

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

TRI-COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Senior's Centre, Burk's Falls – 7:00 P.M.
Monday, October 30, 2017

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 October 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Ryerson Township Council: Glenn Miller, Barbara Marlow, Rosalind Hall, Doug Weddel and George Sterling.

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

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

Members of the public and some members of the Ryerson, 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 7:01 p.m.

The meeting notes from the Tri-Council meeting September 25, 2017 were received on a motion moved by Ryerson Councillor Rosalind Hall and seconded by Armour Councillor Rod Blakelock. (Carried)

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None declared.

Committee Reports and Updates

Arena

Arena Manager Mitch Matson reviewed the proposed maintenance items for 2018 relating to the ice plant, building maintenance, and the resurfacing machine. In addition to the cost-saving measures outlined in the written report, Mr. Matson also suggested the following options: offer discount last-minute bookings on a weekly basis; develop spring programming when the ice is out. Challenges were discussed and offering discount rentals was discouraged.

Further clarification was requested regarding the wage line. It was noted that that upstairs washrooms are scheduled for maintenance in 2019.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Dave McNay provided a clarification regarding the draft budget as circulated and submitted two budget options for addressing upcoming equipment needs: 1) Repair tanker at an expense of approximately \$40,000. 2) Replace tanker with pumper/tanker at an expense of approximately \$400,000 financed over ten years with an annual debt repayment of \$48,000.

The Fire Chief described the rationale for proposing a combination pumper/tanker which would meet National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) approval and could lead to reduced insurance rates for residents through tanker shuttle certification.

The Reeves provided updates from the Regional Fire Services Committee including timelines for implementation and the potential to share capital

purchases on a regional level. It was decided that the purchase of a new truck should be delayed until the regional model is further developed. The Chief was directed to test the tanker to identify the extent of repairs required at this time.

The overall cost of the fire department was debated within the context of other regional departments.

Other proposed capital expenses were reviewed including an estimate to insulate the fire hall water line (which is currently not included in the draft 2018 budget). The Village will review the estimate to confirm the distance required for the repair.

South East Parry Sound Regional Fire Training

The budget was reviewed and the program was discussed in the context of the regional initiative.

Burk's Falls and District Historical Society

A written report was submitted by President Diane Brandt. Clarification was provided with reference to the Historical Society's fiscal year (March to March), Ryerson's contribution to the maintenance of the School House, and the future potential for the Watt Farmhouse to be transferred to Armour Township.

Rabies Clinic

No discussion.

Burk's Falls, Armour and Ryerson Union Public Library

The 2018 draft budget was reviewed. It was noted that patrons using the library from McMurrich Monteith have increased substantially and the current funding agreement will be reviewed.

Librarian Nieves Guijarro shared that future planning and reporting will use a study to allow a dollar figure to be assigned to the social return of library programs. This would help to quantify the value of the public library already recognized by patrons and staff.

Tri R Landfill Site and Recycling Centre

Reeve MacPhail reviewed the new landfill model and described the process for implementing the changes to administration. The site will be closed Tuesday/Wednesday but open holiday Mondays from May 24 through Thanksgiving. This significantly reduces the wages line in the budget. Net operating (45% of budget) will be shared equally by all three partners and the remainder will be based on usage (55%). Usage stats have been provided and will continue to be tracked. Data excludes curbside pick-up amounts for Burk's Falls.

Existing landfill passes/tags will be valid through June 30, 2018. Beginning July 1, 2018 the digital card system will be in place and cards will be programmed with bags for half of the year (20 bags?). Additional bags may be purchased for \$3/bag.

Following this transition, in 2019 Councils will determine how to pay for their portion of the usage (i.e. continue to subsidize through taxation or fee paid directly by user).

There was a discussion about waste brought in by private haulers and the challenges of tracking bags allotted to residents. The charge per load to private contractors may also affect these businesses. It was suggested that residents that contract a private hauler could sign a waiver assigning their allotted bags to the business.

Other budgetary issues were discussed including the division of future closing costs and the formula for purchasing capital. It was noted that there are few capital purchases anticipated for the landfill.

Administrator Amy Tilley answered questions about the proposed tipping fees. A resolution in support of the tipping fees as presented will be circulated to Ryerson and Burk's Falls. Fees will then be incorporated into Armour's Fees By-law.

Burk's Falls and Area Community Economic Development

Economic Development Officer Dave Gray provided the rationale for the draft 2018 budget as presented: based on remaining funded amounts for both wages and projects, FedNor has suggested that the CIINO contract could be extended beyond the current project end-date (March 31, 2018) through to the end of 2018.

The amendment to extend the project will also include changes to the budget lines. These were reviewed. Further changes were made after the proposed budget was circulated so an updated version will be submitted. Resolutions of support from each Council to extend the contract were requested.

The Community Economic Development Officer noted that the Central Almaguin Economic Development Association (CAEDA) and EcoDev (the economic development committee for Magnetawan, Perry and McMurrich/Monteith) are currently pursuing a collaboration to share resources.

In combination with the proposed extension of our current project there is an opportunity to implement aspects of a regional model (including shared projects) while working toward a larger funding request to support a regional department when the current funded projects expire.

Other Business

None noted.

Next Meeting: Hosted by Ryerson on January 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Note: updated budgets from each department to be circulated to Councils prior to this meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Original signed by Glenn Miller

REEVE

Original signed by Leanne Fetterley

DEPUTY CLERK