

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

March 2, 2021

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday evening March 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. This was a fully electronic meeting via Zoom because our region was in Provincial lockdown due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was announced, and it was noted that the meeting is being recorded.

This was an electronic meeting via Zoom, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Sterling and Councillor Barb Marlow participated from the municipal office via Zoom.

Council members attending electronically: Delynne Patterson, Penny Brandt, Celia Finley.

Staff in attendance at the municipal office attending via Zoom: Nancy Field, Brayden Robinson, Judy Kosowan.

Public attending electronically: Judy Ransome, Paul Van Dam, Lee McConnell (Almaguin News)

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes from the special meeting February 16, 2021 and regular meeting February 16, 2021 and special meeting February 23, 2021 were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Brandt and seconded by Councillor Patterson. (Carried)

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

BUSINESS ARISING / ACTIVITY LOG:

Council looked at the shared services budgets at the Tri Council meeting held on February 22, 2021. The 2021 budget for Burk's Falls, Armour and Ryerson Memorial Arena, Burk's Falls and District Fire Department, and the Tri-R Waste Management were brought back to this meeting to provide council an opportunity for further discussion. Council had no further comments and the resolutions are noted below.

The Burk's Falls and District Historical Society budget was received by Council and after a discussion Council made the decision to increase our donation to \$1000.00 in addition to our annual in-kind donation for maintenance at the Wiseman Corner's School site to help offset increased costs to operate over the years and the value of preserving local history. Our representative was asked to take Council's ideas of ways to generating income back to share with the board. Resolution is noted below.

The 2021 Library Board budget was received by Council for consideration and the resolution is noted below.

STAFF REPORTS

DEPUTY CLERK: A report by Nancy Field to Council providing updates for 2021 Spring Freshet.

TREASURER: Department updates were received in a written report to Council, the report also included additional information with respect to various sources of funding available in 2021. Brayden Robinson spoke to Council and highlighted phase II of the Municipal Modernization Program.

CLERK: Judy Kosowan spoke to Council about the draft, Request for Proposals for a Human Resources Vendor of Record that was included for Councils consideration and comments. No comments were received, and a resolution is noted below.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Mayor Sterling reported on the South East Parry Sound District Planning Board Meeting February 25, 2021.

Councillor Brandt provided updates to Council from the Joint Building Committee meeting.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

- District of Parry Sound Municipal Association: notice of meeting cancellations for 2021
- Joint Building Committee meeting minutes and draft 2021 budget
- Expertise for Municipalities (E4M): Information on services available

BY-LAWS

By-law # 09-21 to Confirm meetings of Council.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that the minutes from the special meeting February 16, 2021 and regular meeting February 16, 2021 and special meeting February 23, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow Patterson, Sterling.
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley Seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2021 net arena budget in the amount of \$241,022.00, with Ryerson's share to be \$80,341.00. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$1,933.00 will be put into an arena reserve.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow Patterson, Sterling.
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2021 net fire budget in the amount of \$463,720.00, with Ryerson's share to be \$109,252.00. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$2,019.00 will be put into a fire reserve.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling.
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2021 net Tri-R Waste Management budget in the amount of \$223,495.00, with Ryerson's share to be \$70,668.00. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$2,358.00 will be put into a landfill reserve.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling.
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt, Whereas Ryerson Township Council has received the Burks Falls and District Historical Society 2021 Budget (dated October 13, 2020),

Now therefore be it resolved that we donate \$1000.00 to the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society in addition to our annual in-kind donation for maintenance of the Wiseman Corner's School site.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling.
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2021 net Library Board budget in the amount of \$139,558.00. Ryerson's share to be \$31,945.00.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling. No: Brandt
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the submission of an application under the Municipal Modernization Program- Phase II, for a third-party review of municipal operations.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling.
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize the Public Works Supervisor to go to tender for Midlothian Road RAP application, granular 'A' gravel, crushed granite, roadside mowing, and bridge inspections.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling.
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the issuance of an RFP for a Human Resources Vendor of Record.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling.
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 09-21, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 09-21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 2 day of March, 2021.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling.
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 6:59 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Marlow, Patterson, Sterling.
(Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK