

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 15, 2016**

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening March 15, 2016 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: Dave Gray; Bob Edmunds; Judy Kosowan

Delegations & Guests in attendance: Tim Withey; Leanne Fetterley; Paul Van Dam; Rebecca Zanussi; Rod Blakelock.

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 public meeting for a minor variance and regular meeting March 1, 2016 and the special meetings March 4 and March 8, 2016 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Weddel and seconded by Councillor Marlow. (Carried)

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

No declaration of pecuniary interest was declared at the beginning of the meeting. However for Agenda item 7, Clerk's report Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) up-dates Reeve Miller declared pecuniary interest as he is the owner of Lot 2, Concession 8, the subject property for a solar operation. Councillor Weddel also declared pecuniary interest with respect to this item as he is a tenant farmer on the subject property.

**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

Dave Gray, Community/Economic Development Officer attended to present his monthly report providing up-dates for: the Business Retention and Expansion Program (BR &E); Branding and marketing; Almaguin E-Business Event; Continuous Learning.

Mr. Gray also up-dated Council on the shared internship proposal with the Chamber of Commerce. More information will be provided at a future meeting regarding this proposal.

**DELEGATION**

Tim Withey from Huntsville attended to provide Council with information about Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) and the Towns of Huntsville and Town of Bracebridge two hospital site proposal. A history of the events was outlined and information about a letter from area doctors regarding this issue was discussed. A copy of a letter was also received from Mayor Scott Aitchison addressed to Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long Term Care regarding the MAHC Hospital Improvement Plan (HIP). Mr. Withey was provided with a letter of support for the Huntsville Hospital that was received from Jane Gavine.

Council intends to send a letter to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care in support of Mayor Aitchison's letter, however they would like to see Huntsville add "and Catchment Area" to the "Made in Muskoka" solution. Council will be receiving more information about this issue.

Rod Blakelock attended on behalf of the Armour, Ryerson, Burks Falls Agricultural Society to plan for rides at the Fall Fair, scheduled for Monday September 5, 2016. Mr. Blakelock reported that the problem of a lack of volunteers to assist with the ride has been solved. Ryerson Township will arrange to have the rock climbing wall provided again.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT**

Public Works Supervisor Bob Edmunds provided Council with a written report providing department up-dates including: half loads were put into effect March 9, 2016; Nipissing Road bridge work up-date; road patching; brushing; budget expenses and the excavator. Council provided input into the draft brushing and tree disposal policy.

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk provided a written staff report. Reeve Miller declared pecuniary interest with respect to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) up-dates and left the room. Councillor Weddel declared pecuniary interest regarding the IESO up-date and pushed back from the table. Barbara Marlow Chaired this portion of the meeting. The IESO has approved the Sky Solar proposal for a solar operation on Lot 2, Concession 8. A representative from the company, Kaveh Kashani will be attending the April 19, 2016 Council meeting to discuss the next steps with this project. Mr. Van Dam asked if he could ask a question about the vibrancy fund. The main terms of the Memorandum of Understanding were outlined.

The IESO is planning a consultation process to look at improvements to the Large Renewable Procurement (LRP) projects and we will be providing comments to that process.

Announcements regarding the smaller Feed-in Tariff Program (FIT) application approvals will be made by the IESO in the second quarter of the year.

Reeve Miller and Councillor Weddel returned to the table and Reeve Miller resumed the Chair.

Council received up-dated information on the landfill site and recycling changes and a budgetary Control report.

Council reviewed the draft Emergency Management Plan and suggested a few amendments. The Burks Falls and District Historical Society budget scenarios and the 2014 Business Plan were discussed. Council requires more information regarding this and would like Linda Maurer to attend a meeting.

Council reviewed the staff report regarding the monthly accounts process and had no amendments.

Council was advised of an up-coming teleconference being arranged by the Township of Warwick for municipalities with populations under 6,000. Council also received information about concerns being raised by several municipalities about the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program.

## **COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS**

- Councillor Marlow presented the Winterfest Financial Statement
- Councillor Weddel made Council aware of a zoning and building issue on Part Lot 25, Concession 11, which will likely be resolved by the Building Department.

## **NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER**

- Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services: Regional Consultation Sessions
- Eastholme, Home for the Aged re: Annual General Meeting; 2016 Levy and Budget
- Jane Gavine regarding support for the Huntsville Hospital and the outstanding care she recently received there
- Community Service Bus rates
- Habitat for Humanity fundraising event March 19, 2016 Birchdale Community Centre
- Request for Support regarding Conservation Land Tax from Township of Burpee and Mills

- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit regarding: Triple P Positive Parenting Program; Environmental Health Program Funding
- Letter from Magnetawan regarding Blue Sky/Broadband application
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) being information on the 2016 Provincial Budget

### **BY-LAWS**

- By-law 12- 16 , being a by-law to adopt an Emergency Management Plan
- By-law 13-16, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council

### **CLOSED MEETING**

Council moved to a closed meeting at 10:30 p.m. and returned to the open meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Clerk to prepare documentation as directed in the closed meeting.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the Operation and Use of Excavator Policy dated March 15, 2016, as amended. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the letter received from the Township of Burpee and Mills expressing concern about the cost to municipalities in lost property tax revenue due to Provincial Tax Incentive Programs such as the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 12-16, being a By-law to adopt an emergency management program, as amended, for the Township of Ryerson and further; That By-Law # 12 – 16 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 13-16, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council and further; That By-Law # 13 – 16 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel that we move to a closed session at 10:30 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (d) as the subject matter being considered is regarding labour relations or employee negotiations; The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss a personnel disciplinary matter. (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 April 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

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