

## **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**TRI-COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY January 23, 2017**

**SENIOR'S CENTRE BURKS FALLS – 7:00 P.M.**

### **MINUTES**

A Tri-Council meeting with the Village of Burk's Falls, Township of Armour and Township of Ryerson was held at the Young at Heart Senior's Centre, 136 Yonge Street, Burk's Falls, Monday January 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Ryerson Township Council: Barbara Marlow, Rosalind Hall and George Sterling. Reeve Glenn Miller and Councillor Doug Weddel were absent. Deputy Clerk Leanne Fetterley and Clerk Judy Kosowan were also present.

Burks Falls Council: Cathy Still, Lewis Hodgson; Lisa Morrison, Jarve Osborne. Absent: Rex Smith.

Armour Council: Bob MacPhail, Marina Hammond, Rod Blakelock. Absent: Jerry Brandt; Pat Hayes.

Members of the public and some members of the Burks Falls and Armour municipal staff were also in attendance.

The Village of Burks Falls hosted the meeting and Reeve Cathy Still called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting notes from the Tri-Council meeting October 24, 2016 were received on a motion moved by Rod Blakelock and seconded by George Sterling. (Carried)

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None declared.

### **Presentation**

Willy Hollett from the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce AHCC) and Dave Gray, Community Economic Development Officer presented information on the Business Retention and Expansion Project (BR&E).

The project was very successful and businesses were pleased with the interest shown by the area municipalities by doing this study. It promoted communications among businesses and the municipalities and provided the foundation for a regional economic development plan.

Several of the key issues included: available work force and housing; succession planning and regional collaboration including e-business and e-marketing.

Mr. Hollett gave an overview of the AHCC Strategic Plan, which will be posted on their website in the near future. A question was asked about the Intern proposal and although funding was not received in 2016, the Chamber is hoping to apply again and are still interested in hiring an Intern. The Chamber respectfully asked if the municipalities will again consider providing financial support for this and a budget estimate will be provided in the near future.

### **Reports**

#### **Economic Development**

Community Economic Development Officer Dave Gray provided an overview of his written report. This included information on: the BACED Website; the Accommodation Market and Economic Impact Assessment; Signage Plan and Business Interactions update. The 2017 draft budget was also highlighted.

A question was asked about the future of economic development after the FedNor funding CIINO project is over in 2018. Councillor Hodgson from Burks Falls indicated that they have been looking at options for a succession plan, one being to only include our three municipalities or a second proposal involving the development of a more regional approach to economic development. The Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce supports this regional approach, and has a voting position on each of the three Economic Development Committees. One approach may be for Burks Falls, Armour and Ryerson to fund our Economic Development Officer and Department for 2018, while moving forward with our area partners to work on a new regional model. Possible sources of funding for a new model will be researched.

### **Arena**

Arena Manager Mitch Matson reviewed his written report which highlighted the following: winter and summer ice; spring maintenance; training; future budget items and a summary of donated ice times and hall rentals.

The 2017 draft budget was presented.

### **Fire**

Fire Chief Dave McNay provided a quarterly report including: the number of calls; building up-date and training. The equipment is in good shape and three new recruits are in the process of being added to the roster.

Martyn Payge, Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) highlighted his written report updating the types of inspections conducted, the fire rating signs and plans for 2017.

The 2017 draft budget was discussed. It was noted that the generator will need to be replaced, however it has not been included in the budget for this year, as it appears that it will last another year. The budget may be subject to change as decisions are made at the Regional Fire Service Committee regarding the possibility of having approximately 15 hours of the Chief's time and FPO hours transferred to this new regional model.

A written report of the upcoming training schedule from The Regional Fire Training Officer, Gary Courtice, was included in the agenda package. The budget was also included in the package.

### **Library**

Library CEO Nieves Guijarro provided a written report outlining Library statistics and programs.

There were no questions on the 2017 draft Library budget.

### **Waste Management**

Administrator Amy Tilly reviewed the Waste Management written report. This included: surface water monitoring; waste diversion programs; customer survey results and statistics. It is anticipated that information regarding the Certificate of Approval will be received soon.

The 2017 draft budget was presented and it was clarified that the capital item (Garbage Truck) was not an approved expenditure and will be deducted if it does not receive final approval from the Councils.

### **Other Business\Next Meetings**

Next steps for the budgets: the budgets will go back to each Council for review, comments and approvals.

Burks Falls proposed that the three municipalities meet in February so that they can provide information that has been compiled regarding shared services. A date will be proposed by Staff. This will be an information meeting, it is not required that a quorum from each Council be present.

Armour Township will host the next Tri-Council meeting, with the date to be determined.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Original signed by Glenn Miller

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REEVE

Original signed by Judy Kosowan

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CLERK