

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

April 4, 2017

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

April 3, 1886: By-law No. 5-8 – Mr. Sawyer introduced By-law No 5-8, "To prohibit hawkers and pedlars from carrying on their business without a license." The By-law was read a first, second and third times and passed.

Although these terms seem dated, Hawker and Pedlar By-laws are still common in many Municipalities to regulate and control these types of businesses!

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Reeve Glenn Miller, Councillors Rosalind Hall, Barbara Marlow and Doug Weddel. Councillor Sterling was absent.

Staff in attendance: Leanne Fetterley, Judy Edwards, Dave McNay, Larry Robinson, James Mahoney, Lloyd Van Duzen, and Dave Gray.

Delegations & Guests in attendance: Willy Hollett 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.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Tri Council meeting March 20, 2017 (as amended), the Regular meeting March 21, 2017 and the Special meeting March 28, 2017 were approved as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Marlow and seconded by Councillor Weddel. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (none declared)

DELEGATIONS

Willy Hollett, President of the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce, presented a proposal for a partnership with Burk's Falls & Area Community Economic Development to create and share an economic development intern position. Council discussed the proposal and directed staff to request clarification regarding the timelines for the budget and project.

STAFF REPORTS

By-law Officer

Mr. Mahoney presented a written report detailing a succession plan for the position of By-law Officer.

Fire Chief

Chief McNay highlighted his written report including recruitment and succession planning, an update on training as well as recent attendance at the Northeastern Fire Education Conference, information regarding the proposed addition to the fire hall, equipment maintenance, and a breakdown of fire calls by Municipality.

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a close meeting (resolution below) to discuss Fire Department Membership. Staff were directed to write a letter in response to a letter of resignation. Council returned to the open meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Public Works

A written report was submitted with the following updates: Road maintenance, equipment, assessment of the township office and garage roof, and ongoing office work. Lloyd Van Duzen also provided a verbal update on water levels and continued monitoring of the roads during the spring melt.

Treasurer

A draft budget was presented for the road department. Council discussed several of the items and staff were directed to amend the budget accordingly.

Council also reviewed the monthly bank balances and accounts.

Deputy Clerk

Strategic Planning: As a preface to future planning exercises, Council viewed a video about collaboration by Doug Griffiths, author of 13 Ways to Kill Your Community. Griffiths is a well-known consultant in the field of community development.

The current status of the compliance audit committee was discussed. (See resolution)

SHARED SERVICES

Council discussed the upcoming shared services meeting on April 12, 2017 which will focus on two services: fire and landfill.

A number of factors for cost-sharing for fire were reviewed and Council directed staff to prepare supporting documentation for the upcoming meeting.

Items identified for further discussion: landfill closing costs and future capital costs for all services.

Council directed staff to request that at the April 12 meeting, proposed reductions to the fire and landfill budgets be supported with documentation indicating which specific items will be reduced.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS

- Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library Minutes (February 15, 2017)
- BACED being a letter opposing the MTO legislation regarding Highway signage
- Armour Township being a resolution approving the Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Memorial Arena and Community Comfort Station Policy 2017
- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit being a letter, resolution and poster about household food insecurity and the cost of healthy eating
- Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) email communication regarding a plan to address electricity needs in Parry Sound, Muskoka and Orillia
- Township of East Zorra-Tavistock being a resolution of support to install Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in all schools
- Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Partners' Newsletter March 2017
- North East LHIN being email correspondence and information package and a letter from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board requesting NE LHIN Sub-Region boundary clarification
- FONOM media releases dated March 29, 2017
- The Municipality of East Ferris and the Municipality of Calvin being resolutions in support of rescinding Building Code change B-08-09-03 (mandatory five year septic tank pump out and records retention by the owner)
- Regional Fire Services Committee Minutes (March 23, 2017)
- Reeve Cathy Still, Village of Burk's Falls being a letter regarding shared services and a proposed meeting on April 12, 2017
- Burk's Falls & District Historical Society Minutes, 2016/2017 financial report and final budget (see resolution below)
- Burk's Falls & District Food Bank being email correspondence and a profit & loss financial statement

BY-LAWS

- By-law #16-17, being a by-law to confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that we move to a closed session at 7:55 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (d) as the subject matter being considered is regarding labour relations or employee negotiations; The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss: Fire Department membership. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow WHEREAS Section 88.37 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 requires a council shall before October 1 of an election year, establish a compliance audit committee; AND WHEREAS economies of scale shall be realized by participating municipalities through the establishment of a Joint Compliance Audit Committee; AND WHEREAS the important role of the Almaguin Clerk's Group in facilitating this joint initiative, and subsequent cost savings to each municipality is recognized; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Ryerson deems it necessary to enter into an agreement with other interested municipalities to appoint a Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2018 election and subsequent term thereafter ending on November 30, 2022. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow WHEREAS Ryerson Township maintains the Wiseman Corner School House for use as a

Heritage Site for the Burks Falls and District Historical Society; AND WHEREAS the Ryerson Township budget estimate for maintenance at the School House for 2017 is \$3,500.00; NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$500.00 to the Burks Falls and District Historical Society. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #16-17, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law #16-17 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 4th day of April, 2017. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel that we do now adjourn at 10:55 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

Original signed by Glenn Miller

REEVE

Original signed by Leanne Fetterley

DEPUTY CLERK