

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

March 28, 2017

A special meeting of Council was called for Tuesday March 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with The Village of Burk's Falls to discuss shared services and to complete unfinished business from the regular meeting March 21, 2017.

Members of Council were notified of the special meeting on March 22, 2017, and by receiving this agenda for the meeting electronically March 22, 2017.

The public was notified of the meeting by posting on the website March 23, 2017.

Ryerson Council members present: Reeve Glenn Miller, Councillors Rosalind Hall, Barbara Marlow, and Doug Weddel. Councillor Sterling was absent

Burk's Falls Council members present: Reeve Cathy Still, Councillors Jarve Osborne and Rex Smith. Councillors Hodgson and Morrison were absent

Staff in attendance: Leanne Fetterley, Judy Edwards and Nicky Kunkel

Guests: Doug Blackmore, Judy Ransome and Paul Van Dam

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (none declared)

SHARED SERVICES (Discussion with Burk's Falls)

Reeve Miller called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and reviewed two issues:

1) A statement made by Reeve MacPhail at the Shared Services meeting on March 20th, 2017 indicating that the Burk's Falls & District Fire Department is the most expensive department in Ontario. Reeve Miller reviewed a draft document illustrating that per person, the BDFD is comparable or lower than other departments in the region. Furthermore, budget comparisons are not useful unless levels of service are taken into account.

2) Reeve Miller reminded Burk's Falls that Ryerson Council approved the landfill budget with no capital. Burk's Falls members clarified that they also passed the budget with the condition that capital could only be spent if all three Municipalities agreed. The status of the packer was also discussed re: new wheels.

Reeve Still circulated a document approved by Armour Council at their meeting on March 28th (immediately prior to this meeting). The proposed formula included revised percentages for the landfill budget. Reeve Still shared that at Armour's meeting, a further reduced landfill budget was also discussed.

Both Councils discussed the potential impact of the following items on the fire budget: Regional Fire Prevention Officer program, fire risk assessment, seasonal residents, and changes to levels of service based on a \$300,000 fire budget.

Regarding the Economic Development program, it was clarified that the Community Economic Development Officer is currently carrying out a specific workplan based on a funded project. To determine cost-sharing in 2018, each Municipality could provide input for a workplan (acknowledging that some projects will be shared by all three) and portions allotted accordingly.

Next Steps: Further discussion is required specifically for fire and landfill. Burk's Falls and Ryerson plan to meet on April 12th at 7:00 p.m. and it was agreed that one hour will be allotted to discuss each service. Burk's Falls will invite Armour Township Council to attend.

Members of Burk's Falls Council and Staff left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councillor Reports

Councillor Hall provided a verbal report on the plans in place for the special Canada 150 Ryerson Yard Sale on June 24, 2017 including: food, entertainment, student art show, and wagon rides. The Historical Society has arranged for a forestry display and Ryerson is also planning to investigate other interactive displays. The installation of a flag pole at the Ryerson Township office was also discussed. Councillor Hall recommended that this project move forward in honour of Canada 150.

Correspondence/New Business

- Andrew Farnsworth being information regarding the establishment of a Magnetawan River Park (resolution)
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs being an information package regarding applications for the 2017 Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence
- Marie Stitt being a letter requesting a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society Transportation Program
- Registration information for the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Meeting scheduled for April 28, 2017 and hosted by Sundridge, Joly, and Strong (resolution)
- OPP Calls For Service Billing Summary Report and Snow Vehicle Focused Patrol Report
- Eastholme correspondence including cover letter, 2017 Municipal Levy Apportionment (and apportionment calculation)

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel, WHEREAS the Magnetawan River System - from Algonquin Park, through Sand Lake, Burk's Falls, Lake Cecebe and Ahmic Lake, Wahwashkesh Lake, the Magnetawan River Provincial Park, and through Byng Inlet to Georgian Bay - is vital to the recreation and tourism sector in the Township of Ryerson and the Almaguin Highlands (see map attached); AND WHEREAS existing service providers have done an excellent job of promoting and offering recreation and tourism opportunities along the Magnetawan River System, including accommodations, restaurants, and associated tourism services; AND WHEREAS there is still untapped community and economic development potential associated with the Magnetawan River System, specifically in celebrating the River's history and in improving access for visitors to the area and for those residents who do not live on the water; AND WHEREAS improved access to the Magnetawan River system through coordinated expansion and addition of services and through improved marketing will build

stronger local economies and increase opportunities for active living; AND WHEREAS collaboration between stakeholders along the Magnetawan River System can be achieved through the formation of a shared MAGNETAWAN RIVER PARK, an initiative which will help stakeholders to coordinate future recreation, tourism, and marketing activities and will assist those stakeholders in obtaining additional recreation and tourism funding; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ryerson Township Council supports in principle the establishment of a regional MAGNETAWAN RIVER PARK; AND FURTHER THAT the Deputy Clerk and the Community Development Officer be authorized to participate in future MAGNETAWAN RIVER PARK discussions on behalf of the Township of Ryerson. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize Glenn Miller, Barbara Marlow, Rosalind Hall, George Sterling, Leanne Fetterley and Judy Kosowan to attend the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Meeting scheduled for April 28, 2017 and hosted by Sundridge, Joly, and Strong. (Carried)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Original signed by Glenn Miller

REEVE

Original signed by Leanne Fetterley

DEPUTY CLERK