with the Economic Development Officer being the supervisor for the intern. The Chamber of Commerce will be looking for resolutions of support of this proposal when an application for Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) funding is made.

Linda Maurer and Diane Brandt from the Burks Falls and District Historical Society attended to up-date Council on the activities and up-coming events of the Historical Society and present a draft 2016 budget. An amendment to the draft budget was suggested to include all the costs of the School House. The budget proposal included hiring a staff person for 35 weeks and an intern position.

PLANNING APPLICATION

Council, as the Committee of Adjustment considered the application for a minor variance from Robert and Bonnie Wylie from 499 Highway 520, which was heard at a public meeting preceding the Council meeting. The decision was to grant the minor variance.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Bob Edmunds up-dated Council on the excavator.

The draft road department budget was reviewed and the projects to be tendered were discussed.

ACCOUNTS

Community/Economic Development; fire; general; roads; regional fire training.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Council received an up-date on the Huntsville/Bracebridge resolution regarding the two hospital sites proposal. Council has not passed a resolution regarding the proposal. Tim Withey has been invited to the next Council meeting March 15, 2016 to provide further information on this issue.

CLERK'S REPORT

Council approved a letter to be sent to the Minister Responsible for FedNor in support of the South Almaguin Broadband application to FedNor from Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation.

Council approved a letter to Burks Falls and Armour regarding Joint Services that Reeve Miller will present to each municipality.

Council received a draft 2016 municipal budget for their review, and the monthly bank balances report.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Councillor Marlow discussed the Joint Building Committee draft budget with Council and a resolution regarding a wage increase was adopted.

Council authorized a letter of support to the members of the Developmental Services Housing Task Force to access and retain additional community housing opportunities.

Council received the minutes from the Regional Fire Services Committee.

Reeve Miller provided a verbal report on the Ontario Good Roads Conference he recently attended including: attendance with a delegation regarding the fish hatchery efforts in Magnetawan; funding announcements that have been made; challenges facing small communities with their arena facilities and information received from a session from Fred Dean and Nigel Belchamber.

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit being a resolution regarding the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy and the need to increase incomes in Ontario in an effort to reduce food insecurity and poverty rates
- Machar Township and the Municipality of Magnetawan being a request to support a resolution re: Town of Parry Sound/EMS contract
- Diane Brandt re: a birthday celebration
- FONOM regarding announcements made at the ROMA/OGRA Conference; regarding forestry and agriculture sectors
- DSSAB regarding honourariums
- East Parry Sound Literacy Council, following up from their attendance at the Council meeting
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding the spring bear hunt
- Women's Own Resource Centre, being an up-date and request for donation
- Almaguin Highlands Arts Council regarding the publication "Artists of the Almaguin Highlands" and a request for a donation
- Township of McKellar, being a request to support a resolution re: Bill 100, Supporting Trails Act

BY-LAWS

- By-law 11-16 being a by-law to confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize staff to tender for: a generator; ventilation system; supply and apply granite; granular A gravel; winter sand; granular B gravel. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that we approve the following accounts: Community/Economic Development Office voucher number 2-16, in the amount of \$2,253.16. Fire Department accounts voucher number 2-16, in the amount of \$7,875.41; General accounts voucher number 2-16, in the amount of \$102,059.46; Road accounts voucher number 2-16, in the amount of \$27,057.96; Regional Fire Training Service voucher number 2-16, in the amount of \$7,533.33. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the recommendation from the Joint Building Committee (JBC) that the JBC employees receive a 2 % wage increase for 2016, retroactive to January 1, 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize the following to attend the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association meeting on April 29, 2016 in Kearney: Glenn Miller; George Sterling; Barbara Marlow; Rosalind Hall; Judy Kosowan. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the resolution from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit recognizing the impact of adequate income on food security and other social determinants of health and urging the Ontario government to prioritize the investigation into a basic income guarantee. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize a donation to the Women's Own Resource Centre in the amount of \$179.10. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 11-16, being a By-law to Confirm the proceedings of Council and further; That By-Law # 11 – 16 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 1st day of March, 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel that we do now adjourn at 10:40 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

REEVE

CLERK