

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

October 15, 2019

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening October 15, 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, Nancy Field, Dave McNay, Joe Readman, Ken Stevenson.

Public in attendance: Diane Brandt, Paul Van Dam, Beverly Abbott, Judy Ransome.

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

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting October 1, 2019 be adopted as amended: Delegation note e-mail from Chris Blythe was received and put in the agenda package; Councillor Reports, Penny Brandt note: written Joint Building Committee report; Resolution to rescind resolutions number 4 and 5 dated September 17, 2019 regarding council attendance at conferences was withdrawn. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

DELEGATIONS

Diane Brandt attended from the Burks Falls and District Historical Society and provided a written report and the 2020 budget. The Historical Society would like a statement of the in-kind contribution made by the Township of Ryerson for maintenance of the School House. A request was made to install a screen door and repair the siding for the 2020 season. Council was informed that the property is a geo-caching site and a request to notify the municipal insurers of this activity was noted.

Paul Van Dam addressed Council with numerous concerns. Topics included: road safety on Midlothian Road along the Magnetawan River and narrow roads throughout the Township; Peggs Mountain Road pit future discussions to include the road spring flooding issue, water table levels in the proposed pit and the security of the rock face; Noise By-law up-date; public meeting needed to clarify trailer/tiny homes issues; would appreciate more chance of public input at council meetings; spring flooding and control of dams on Magnetawan River.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Council directed that the municipal solicitor review the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club land use agreement and to provide an opinion from a risk management perspective.

A resolution from June 2019 regarding municipal service delivery reviews was referenced and an up-date of that resolution will be brought to the next meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Written report providing road department up-dates was received by Council.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Deputy Fire Chief Ken Stevenson presented the 2020 draft fire department budget. A resolution was adopted as noted below. Information was provided about the background of regional fire department initiatives.

BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT: By-Law Quarterly written report was received. Question raised regarding 'building permit checks x 3' will be forwarded to the By-law Enforcement Officer for response.

DEPUTY CLERK: Written report regarding an Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers workshop was received by Council.

TREASURER: The 2019 Third Quarter Budget up-date written report and the Budget Variance Report as of September 30, 2019 were received by Council. A letter from Grant Thornton regarding audit services renewal was noted and further information will be provided at a future meeting.

CLERK: Council received the Tri R Waste Management Report from Armour Township and further information regarding the garbage bag allotment will be brought forward at a future council meeting.

Council received a written summary report regarding Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, including a resolution from the Village of Burks Falls. Burks Falls will be hosting a meeting October 23, 2019 with a representative from Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor Sterling attended the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare teleconference and the minutes from that meeting October 4, 2019 were provided to Council.

Councillor Marlow provided a written report regarding a recent Doctors Recruitment Fair held in Sudbury, and Mayor Still's up-date regarding the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) at the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS

- Joint Building Committee, 2019 annual permit summary
- Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Report on Liability and Insurance Reforms - resolution adopted
- Burk's Falls, Armour, Ryerson Union Public Library re: Library week Patron Appreciation Day
- Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society re: Annual awards dinner
- Taste of Almaguin, Farm to Table Event
- Municipality of Magnetawan Letter re: their meeting September 18th, 2019

OTHER BUSINESS

A special meeting for Council orientation for education purposes with Harold Elston, the Integrity Commissioner, to review the Code of Conduct has been scheduled for Tuesday November 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

A special meeting to review the draft procedural by-law will be scheduled at the November 5, 2019 meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Council moved to a closed meeting at 7:57 p.m. Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion. Direction was given to the CAO/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer and Council returned to the open meeting at 9:13 p.m.

BY-LAWS

By-law # 41-19 to confirm the meetings of Council.

By-law # 42-19 to appoint a Building Inspector.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the Burks Falls and District Fire Department draft 2020 budget, for presentation at the Oct. 28, 2019 Tri-Council meeting. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) report and recommendations on liability and insurance cost reforms entitled "A Reasonable Balance: Addressing growing municipal liability and insurance costs". (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 41-19, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law #41-19 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 15th day of October, 2019. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow, that we move to a closed session at 7:57 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (e) as the subject matter being considered is regarding potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the Municipality or local board. The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss: litigation affecting the Municipality; and 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: a Building Department human resources matter; and pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (b) as the subject matter being considered is regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss: municipal complaints. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 42 -19, being a By-law to appoint a Building Inspector and further; That By-Law #42 -19 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 15th day of October, 2019. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 9:15 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK