

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

April 19 2016

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening April 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Reeve Glenn Miller, Councillors Rosalind Hall, George Sterling and Barbara Marlow. Councillor Doug Weddel was absent.

Staff in attendance: Judy Kosowan, Leanne Fetterley, Dave Gray

Delegations & Guests in attendance: Kaveh Kashani, Sky Solar, Frank Ruffolo, Sky Solar, William Hollett, Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Gail Sawyer, Paul Van Dam, Bob van der Wijst, Rebecca Zanussi.

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 April 5, 2016 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Hall and seconded by Marlow. Carried

Reeve Miller requested the following items be added to the agenda:

- Arena improvements required for hockey team
- Closed session to discuss personnel issues

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (And General Nature Thereof)

Reeve Miller declared pecuniary interest with respect to the Sky Solar project as he is the owner of the property Lot 2 Concession 8. Reeve Miller left the room and Deputy Reeve Barb Marlow chaired the meeting.

INVITED PRESENTATION

Kaveh Kashani from Sky Solar presented information about the project lifecycle including next steps. The project is in the development phase (April 2016 through December 2017) which includes Renewable Energy Approvals (REA), Impact Assessment, and community closings. The REA process is comprehensive and will take about 18 months to complete. It requires approvals from four Provincial Ministries. The existing Memorandum of Understanding between Sky Solar and the Township of Ryerson is a legally binding document. It will be developed into a more comprehensive legal contract between the two parties. The proposed site plan for the solar project cannot be altered at this point. Benefits to the Municipality are also included in the MOU, but will be developed in detail as part of the final contract during the REA process. Sky Solar will hold two public meetings during the REA time-frame, tentatively scheduled for August 2016 and February 2017. Pending a successful REA process, Municipal permits will be obtained beginning in August 2017 and construction will begin in the Spring/Summer of 2018. The planned commission date for the operation is November 2018.

DELEGATIONS:

Council provided written answers to Paul Van Dam's questions submitted in advance of the meeting regarding the Sky Solar development.

Reeve Miller returned to the room and resumed the role of Chair.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Hollett presented a detailed proposal requesting Council to support a partnership between the Burk's Falls and Area Economic Development Committee (BACED) and the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce (AHCC) to share an intern. Mr. Hollett further requested that Ryerson Township administer the payroll system for the employee and other finances as required. Council supported the partnership as requested (see resolution below).

EDO Gray provided a written report to Council including updates beginning with the "Villages of Almaguin" branding. He pointed out that this is a broad concept that embraces both existing villages and historical villages. This branding will also be used to develop a trade-show booth. With regard to BE&R, a new tracking sheet is currently being implemented to detail interactions with businesses. EDO Gray also proposed to share information based on a recent presentation and book by Doug Griffiths, *13 Ways to Kill Your Community*, at an upcoming meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Bob Edmunds submitted a written report providing updates on the East Road culvert, grading, and culverts and brushing. The report also indicates that estimates of the quantity of R.A.P. will be calculated April 21.

Council discussed brushing and agreed that it should not be done during the winter. This winter was an exception because training on the new machine was required. The challenges with East Road were also discussed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MAHC Update: a working group will be developing a model for healthcare across the Province. Mayor Aitchison of Huntsville is hosting weekly teleconferences every Friday to share any pertinent information. Council passed a motion supporting Huntsville's recent resolution encouraging the NSM-LHIN to develop a mutually acceptable long-term hospital service plan. See resolution below.

Council received information regarding the Burk's Falls Service Club sign proposal and adopted the resolution below.

Burk's Falls Arena Proposed Hockey Team: This matter will be discussed in a closed session at the upcoming Tri-Council meeting.

DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

Deputy Clerk Leanne Fetterley submitted two written reports. A Special Event Policy was proposed for the Township to ensure that large events establish an emergency services plan. And further that an event fee is established to off-set potential policing costs incurred as a direct result of an event. Council directed staff to amend the policy to include all policing costs incurred as a result of an event and present an updated policy at the next Council meeting.

The Deputy Clerk also submitted a report for information regarding a request for temporary emergency housing while a dwelling is being reconstructed.

CLERK'S REPORT

Historical Society Budget: Staff outlined that the estimated cost of maintenance for the Wiseman Corner School House in 2016 is \$3500. As per the Historical Society Request, this amount will be donated in-kind as well as an additional \$500 cash donation.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Councillor Marlow attended Eastholme's AGM and provided a verbal report.

Regional Fire Services Committee: Council requires clarification regarding the automatic aid agreement. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

Planning Board: Reeve Miller updated Council on Kearney's proposal to administer the Planning Board.

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

Council received the following correspondence (no action required):

- Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) being a newsletter
- AMO – Bill 151 Waste Free Ontario
- Municipalities Under 6000 Working Group update
- Tri-R Waste Management, being the Administrator's Report
- District of Parry Sound Municipal Association meeting agenda
- Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) regarding emergency management relating to barn fires
- Trans Canada Trail re: Champion of the Trans Canada Trail
- Information on the Rabies Clinic and also the HazMat days
- Municipal Summit on OMB Reform
- FONOM re: Supporting Ontario Farmers
- O.P.P. – amended fourth quarter statistics
- Marie Stitt regarding a fund raising event for the Cancer Transportation Programme

Council received the following correspondence (action required):

- Armour, Ryerson, Burks Falls Agricultural Society being a request for a donation; supported (resolution below)
- Lauri Scott, M.P.P. requesting support of Bill 158 , Saving the Girl Next Door Act; supported (resolution below)

BY-LAWS

- By-law 17-16, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed meeting at 10:00 p.m. and returned to the open meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Clerk to prepare documentation as directed in the closed meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson supports the proposed partnership between the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Burks Falls and Area Community Economic Development to create and share an economic development intern position; And Further that Ryerson Township will contribute to the projected municipal revenues outlined in the proposal according to the Cost Sharing Agreement with the Village of Burks Falls (25%) and the Township of Armour (50%) and Township of Ryerson's share being 25%. And further Ryerson Township agrees to be the administrator of the payroll system and finance, if required. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support resolution number 62-15, dated March 29, 2016 received from the Town of Huntsville encouraging the NSM-LHIN to develop a mutually acceptable long term hospital service plan; And further, urging the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to help solve the funding inequities that Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) faces annually; And further that the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care partner with the municipalities, the medical community, MAHC and NSM-LHIN in a transition that will make improvements to the delivery of acute care across the MAHC catchment area. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Hall WHEREAS Ryerson Township maintains the Wiseman Corner School House for use as a Heritage Site for the Burks Falls and District Historical Society; AND WHEREAS the Ryerson Township budget estimate for maintenance at the School House for 2016 is \$3,500.00; NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$500.00 to the Burks Falls and District Historical Society. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$ 200.00 to the Armour, Ryerson, Burk's Falls Agricultural Society. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Council for the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support Bill 158, Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016, and support MPP Laurie Scott's Motion for a multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, crown prosecutors, judges, victims' services and frontline agencies. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 17-16, being a By-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk and further; That By-Law # 17-16 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 19th day of April, 2016. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Hall that we move to a closed session at 10:00 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 Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling that we do now adjourn at 10:16 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

Original signed by Glenn Miller

REEVE

Original signed by Judy Kosowan

CLERK