

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES

October 1, 2019

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening October 1, 2019. Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council members present: Mayor George Sterling, Councillors Barbara Marlow, Delynne Patterson, Celia Finley and Penny Brandt.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Judy Kosowan, Lloyd Van Duzen and Nancy Field.

Public in attendance: Kathy Baker, Paul Van Dam, Stan Koebel, Carol Koebel, Darla Mamone, Johnny Mamone, Judy Ransome, John Finley.

Notice of this meeting was put on the website, posted on the front door of the office and recorded on the telephone voice message.

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the regular meeting September 17, 2019 were adopted as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Patterson and seconded by Councillor Marlow.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None declared.

Celia Finley requested that the Integrity Commissioner be contacted to clarify if she may have a perceived interest because John Finley (spouse) is a delegate at tonight's meeting. Councillor Finley requested that there be no vote by Council to sign the Magnetawan Ridge Runners Land Use Permission until the opinion of the Integrity Commissioner is received.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Carol Koebel attended on behalf of the Magnetawan Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club to ask for Land Use Permission. The Public Works Supervisor and representatives from the snowmobile club will attend site visits and provide more information at the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting for Council's further consideration.

#### **DELEGATION**

John Finley presented notes that he had prepared to council requesting that some safety concerns with the snowmobile trails crossing his driveway be resolved this year.

~~Mr. Finley also presented, on behalf of Chris Blythe, salient points to be considered before granting the annual OFSC Land Use Permission.~~

*Note: emailed report from Chris Blythe was received and put in the agenda package.*

#### **TENDERS/QUOTES/REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

Council considered a new proposal from Tulloch Engineering for Engineer of Record consulting and engineering services. It was decided to rescind the resolution passed at the last meeting and renew the contract with the new proposal, terminating on December 31, 2021. The hourly rates will increase by 1.9% on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year as per the attached schedule as noted in the below resolution.

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

~~The topic of Council remuneration and expenses was brought forward for further discussion. Details from this discussion will be included in the 2020 budget deliberations.~~

Resolution to rescind resolution #4 and #5, dated Sept. 17, 2019 regarding Council attendance at conferences: was withdrawn

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:** The Public Works Supervisor provided a verbal update to Council about the Roads Department operations so far this fall. The 2019 road work is almost completed on Midlothian Road and the focus will be turning to winter operations.

**DEPUTY CLERK:** An update was provided to Council about the recent release of information from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing about Adding a Second Unit and the guide that is available for reference now to help accelerate the development of affordable housing.

Building Code Services Transformation is offering an information session and a request for a Councillor attend was made. A resolution was adopted as noted below.

**CLERK:** The Clerk provided information to Council about the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry proposed changes to the Aggregate Resources Act.

### **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillor Patterson delivered information in written reports for the Burk's Falls, Armour and Ryerson Union Public Library Board and for the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society Meeting.

Mayor Sterling presented a written report from the September 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting he attended for Eastholme A couple of highlights from the report are, they are hiring a nutrition expert and are checking into wholesale energy for cost savings.

Mayor Sterling also attended the Planning Board meeting recently and provided a written report.

~~Councillor Brandt attended the Joint Building Committee meeting and provided information and a brief summary of the meeting.~~

*Note: Councillor Brandt: Written Joint Building Committee Report*

A resolution was passed as noted below.

Councillor Finley provided an update regarding the Almaguin Amazing Race held on Saturday September 28, 2019. Council was also provided a verbal report from the first meeting of the Ryerson Recreation and Parks Committee.

Councillor Marlow: Near North Enviro-Education Centre offered a symposium for Communities on Climate Change, Are We Ready. Council received a verbal report about the effects of climate change on human health, energy, the stresses on biodiversity and eco-systems.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS**

- Sylvia Mason: Harvest Festival Noise Exemption
- Joint Building Committee: Permit Summary
- Ontario Wholesale Energy: Large Volume Proposal for Eastholme
- Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC): News release re Echocardiography Program, Capital Plan Development Up-date # 29
- Burks Falls, Armour and Ryerson Union Public Library Board: Minutes August 21, 2019
- Joint Building Committee meeting: Draft Minutes September 19, 2019
- Burks Falls & District Historical Society: Minutes September 16, 2019

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Council moved to a closed meeting at 8:02 p.m. Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion and returned to the open meeting at 8:25 p.m.

### **BY-LAWS**

By-law # 40-19 to confirm the meetings of Council.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting on September 17, 2019 be adopted as circulated.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council request quotes for proposals for municipal legal services.

(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council rescind resolution number 3, dated September 17, 2019 regarding Engineer of Record Services.

(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the proposal from Tulloch Engineering to renew the Engineer of Record Services contract for two years, terminating on December 31, 2021. The hourly rates will increase by 1.9% on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year as per the attached schedule.

(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize: Penny Brandt to attend the Building Code Services Transformation information session October 7, 2019 in North Bay.

(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the Joint Building Committee resolution number 2019-024 recommending that the Township of Strong staff be directed to prepare tender for purchase of an Inspection Vehicle, for inclusion in the 2020 budget.

(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council move to a close session at 8:02 p.m. pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, c.25 Section 239(2) a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter is Section 239(2) (d) regarding labour relations or employee negotiations. The general nature is Building Department Human Resources.

(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 40-19, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law #40 -19 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2019.

(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 8:29 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

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MAYOR

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CLERK