

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

February 7, 2017

In Celebration of Canada 150, Ryerson Township presents *Minutes from the Past!*

February 13, 1948: [Moved by] Hewitt, [seconded by] Bell that a representative from this Council interview Chapman Council, Magnetawan Council and Spence Township, regarding a delegation to interview Mickie Armstrong and C.W. Cragg in reference to proposed Highway coming North from Gravenhurst to have them use their influence to try and have it come by way of Old Nipissing Road.

How different our communities would look, had Nipissing Road become the main thoroughfare, rather than Highway 11!

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening February 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Reeve Glenn Miller, Councillors Rosalind Hall, Barbara Marlow, George Sterling and Doug Weddel.

Staff in attendance: Leanne Fetterley, Judy Kosowan, and Dave McNay.

Delegations & Guests in attendance: Judy Ransome, Joan Wyatt.

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 January 17, 2017 and Tri Council meeting January 23, 2017 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Sterling and seconded by Councillor Hall. Carried

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (none declared)

DELEGATIONS

Joan Wyatt from the Cecebe Waterways Association (CWA) attended to follow up on a proposal for a boat launch at Rockwynn Landing on Lake Cecebe. The CWA proposed that Ryerson and Magnetawan share the costs of the engineered drawings for the boat launch, with them. The estimated cost of this is \$1,200.00.

While Council still supports the concept in principle, no decision was made regarding the cost-sharing proposal.

At this time, Council is reluctant to move forward until the location of the boat launch is confirmed. They are still concerned that it should not be placed on the south side which would impede the swimming area, however it is not clear if there is room on the north side.

One of the municipalities will be required to obtain necessary permits for this type of construction.

Clarification is required regarding the proposed location, the sketch originally provided showed the boat launch on the south/Ryerson side. Mrs. Wyatt was under the impression that it was to be placed on the north/Mag side. An updated sketch of the proposal will be requested.

Further to this, Council requested a survey to verify the boundaries of the road allowance, at the expense of the CWA. The outcome of the discussion was that the CWA is to determine if a survey/stakes exist that could save surveying costs. We may have copies of surveys of the area which could be used as a starting point.

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Chief:

Dave McNay reviewed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Fire Agreement with Council. The Ministry will be providing an estimate of the cost of the coverage protection area. This item will be brought forward to a future Council meeting.

The Regional Fire Services Committee proposal for Shared Fire Prevention Officers was also discussed and a resolution was adopted as noted below. Council also directed the Reeve to provide Ryerson Township Council's opinion that it will be very important to ensure that commercial and industrial (and institutional and multi-residential) properties are adequately accounted for in the cost sharing. In addition, fees for inspections need to be carefully reviewed to include cost recovery for inspections that may require additional staff time and resources due to the nature of differences in property and business types.

Public Works Supervisor:

Council received a written report from Acting Supervisor Lloyd Van Duzen, highlighting winter operations, equipment, preparations for spring season conditions and a training opportunity.

Bob Edmunds provided Council with a written report seeking direction for road project priorities for 2017.

Deputy Clerk:

Leanne Fetterley reviewed an up-dated Notice By-law with Council and the by-law was adopted as noted below.

The Organizational Chart was also up-dated and adopted by Council.

Clerk:

Judy Kosowan provided Council with: the monthly bank balances and accounts; a 2016 Year End analysis report and Statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses.

Statistics Canada figures on the Consumer Price Index were provided and Council approved a two percent cost of living adjustment as noted in the below resolution.

A written report on the 2018 Municipal Election process was outlined and several resolutions adopted.

PLANNING: No items

SHARED SERVICES

Council received the agenda for the Shared Services meeting scheduled for Wednesday February 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Seniors Centre in Burks Falls.

Council reviewed the 2017 draft shared services budgets. Council supported the budgets as presented except for the capital item on the Waste Management Budget. Resolutions will be prepared for the next meeting.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Councillor Marlow reported on the H.O.M.E. meeting she recently attended. Topics included enumeration of homeless people, a proposed Community Hub in Sundridge and CCAC and Patients First.

Councillor Marlow also reported on the Library Board meeting.

Glenn Miller and Leanne Fetterley provided highlights of the ROMA Conference which was well attended and provided excellent speakers on a variety of municipal issues.

Council received minutes from the Joint Building Committee and a copy of a resolution from Township of Strong regarding wage increases. A resolution was adopted as noted below.

Councillor Sterling provided a written report from Eastholme.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Muskoka & Area Health System Transformation being a project update
- Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Patient and Family Advisory Committee news release
- Cecebe Waterways Winter 2017 Newsletter
- Wilma Bentley re: Museum
- Burks Falls, Armour, Ryerson Union Public Library Board Minutes
- FONOM regarding Energy concerns; ROMA
- Almaguin Adult Learning Centre being a letter of thanks for the donation
- OMAFRA announcement of renewed RED program
- E-mail communication from Fire Chief clarifying December fire accounts
- Ministry of Housing being a summary of the Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016; Resolution from Municipality of Bluewater opposing amendments to Residential Tenancies Act
- Regional Fire Meeting Minutes January 19, 2017; FPO proposal and resolutions
- Joint Building Committee draft Meeting Minutes January 19, 2017 and Request to support Annual Wage Increase
- Township of Strong being a resolution regarding recommended wage increase presented by the Joint Building Committee
- Cecebe Waterways Association (Norm Cameron) being a request to contribute to the cost of the engineered drawings for the proposed Rockwynn Landing boat launch
- Grant Thornton Report to Council being Initial Communication on Audit Planning

BY-LAWS

- By-law #7-17 being a by-law to prescribe the Form, Manner and the Times for the Provision of Notice
- By-law #8-17 being a by-law to enter into an agreement for the Accessibility Fund

- By-law #9-17 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that The Council of The Township of Ryerson support in principle, the concept of two full time Regional Fire Prevention Officers for the area; subject to negotiating a satisfactory agreement. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #7-17, being a Bylaw to prescribe the Form, Manner and the Times for the Provision of Notice and further; That By-Law #7-17 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 7th day of February, 2017. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the Organization Chart dated February 7, 2017. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has received a Report on the 2016 Year End Financial Analysis. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has received the Statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses Report for 2016. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize an increase of 2% for 2017 to be applied to the salary grid, council pay and road department stand-by policy. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council receive the report for information dated January 23, 2017 regarding the 2018 Municipal Election: The Municipal Elections Modernization Act. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has reviewed the ranked ballot system and has decided to maintain the first-past-the-post election model for the 2018 municipal election. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has given consideration to voting methods and has decided to maintain the Vote By Mail system for the 2018 Municipal Election and direct the Clerk to prepare the required by-law. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the recommendation from the Joint Building Committee that the CBO and DBCO receive a 2% increase for 2017, effective January 1, 2017 retroactive. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the resolution received from the Municipality of Bluewater calling on the Government of Ontario to halt the download of enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards proposed in Schedule 5 of Bill 7, in light of the significant fiscal challenge each Municipality will face to provide this service to the public in a cost-effective manner. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #8-17, being a By-law to enter into an agreement for the Accessibility Fund with The Ministry of Employment and Social Development Canada and further; That By-Law #8-17 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 7th day of February, 2017. (Carried)

- Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 9-17, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 9-17 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 7th day of February, 2017. (Carried)
- Moved by Councillor Sterling seconded by Councillor Hall that we do now adjourn at 10:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

Original signed by Glenn Miller

REEVE

Original signed by Judy Kosowan

CLERK