

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

April 7, 2020

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening April 7, 2020. Electronic attendance was supported using Zoom. Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff in attendance: Nancy Field and Brayden Robinson

Public in attendance: Paul Van Dam

Notice of this meeting, that allowed electronic attendance during a COVID-19 declared Health Emergency, 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 March 3, 2020 and the Tri-Council meeting March 9, 2020 were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Patterson and seconded by Councillor Brandt.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

TENDERS/QUOTES/REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Roadside Mowing PW 1-20 tender was awarded to Hodge Excavation in the amount of \$4,292.00 plus HST. Resolution is noted below.

STAFF REPORTS:

FIRE CHIEF: Dave McNay provided Council with a written report of the Fire Department updates and a copy of the plan by the local fire departments for dispatching procedures that have been implemented limiting the Fire Service Personnel of potential exposure to COVID-19 as an effort to help control the spread of the virus.

PUBLIC WORKS: Lloyd Van Duzen provided a written report of the Roads Department updates for Council and also a request to purchase tires and rims for the Grader. A resolution is noted below.

DEPUTY CLERK: Concerns were expressed about the timing of the 2020 Yard Sale and a decision was made to cancel the event this year due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 emergency. A resolution is noted below.

TREASURER: Brayden Robinson provided Council a written report of the Finance Department updates. Shared services budgets were considered by Council as per the resolutions noted below.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Councillor Finley: Information was provided regarding events being planned by the Regional

Recreation Committee. It was noted that Melanie Alkins an Advisor with Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) is proceeding with grant applications for the Amazing Race, Haunted Highlands and Northern Expo. Councillor Finley recommended that Council support these events. Councillor Marlow requested a recorded vote. A resolution is noted below.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER BUSINESS

Regional Recreation Committee: Amazing Race, Haunted Highlands and Northern Expo.

Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED): Support of the broadband service improvement project with Spectrum.

BY-LAWS

By-law # 10-20 to enter into a contract with Danval Construction.

By-law # 11-20 to confirm the meetings of Council.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting March 3, 2020 and the Tri-Council meeting March 9, 2020 be adopted as circulated. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the tender PW 1-20 for roadside mowing from Hodge Excavating for the amount of \$4,292.00 plus HST. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the purchase of tires and rims for the Grader. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council will cancel the June 20th, 2020 Yard Sale due to the uncertainty of Covid-19 emergency. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2020 net arena budget in the amount of \$257,468.00, with Ryerson's share to be \$85,823.00. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$2,350.00 will be put into an arena reserve. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2020 net fire budget in the amount of \$437,374.00, with Ryerson's share to be \$103,045.00. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$1,950.00 will be put into a fire reserve. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2020 net Tri-R Waste Management budget in the amount of \$173,245.00, with Ryerson's share to be \$55,272.00. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$2,130.00 will be put into a landfill reserve. Recorded

Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2020 South East Parry Sound Regional Fire Training Officer budget in the amount of \$83,408.00, with Ryerson's share to be \$3,930.00. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council approve the 2020 ACED Budget in the amount of \$256,859.00 with the Ryerson share to be \$14,226.00 Recorded Vote, Yea: None. Nay: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. (Defeated)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council hereby receives and approves the report prepared by the Recreation Coordinator for 2020/21 Almaguin Regional Recreation's events; and

Further Council agrees to support up to \$1,417.50 for the combined projects of the Amazing Race, Haunted Highlands and the Northern Expo. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: Councillor Marlow (Carried)

WHEREAS, reliable, high speed, affordable access to the Internet and e-connectivity is imperative for Ryerson Township residents, businesses, non-profit organizations and visitors; and

WHEREAS, internet and e-connectivity are changing how humans interact with each other and with the world at large, as well as being a driving force for the current and future economy; and

WHEREAS, internet and e-connectivity create opportunity for increased innovation for consumers, businesses, agriculture, government; education, social and health development and

WHEREAS, municipalities that prioritize and provide access to advanced internet infrastructure such as fibre, are surpassing those that do not in terms of social, economic, and knowledge development; and

WHEREAS, Ryerson Township must plan and prioritize for the deployment and adoption of this infrastructure including but not limited to pursuing collaborations and partnerships in the efforts to effectively achieve greater access to affordable high-speed internet throughout the region, and

WHEREAS, much of Ryerson Township does not have access to greater than 5Mbps internet service, which is well below the CRTC standard of 50/10 Mbps, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of Ryerson Township acknowledges that access to the internet and e-connectivity is a crucial part of our community mission to promote public safety, health, well-being and prosperity in order to improve the quality of life for present and future generations,

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ryerson Township supports Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation's application to all government Broadband funding programs that will seek to provide funding to Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd to build a fibre and wireless access project in the region of Almaguin and North Parry Sound. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling.
Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 10-20, being a By-law to allow Ryerson Township Council to enter into a

contract with Danval Construction Company to procure their services to replace the Ryerson Township Garage Roof and further; That By-Law #10-20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 7th day of April, 2020. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 11-20, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 11-20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 7th day of April, 2020. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:02 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Marlow, Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Original signed by George Sterling

MAYOR

Original signed by George Sterling

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK