

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**December 21, 2021**

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday December 21, 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 participated from the municipal office.

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

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

Public attending by phone or electronically: Nieves Guijarro, Hilda Tota, Paul Van Dam, Judy Ransome, Sarah Cooke (Almaguin News).

Presenters in attendance via Zoom: Harold Elston, Amy Tilley.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

The minutes from the special meeting and regular meetings December 7, 2021, were adopted as amended, the resolution regarding the shared services advisory committee, is to be rescinded and rewritten, on a motion moved by Councillor Patterson and seconded by Councillor Brandt.

Councillor Patterson declared a Conflict of Interest: I, Delynne Patterson, declare a pecuniary interest in item 5.2 on the December 21 2021 Council agenda. I am making this declaration because the matter before Council is the consideration of the appointment of a Member of Ryerson Council to the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board. In an abundance of caution, as council is considering appointing myself to this board, I declare a pecuniary interest in the matter because, if appointed, I will receive remuneration by the Parry Sound DSSAB. I confirm that I will not vote on the matter, I will not take part in the discussion on any question in respect of the matter, and I will not attempt in any way whether before, during or after the meeting to influence voting on any such question.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Harold Elston, Integrity Commissioner, attended the meeting via Zoom, to present a report on the matter of a complaint against Councillor Celia Finley., regarding the May 18 2021 meeting of Council.

Mr. Elston's report found that Councillor Finley breached sections 6.1, 7.1 and 7.2 and 15.1 of the Code of Conduct.

Mr. Elston recommended that Councillor Finley be reprimanded and that she receive the maximum sanction allowed by law, a suspension of her remuneration for 90 days.

Mr. Elston was thanked for attending the meeting and he left the meeting.

Council discussed the complaint system and the current code of conduct and integrity commissioner protocol policies and would like to review these at a future meeting.

Council decided to defer the matter as noted in the resolution below.

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator attended to provide information on the December 21 2021 report on bag tally statistics and the issuance of free bags for 2022.

Council decided to keep the number of free bags at 45 per year as noted in the resolution below.

Amy Tilley was thanked for attending and she left the meeting.

#### BUSINESS ARISING:

The Digital Modernization and Service Delivery Review report was received by resolution.

Councillor Patterson noted the previously declared pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Council received a copy of the letter sent from Ryerson to the municipalities regarding representation for Area 4 of the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board. Resolutions appointing Delynne Patterson were received from Burks Falls, Kearney, McMurrich/Monteith and Perry. A letter of advice to Councillor Patterson from Harold Elston was also provided to Council.

Council discussed the appointment process and deferred this matter to a future meeting. Councillor Patterson returned to the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Council received a summary of current appointments to various committees and deferred this matter to a future meeting.

Copies of correspondence to and from the Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) Board was noted.

Correspondence from Burks Falls and Armour regarding the proposed shared services advisory committees was discussed and a resolution adopted as noted below.

#### REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: December Fire Chief's report received.

CLERK: Judy Kosowan provided Council with the Accessibility Plan and it was adopted by By-law.

COUNCIL: Councillor Finley reported that participation in the Santa Claus parade was very successful with 50 floats in the parade.

Councillor Brandt provided an update on the November Joint Building Committee (JBC) statistics.

#### COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

FONOM Conference, North Bay May 9,10,11 2022 in North Bay, will be brought forward to the next meeting.

A request for a donation was received from the Almaguin Community Hatchery Program and a resolution was adopted.

#### Information Items Received:

Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) December 13 2021 Minutes and ACED Promotional Video.

#### BY-LAWS

By-law # 60-21 to adopt the Accessibility Plan

By-law # 61-21 By-law # 59-21 to confirm the meetings of Council,

#### RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that the minutes from the special and regular meetings December 7 2021 be adopted as amended. The resolution regarding the shared services advisory committee is to be rescinded and rewritten.

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

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Vella, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council defer the Integrity Commissioner Report to a future meeting.  
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Council of the Township of Ryerson approve the issuance of 45 free garbage bags, for 2022, to property owners with residence/cottage/licensed trailer on their property and tenants within the Township of Ryerson. No free garbage bags shall be issued to property owners of Commercial/Industrial operations.  
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has received the Digital Modernization and Service Delivery Review from Shaping Organizational Solutions (SOS) dated December 2021.  
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Vella, be it resolved that resolution # 4-21 from the December 7 2021 meeting regarding the sub-committee proposal for shared services be rescinded.  
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Sterling. No: Vella.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support resolution # 2021-218 from the Village of Burks Falls recommending 4 Tri-Council meetings per year, minimum of 4.  
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 60 -21, being a By-law to adopt the Accessibility Plan and further; That By-Law # 60-21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2021.  
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$500.00 to the Almaguin Community Hatchery Program.  
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 61 -21, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 61 -21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2021.  
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt, that we move to a closed session at 7:32p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (d) as the subject matter being considered is regarding labour relations or employee negotiations; and pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) as the subject matter being considered is regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss the Joint Building Committee employee compensation, and working relationships.  
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support Resolution Number 2021-031 dated November 18, 2021 from the Joint Building Committee, recommending to the member municipalities that the CBO wage be increased to 2022: \$105,000. and 2023: \$110,000.

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

Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council advertise for the Administrative Intern position.

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

Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 8:23p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 18 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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MAYOR

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CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK