

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

AMENDED REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

December 7, 2021

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday December 7, 2021, at 6:07 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 6:07 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. Joe Vella attended via telephone.

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

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

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

The minutes from the special meeting and regular meetings November 2, 2021, were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Patterson and seconded by Councillor Brandt.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

PRESENTATION:

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator attended to provide information on the Foodcycler™ pilot project. A resolution was adopted, noted below.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Information and resolutions were received from the Township of Armour and the Village of Burks Falls regarding the proposed replacement of the Fire Hall for the Burks Falls and District Fire Department. A resolution was adopted, noted below.

Armour Township provided information and draft terms of reference for a proposal to establish a proposed Advisory Committee for Shared Services. Correspondence will be sent to Armour and Burks Falls as per the resolution noted below.

Council considered an updated draft Noise By-law and provided comments. The by-law will be updated and brought to a future meeting.

Council discussed municipal contributions to the Almaguin Community Economic Development Board (ACED). Correspondence will be sent to ACED as outlined in the resolution below. The topic of future funding for ACED will be scheduled for a future meeting.

REPORTS:

DEPUTY CLERK: Nancy Field provided a staff report on the Planning Workshop held November 24, 25, 2021. It was noted that a special meeting has been scheduled for Monday December 20, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. to receive information from the Planner Rick Hunter about housekeeping changes to the Zoning By-law.

CLERK: Information about the new Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund was noted.

Judy Kosowan provided Council with the updated COVID-19 Vaccination Policy, and it was adopted by By-law.

A staff report regarding Committee appointments was provided and this item will be brought forward to the next meeting.

Council: Councillor Brandt provided an update on the Joint Building Committee (JBC) statistics. The JBC closed meeting item will be deferred to a future meeting.

Council discussed the Digital Modernization and Service Delivery Report and will discuss the report in detail at a future special meeting as noted in the resolution below.

COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

Information was received from the District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) regarding a vacancy on the Board for Area 4. A letter from Councillor Patterson was received indicating interest in the Board vacancy. Resolutions from Armour, Burks Falls, Perry, McMurrich/Monteith were also received.

Councillor Brandt brought to Council's attention that she received a letter from the Township of McMurrich/Monteith Reeve Angela Friesen, which raised a concern that Councillor Patterson had not been appointed by Ryerson Council. The letter was read to Council.

Councillor Patterson provided an explanation.

The Clerk was directed to contact the municipalities to follow up with this.

Councillor Patterson lost computer connection to the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Information regarding Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) regarding a Conflict Relationships virtual Workshop was received and a resolution adopted.

A request for a donation to Crime Stoppers was received and a resolution adopted.

Information Items Received:

JBC Minutes Sept. 16th, JBC Statistics

ACED Minutes Oct. 18th

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre (AHHC) Nov. 5th minutes and Nov. Progress Report

Armour Township update on Doe Lake Flood Coalition

Councillor Patterson returned to the meeting via telephone at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Burks Falls Physiotherapy Services update

POA meeting correspondence

DSSAB Strategic Plan

Library Minutes Oct. 20th

BY-LAWS

By-law # 57-21 to update and adopt the Vaccination Policy

By-law # 58-21 to enter into a Fire Dispatch Agreement

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

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that the minutes from the special and regular meetings November 02, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

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 Ryerson Township Council receive the report from the Waste Management Administrator regarding FoodCycler™, household organic waste diversion, and further That Council approve the recommendation for the development of an organic waste diversion initiative through the introduction of a pilot program in partnership with Food Cycle Science, utilizing Food Cycle Science's FoodCycler™ technology, and further; That Council approve a Municipally subsidized purchase of 100 FoodCycler™ units.

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 the Council of the Township of Ryerson agrees, in principle, to begin planning for the replacement of the Burks Falls and District Fire Hall and approves the following next steps for this project:

1. There should be some monies included in the 2022 Fire Department budget to start this project. If these monies are not spent in 2022, then they should be deposited in a building fund to be used for this project.
2. The Township of Armour will endeavour to purchase a 24-acre piece of land on the corner of Ferguson and Peggs Mountain Roads from the Ministry of Transportation. If this purchase is not feasible then other lands will be considered. Whatever land is purchased for the fire hall, it should only have one owner on title.
3. Mayor Cathy Still and Fire Chief Dave McNay will meet with EMS and establish if they would be interested in renting part of the new fire hall for EMS.
4. Based on the present information, the fire hall would need 8 bays or 4 drive through bays and EMS would need two bays or one drive through bay. After finding out of the EMS is interested, we would look at designing the building. Again, the building should only have one owner on title.

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

The following resolution was rescinded by resolution # 1 dated December 21, 2021:

~~Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council propose that one sub-committee be established to advise Tri-Council on issues that arise from any of the shared services: fire, arena, landfill; and further that the library be added for this purpose; and further that Armour Township update the terms of reference to reflect one sub-advisory committee rather than three and that two members from each Council be appointed to the committee.~~

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

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Vella, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council direct that correspondence be sent to the ACED Board requesting a reduction in Ryerson's annual contribution to \$5,000 for 2022.

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

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 57-21, being a By-law to update and adopt the Vaccination Policy and further; That By-Law # 57-21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 7th day of December 2021.

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

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize: Penny Brandt, Celia Finley, Delynne Patterson to attend the AMO Navigating Conflict Relationships training.

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

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Vella, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$100.00 to Near North Crime Stoppers.
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Vella, Sterling. Absent due to technical difficulties: Patterson. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 58-21, being a By-law to enter into a Fire Dispatch agreement with West Parry Sound Health Centre and further; That By-Law # 58-21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 7th day of 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 a special meeting of Council be scheduled before the end of January to review the Digital Modernization and Service Delivery Review Report.
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 leave be given to introduce a Bill # 59-21, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 59-21 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 7th day of December 2021.
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 8:24 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

Original signed by George Sterling

MAYOR

Original signed by Nancy Field

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK