

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING **MINUTES**

June 6, 2017

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

June 23, 1967 [special meeting for Centennial business]: Shaw & Crosbie – That Aug 7, 1967 be a date set for our Centennial program at the Twp Hall to be from 10:30 a.m. to app. 1 p.m. That Council purchase the necessary [items] for picnic lunch and we arrange to invite as many former residents as possible, and have the local women's Club look after serving the lunch. That we invite a Centennial representative Gordon Aiken M.P. and Allister Johnston M.P.P.

*This year we are preparing to celebrate Canada's sesquicentennial – 150 years!
Join us for a very special Ryerson Yard Sale and "Homecoming"
at the School House Museum on June 24, 2017!*

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening June 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present: Reeve Glenn Miller, Councillors Rosalind Hall, Barbara Marlow, Doug Weddel, and George Sterling.

Staff in attendance: Leanne Fetterley, Judy Edwards, and Judy Kosowan.

Delegations & Guests in attendance: Judy Kleinhuis, Paul Van Dam, 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

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that the minutes from the following meetings be adopted as circulated: Regular Meeting May 16, 2017, Special Meeting (Closed Session) May 17, 2017, Special Meeting (Draft Budget) May 23, 2017, Public Meeting (Budget) May 30, 2017. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Reeve Glenn Miller and Councillor Weddel declared pecuniary with respect to item 7 on the agenda regarding Sky Solar and correspondence items from Paul Van Dam re: communication and proposed park.

INVITED PRESENTATION

Judy Kleinhuis, Accountant from Grant Thornton attended the meeting to present the 2016 Consolidated Financial Statements to Council. Several questions were asked and overall there were no issues with the audit opinion and the 2016 statements.

DELEGATIONS

None registered.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works

Council received a staff report from Lloyd Van Duzen. There were no questions on the report.

Public Works Supervisor Bob Edmunds provided a staff report including a request to have tires for the 07 truck to be re-capped. Council supported the request.

Council noted two roads in need of grading.

Treasurer

Treasurer Judy Edwards provided Council with tax impact report including a variety of tax classes.

A question was asked about the process for bank reconciliations and staff have looked at procedures and have made adjustments.

Council had no further comments on the budget, and adopted the resolution noted below.

Deputy Clerk

Deputy Clerk Leanne Fetterley reported on the plans for the Canada 150 event. Councillor Hall updated Council on the 150 Art Project and discussed ways to engage students at M.A. Wittick. Council finalized plans for the event.

Council discussed an application for funding for a Target Sector Analysis and Business Opportunity Report to support an Economic Development project (resolution below).

Clerk's Report

Council received the monthly accounts and bank balances. Council expense forms are due June 16, 2017.

PLANNING

Reeve Miller and Councillor Weddel further declared their pecuniary interest with respect to this item on the agenda and left the room. Deputy Reeve Barbara Marlow chaired this portion of the meeting.

Correspondence received from Grace Pasceri from Sky Solar indicates that the original application will move forward, not the proposed amendment. Sky Solar requested that the review period of the Renewable Energy Approvals (REA) be reduced from 90 to 60 days. It was the opinion of Council that they do not support a reduction in the timeline to ensure they have adequate regularly scheduled Council meetings to review the material. It was also noted that the location of the Sky Solar public meeting taking place on June 12, 2017 has been changed to the arena in Burks Falls.

Council received staff reports referencing email correspondence received from Paul Van Dam regarding the Sky Solar property/proposed parkland and Sky Solar communications with Reeve Miller. Copies of the staff reports will be provided to Mr. Van Dam.

SHARED SERVICES

Correspondence was received from the Village of Burks Falls regarding a proposed shared services agreement. Council would like further clarification

regarding the role of committees to improve communication and requests an estimate of the cost of the legal fees.

The Deputy Clerk led a discussion following up on the arena operations report circulated at the Tri Council meeting on May 29, 2017. In order to provide feedback to the Village of Burk's Falls, Council directed staff to request specific data regarding arena users and food service in 2016.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Councillor Weddel reported on the East Parry Sound Veterinary Committee meeting highlighting the veterinary's calls for service, and summarized the financial report.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence was received from the Village of Burks Falls being a request for a donation towards transportation for swimming lessons. Council would like more information on this program regarding costs and number of participants in the program.

Councillor Weddel discussed the donation budget line in relation to interest earned on bank balances. Council was asked to consider using a portion of the interest earned to support donation requests from community organizations. Further information on the interest earned estimates will be provided to Council.

Correspondence was received from the Historical Society regarding a fundraising project and staff was directed to send a letter of support.

Council supported the following resolutions received from: Municipality of Killarney being a request to support a resolution relating to proposed changes in Bill 68 regarding tax sales; Municipality of East Ferris regarding the tax-exempt portion of remuneration for local elected officials; Women's Own Resource Centre being a request for a donation.

Correspondence from Jasmine Hall was received regarding Midlothian Road. Council requires a staff report from the Public Works Supervisor for further information.

Correspondence received from AMO regarding funding for municipalities, Local Share Proposed Action Plan including a survey to be completed.

BY-LAWS

- By-law #22-17, being a By-law to set and levy the rates of taxation for the year 2017
- By-law #23-17, being a By-law to extend the Regional Fire Services Agreement to December 31, 2017
- By-law #24-17, being a By-law to extend the Agreement for Provision of Regional Fire Training Services
- By-law #25-17, being a By-law to enter into a definite term employment contract for a truck driver/equipment operator
- By-law #26-17, being a by-law to confirm the meetings of Council

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed meeting as noted in the below resolution. Council returned to the open meeting at 10:05 p.m. Human Resources Committee member to meet with staff as required.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson accept the Township of Ryerson Consolidated Financial Statements for 2016 and the 2016 Burks Falls and District Fire Department Financial Statements. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson has reviewed and approves the final draft of the 2017 budget with a 2.26% overall increase in the budget (tax levy) and a residential tax rate increase of 3.33%. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling WHEREAS the Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario (CIINO) work plan identifies the development of a commercial park as a key activity; AND WHEREAS applications to the NOHFC Northern Communities Capacity Building Program and the FedNor Northern Ontario Development Program have been submitted to request assistance with hiring a consultant to produce a target sector and business opportunity analysis as part of this development; AND WHEREAS Armour Township is positioned as the lead applicant on the project; AND WHEREAS the resulting Target Sector Analysis and Business Opportunity Report will prove useful for identifying business attraction priorities for all three Municipalities; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the applications in principle. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the resolution received from the Municipality of Killarney appealing to the Province to reconsider the proposed amendment to the Municipal Act Section 380 (8) and (9) that would see out of court payments revert back to the Crown with respect to tax sale proceedings. (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 received from the Municipality of East Ferris supporting a letter from Cheryl Gallant, Member of Parliament regarding the removal of the tax-exempt portion of remuneration for local elected officials. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson donate \$179.10 to the Women's Own Resource Centre for 2017. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that we move to a closed session at 9:30 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: review of staff workload and working relationships. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #22-17, being a By-law to set and levy the rates of taxation for the year 2017; And Further That By-Law #22-17 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 6th day of June, 2017. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #23-17, being a By-law to extend the Regional Fire Services Agreement to December 31, 2017; And Further That By-Law #23-17 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 6th day of June, 2017. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Weddel be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #24-17, being a By-law to Extend the Agreement for Provision of Regional Fire Training Services; And Further That By-Law #24-17 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 6th day of June, 2017. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #25-17, being a By-law to authorize the Township to enter into a definite term employment contract for a truck driver/equipment operator; That By-Law #25-17 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 6th day of June, 2017. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Sterling be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #26-17, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law #26-17 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 6th day of June, 2017. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall that we do now adjourn at 10:15 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (Carried)

Original signed by Glenn Miller

REEVE

Original signed by Leanne Fetterley

DEPUTY CLERK