

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

October 5, 2021

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday October 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting combining electronic meeting via Zoom, phone and in person due to the COVID-19 Pandemic precautions.

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.

Mayor Sterling and Councillor Marlow participated from the municipal office.

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

Staff in attendance at the municipal office: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, Dave McNay, Cameron Haffner, Judy Kosowan.

Staff in attendance via Zoom: Caitlin Deevey.

Delegation in attendance via Zoom: Madonna Hall.

Public attending by phone or electronically: Nieves Guijarro, Paul Van Dam, Judy Ransome.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

The minutes from the regular meeting September 21, 2021 were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Marlow and seconded by Councillor Finley.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

DELEGATION:

Madonna Hall attended to discuss the Noise By-law with Council, as there are ongoing issues with very loud generators running constantly near her property. Council will follow up on issues raised and the noise by-law will be updated.

REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Dave McNay, Ken Stevenson and Cameron Haffner attended to present the draft 2022 fire budget. Several amendments will be made as discussed and the draft budget will be considered further at the October 19, 2021, meeting.

TREASURER: Brayden Robinson followed up regarding the Asset Management Plan. No further comments were received, and the Asset Management Plan was adopted.

DEPUTY CLERK: Nancy Field provided a staff report regarding the Emergency Management Compliance report and a resolution was adopted.

CLERK: Council discussed the vaccination policy, and adopted the resolution noted below. Council reviewed a council vacancy policy and direction was provided by resolution. A resolution appointing a signing officer was adopted.

BREAK: A break was called at 7:36 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councillor Brandt reported on the Joint Building Committee meeting minutes and the matter of tiny homes and affordable housing.

Councillor Finley expressed concerns about the extension of the original three-year agreement for the Almaguin Highlands Community Economic Development (ACED) agreement and about the proportion that Ryerson is paying.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

- Joint Building Committee Minutes
- Paul Van Dam: Noise By-law
- Arena COVID-19 Policy
- Colin Love: requested permission to allow parking at the Wiseman Corner Museum for a one day Restoration Festival event. Council adopted a resolution as noted below
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs: Vaccination Guidance

BY-LAWS

By-law # 46-21 to adopt the Asset Management Plan

By-law # 47-21 to adopt a COVID-19 policy

By-law # 48-21 to confirm the meetings of Council

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting September 21, 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 Patterson, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 46-21, being a By-law to adopt the Asset Management Plan and further; That By-Law # 46-21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 5th day of October 2021.

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

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council confirm that the Township has reached compliance for the 2020 Emergency Management Program.

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 leave be given to introduce a Bill # 47-21, being a By-law to adopt the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy and further; That By-Law # 47-21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 5th day of October 2021.

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

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council direct Staff to proceed with Option 1, failing Option 1 then proceed with Option 2 as outlined in the Council Vacancy Report.

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

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley Whereas Ryerson Township Council is required to appoint a new signing officer, as Councillor Marlow has indicated that she will be resigning; Now Therefore be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council appoint Delyne Patterson to be added as a signing officer effective October 28, 2021.

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 parking at the Wiseman Corners School Heritage Centre at 112 Midlothian Road for the Restoration Festival on Sunday October 17, 2021, pending:

Receipt of proof of additional insurance naming the Township of Ryerson as additional insured Approval from the Burks Falls and District Historical Society.

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 leave be given to introduce a Bill # 48-21, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 48-21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 5th day of October 2021.

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

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 8:05 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK