

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

April 7, 2020

A special meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday April 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to amend the Procedural By-law to allow electronic attendance during a declared emergency, and to review a By-law to authorize the delegation of authority during the 2020 COVID-19 public health emergency.

Members of Council were notified of this special meeting on March 31, 2020 and confirmed by e-mail April 1, 2020. Notice of the meeting was posted in the office and on the outside door. The public was notified by the posting of the agenda on the website on April 3, 2020. The meeting was arranged by using the Zoom platform to allow members of Council and the public to attend virtually using their phones or computers.

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

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field and Judy Kosowan

Members of the public present: John Finley and Paul Van Dam

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** (none declared)

**DISCUSSIONS:**

Deputy Clerk Nancy Field provided Council with a verbal report about the passing of Bill 187, which provides municipalities the option to allow for electronic attendance at open and closed meetings of Councils, committees, and certain local boards, and allows members participating in this manner to be counted towards quorum, during emergencies declared by the Province or a local Head of Council. Changes that had to be made to the Procedural By-law to allow for this were highlighted. A resolution is noted below.

Deputy Clerk Nancy Field explained to Council that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing advised the Township to have a By-law authorizing the delegation of authority, as a proactive measure towards mitigating problems that may be encountered during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**BY-LAWS**

By-law # 20-13 to govern the procedure of meetings, as amended April 7, 2020

By-law #09-20 to authorize the delegation of authority during a COVID-19 health emergency

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council approve the amended Procedural By-law 20-13 to allow electronic attendance at Councils, Committees and Board meetings during a locally or provincially declared emergency. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council approve the By-law to Authorize the Delegation of Authority to the CAO/Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and the Treasurer to conduct certain business, which requires timely decision, of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson and its Council during the COVID-19 public health emergency. (Carried)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Original Signed by George Sterling

MAYOR

Original signed by Nancy Field

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK