

# **CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

May 19, 2020

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening May 19, 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: Judy Kosowan, Nancy Field and Brayden Robinson.

Public in attendance: Paul Van Dam.

Presenter in attendance: Judy Kleinhuis.

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 May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** None declared.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Judy Kleinhuis, Accountant from Grant Thornton attended the meeting by teleconference and presented the 2019 Consolidated Financial Statements to Council. There were no issues with the audit opinion and the 2019 statements and a resolution is noted below.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

TREASURER: Provided Council with the 2020 Budget Report explaining the Ontario Regulation 284/09 and illustrated the difference between setting a balanced budget on a modified accrual basis and one set on a Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) accounting rule basis. The 2020 budget By-law was passed as noted below, with a 2.6 percent increase in the tax levy. This results in a decrease of 1.5% in the 2020 residential tax rate.

CLERK: Land Planning Appeal Tribunal (L.P.A.T.) update was provided to Council, it is noted that the Tribunal is now adjourned until September 10, 2020. A staff report was received by Council to update the 2020 meeting schedule due to Covid-19 and the municipal garage roof replacement, a resolution is noted below. The Clerk provided Council an update about the Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) position recruitment.

#### **COUNCILLOR REPORT(S)**

COUNCILLOR MARLOW: Reported about the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) regarding Northern Ontario Affordable Housing (N.O.A.H) received the funding for fifteen affordable housing units to be built in Sundridge.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER BUSINESS**

- Joint Building Committee (JBC) Special meeting minutes May7, 2020.
- Joint Building Committee (JBC) 2020 Budget was discussed and a resolution to approve the budget in the amount of \$234,378.00 is noted below.

**BY-LAWS**

By-law # 16-20 to set the tax rates.  
By-law # 17-20 to confirm the meetings of Council.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting May 5, 2020 be adopted as circulated. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Patterson Councillor Marlow, and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson accept the Township of Ryerson Consolidated Financial Statements for 2019 and the 2019 Burks Falls and District Fire Department Financial Statements. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the 2020 Budget Report, excluding expenses as per Ontario Regulation 284/09. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that due to challenges associated with COVID-19 restrictions, in addition to restrictions relating to the roof replacement at the Municipal Garage and Offices in July, that the schedule for up-coming Council meetings be as follows: One meeting in June on June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.; no regular Council meeting scheduled in July; one meeting in August on August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the recommendation from the Joint Building Committee and approve the 2020 budget in the amount of \$234,378.00. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 16-20, being a By-law to set Tax Rates for 2020 and further; That By-Law # 16 -20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020. Recorded vote: Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 17-20, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 17-20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:18 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Recorded Vote, Yea: Councillor Brandt, Councillor Finley, Councillor Marlow, Councillor Patterson and Mayor Sterling. Nay: None (Carried)

Original signed by George Sterling

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MAYOR

Original signed by Nancy Field

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CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK