

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

April 5, 2016

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening April 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Reeve Glenn Miller, Councillors Rosalind Hall and Doug Weddel. Councillor George Sterling and Barbara Marlow were absent.

Staff in attendance: Bob Edmunds, Leanne Fetterley, Judy Kosowan, Dave McNay (Fire Chief), John Stark (Fire Prevention Officer)
Guests: Mike Derry and 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.

Reeve Miller welcomed Leanne Fetterley to the Deputy Clerk position.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting March 15, 2016 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Weddel and seconded by Councillor Hall. Carried

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (And General Nature Thereof)

None declared.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave McNay was in attendance to discuss his monthly written report. In addition, Chief McNay also circulated the press release from the Fire Services Committee detailing the proposed model for Regional Fire Services as well as the accompanying final draft of the Automatic Aid Running Assignment.

In reference to the Northeastern Fire Education Conference and Trade Show (NEFEC), Chief McNay noted the importance of mental health training and awareness in providing fire services. Councillor Weddel suggested that Chief McNay investigate 211 as a resource.

FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER'S REPORT

Fire Prevention Officer John Stark presented the Risk Assessment Report 2015-2018. A resolution was adopted to accept the report with the updated by-law numbers. Mr. Stark advised Council that he is also conducting inspection in Kearney; we are reimbursed for those costs.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Bob Edmunds provided Council with a written report providing department up-dates including: Council approval for the operators to attend the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) Trade Show in West Nipissing as part of the Road Department training budget, spring flooding issues including the East Road culvert, seagull deterrent at the Rockwynn Dock, sourcing Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP), and finalization of financing for the EW160 Excavator.

Letters from Council were distributed thanking equipment operators for their service during the recent extreme spring flooding events.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Councillor Weddel updated Council regarding the MAHC meeting. There is now consensus to support the “Made in Muskoka” plan instead of a single site or a Site A and Site B model. (Noting that this name should better reflect that East Parry Sound is part of the catchment area.) The Hospital Improvement Plan has been submitted to the Minister and acknowledged that the support from doctors is a promising aspect of the plan.

Councillor Weddel indicated that representatives from MAHC are willing to attend a LINK meeting in June. This should be widely communicated to area Councillors to ensure that the meeting is well attended.

Staff was directed to prepare a resolution in support of the resolution received from the Town of Huntsville.

DEPUTY CLERK’S REPORT

The Deputy Clerk provided a written staff report on the topic of vibrancy funds with regard to renewable energy projects.

CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk provided a written staff report.

A request for a tax arrears rebate was presented to Council, the Tax Collection Policy was reviewed, and the request was denied.

With regard to the request for a shared CEMC with Burk’s Falls, Council would like further information and staff was directed to contact Burk’s Falls to find out more about the proposal to share a CEMC.

Council advised staff of concerns related to the Harvest Festival (Sept. 16-18) including impact on emergency services and responsibility for additional costs related to these services. These concerns will be brought forward at the meeting of stakeholders on April 6, 2016.

Council was reminded of the upcoming Tri-Council Meeting to be held Monday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at the Seniors Centre in Burk’s Falls. No items were identified to be added the agenda.

Clerk directed to arrange a meeting of staff to review a memo from Council and Office Procedures and Policies.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Reeve Miller highlighted the written report from the Municipalities Population under 6000 working group. The initiative was an outcome of the OGRA/ROMA Conference in February. Bill Vrebosch (Mayor of East Ferris) volunteered to represent this area and will Chair the working group.

Council received the minutes from the Joint Building Committee meeting held March 17, 2016 as well as the Annual Permit Summary and budget. Councillor Weddel requested that the figure provided for Ryerson for 2013 be checked for accuracy. Council also requested clarification regarding the process where-by large commercial permits were removed from the calculated averages. The budget was approved as per the resolution below.

Reeve Miller and Councillor Weddel provided verbal reports on the Fire Education Conference (NEFEC) and shared services. They also attended Burk’s Falls and Armour Council meetings to discuss the shared services agreement. We understand that item will be on the agenda at the next Tri-Council meeting.

The Armour Ryerson & Burk's Falls Memorial Arena has received a proposal to host a junior hockey team which requires several improvements to the facility. Council adopted a resolution in support of Burk's Falls to pursue this initiative.

Council received a request from Burk's Falls regarding the Service Clubs sign. Council requested further information on this project.

NEW BUSINESS/LIST OF RESOLUTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

Council received the following correspondence (no action required):

- Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) regarding Smoke Free Hospital Grounds; MAHC seeks community feedback on values
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) being provincial up-dates
- AMO re: 2016 Federal Budget

Correspondence received (action required):

- City of Sudbury being a request for a donation for a Positron Emission tomography (PET) Scanner; not supported
- Royal Canadian Legion re; donation to Military Service Recognition Book; not supported

BY-LAWS

- By-law # 14-16, being a by-law to enter into an employment contract
- By-law # 15-16 being a by-law to enter into an agreement for provision of an Emergency Operations Centre
- By-law # 16 -16, being a by-law to confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the Risk Assessment for 2015-2018 as presented. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the Monthly Expenditures/Accounts Policy date April 5, 2016, as presented. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Leanne Fetterley to attend the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association meeting in Kearney on April 29, 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Leanne Fetterley to attend the AMCTO Zone 7 Workshop May 5 and 6, 2016 and that Judy Edwards and Donna Reid attend on May 5, 2016; and further that the municipal office be closed Thursday May 5, 2016 for staff training. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council waive the requirement for Site Plan Control for construction of a detached garage as granted by Minor Variance A 1/16 on Part Lot 5, Concession 8. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize an increase of 2% to be applied to the salary grid, council pay and road department stand-by policy. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the recommendation from the Joint Building Committee (JBC) and accept the 2016 JBC budget in the amount of \$205,787.00. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the Village of Burks Falls with continuing to pursue the hockey team proposal, dated March 30, 2016.
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 14-16, being a By-law to enter into an employment contract and further; That By-Law # 14-16 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 5th day of April, 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #15-16, being a By-law to enter into an agreement with Magnetawan for provision of an Alternate Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and further; That By-Law #15-16 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 5th day of April, 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 16-16, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council and further; That By-Law #16-16 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 5th day of April, 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall that we do now adjourn at 10:45 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

Original Signed by Glenn Miller

REEVE

Original Signed by Judy Kosowan

CLERK