

# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

November 1, 2016

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening November 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; Leanne Fetterley; Judy Kosowan.

Guests in attendance: Paul Van Dam.

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 October 18, 2016 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Marlow and seconded by Councillor Weddell. (Carried)

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**: none declared.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### Public Works

Public Works Supervisor Bob Edmunds provided a written staff report up-dating Council on: the Nipissing Road Bridge; culverts; generator; ventilation system; Royston Road municipal property.

Council adopted the Personal Protective Equipment Policy as noted in the resolution below.

#### Deputy Clerk

Deputy Clerk Leanne Fetterley provided a written report providing information regarding: CEMC; technology audit and AMCTO Zone 7 Workshop.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, Notice and Volunteer Application were reviewed and several amendments were suggested by Council. The proposed schedule was approved by Council.

Planning up-dates were provided for the Napper minor variance application, the public hearing is scheduled for November 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.; the Ritchie road allowance closing proposal and a proposed minor variance for Varsava. Council will require the high water mark to be established by survey for this proposal.

#### Clerk

Clerk Judy Kosowan provided Council with up-dated information regarding a Northern Communities Investment Fund application and a resolution was adopted as noted below.

Council was provided with a verbal report on MPAC and AMCTO Zone 7 workshops recently attended.

Information received from the Village of Burks Falls regarding a Christmas Dinner was discussed. Council is in agreement with the invitation. Municipal staff will be notified of this invitation.

### **SHARED SERVICES**

Council received the draft Notes from the Tri-Council meeting October 24, 2016.

It was re-stated that Ryerson's position is that we consider the community as a whole and that all be treated fair and equally. Also Council still recommends a third party or consultant be obtained to help guide the municipalities through this process.

Council directed that correspondence be sent to Burks Falls and Armour following up from the Tri-Council meeting indicating that they look forward to receiving written commentary from them, as to their proposals for moving forward and getting a plan in place.

Council decided not to proceed with a public meeting at this time and will plan to schedule it for January.

### **COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS**

Councillors Marlow and Sterling will attend the Remembrance Day Service at the Legion on November 11, 2016.

Councillor Weddel provided a verbal report on the Northern Producer Animal Health Network (NPAHN) annual general meeting he recently attended. NPAHN is the umbrella organization for the Veterinary Services Committee serviced by the Vet Assistance Program.

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

- Municipality of Magnetawan; Township of Armour and Town of Kearney re: Regional Fire Service
- Township of Perry: Regional Fire Service Committee meeting
- Burks Falls, Armour, Ryerson Union Public Library regarding funding for public libraries. Resolution adopted
- Almaguin Highlands O.P.P. being third quarter statistics
- Wilma Bentley being a report on the Wiseman's Corner Heritage Centre
- Northeast Cancer Care Ontario Re: request for donation toward a P.E.T. Scanner
- DSSAB re: public input on Transportation in Northern Ontario; and Ministry of Community and Social Services review of the DSSAB Act
- Request to support resolutions from: Township of Madawaska Valley; Grey County; Grey Highlands; AMO. Resolutions adopted
- Ministry of Natural Resources re: Amendments to the Aggregate Resources Act
- Township of Armour and Village of Burks Falls re: proposed public meeting regarding shred services
- Minutes from: Burks Falls, Armour, Ryerson Union Public Library; Burks Falls & District Historical Society

### **BY-LAWS**

By-law 41-16 being a By-law to appoint Leanne Fetterley as the Community Emergency Management Coordinator and James Mahoney as the Alternative Community Emergency Management Coordinator.

By-law 42-16 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 adopt the Personal Protective Equipment Policy dated November 1, 2016, as attached. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council appoint Rosalind Hall to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the Community Economic Development Officer in pursuing an Accommodation Study of our area with the support of funding from the Northern Communities Investment Readiness Fund (NCIR). The Township of Ryerson agrees to contribute \$1,320.00 toward the project costs outlined in the application, and acknowledges the partnership between the Village of Burks Falls and Township of Armour. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson values libraries and in particular the Burks Falls, Armour, Ryerson Union Public Library and the services it provides to the community; NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the letter to the Honourable Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport from Todd Kyle, President of the Ontario Library Association expressing concern regarding funding cuts to libraries over the last two years that have impacted services provided by libraries to communities. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the resolution received from the Township of Madawaska Valley supporting the changes to the parole system proposed in the Private Members Bill 21, An Act to amend the Correctional Services Act put forward by the Honourable John Yakabuski, M.P.P. Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the resolution from Grey County requesting the Province to re-evaluate the structure of hydro to address the unfair practice of charging more for rural residents. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the resolution from the Municipality of Grey Highlands requesting that the Minister of Education initiate an immediate moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process until such a time as a review of the impacts on small, rural communities be studied, completed and the results and recommendations be considered. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel WHEREAS recent polling, conducted on behalf of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario indicates 76% of Ontarians are concerned or somewhat concerned property taxes will not cover the cost of infrastructure while maintaining municipal services, and 90% agree maintaining safe infrastructure is an important priority for their communities; AND WHEREAS infrastructure and transit are identified by Ontarians as the biggest problems facing their municipal government; AND WHEREAS a ten year projection (2016-2015) of municipal expenditures against inflationary property tax and user fee increases, shows there to be an unfunded average annual need of \$3.6 billion to fix local infrastructure and provide for municipal operating needs; AND WHEREAS the \$3.6 billion average annual need would equate to annual increases of 4.6% (including inflation) to province-wide property tax revenue for the next ten years; AND WHEREAS this gap calculation also presumes all existing and multi-year planned federal and provincial transfers to municipal governments are fulfilled; AND WHEREAS if future federal and provincial transfers are unfulfilled beyond 2015 levels, it would require annual province-wide property tax revenue increases of up to 8.35% for ten years; AND WHEREAS Ontarians already pay the highest property taxes in the country; AND WHEREAS each municipal government in Ontario faces unique issues, the fiscal health needs are a challenge which unites all municipal governments, regardless of size; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson supports the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario in its work to close the fiscal gap; so that all municipalities can benefit from predictable and sustainable revenue, to finance the pressing infrastructure and municipal service needs faced by all municipal governments. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 41-16, being a By-law to appoint a Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) and further; That By-Law # 41 – 16 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 42-16, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law #42–16 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow seconded by Councillor Sterling that we do now adjourn at 9:25 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

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