

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

March 1, 2022

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday March 1, 2022, 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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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: Brenda Tota, Paul Van Dam, Nieves Guijarro, Bev Abbott, Judy Ransome.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 32 -22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that the minutes from the special meeting February 14, 2022 and regular meeting February 15, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

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

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

4. DELEGATION:

Paul Van Dam attended via telephone to clarify two emails previously sent in the fall of 2021 regarding the noise by-law and to discuss the current draft noise by-law.
Council will give further consideration to items discussed.

5. REPORTS

TREASURER: By-law for transfer payment for the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund:

R- 33 -22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 9-22, being a By-law to execute a transfer payment agreement for the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund and further; That By-Law # 9 -22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 1st day of March, 2022.

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

The date of Monday March 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. has been set for 2022 budget deliberations.

DEPUTY CLERK: Staff report received for Consent Application Numbers B-063, 064, 065/21. 2652854 Ontario Inc. (Lot 19, 20 Concession 11/12).

R- 34 -22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve Consent Applications B-063/21, B-064/21, B-065/21, Part of Lots 19 and 20, Concession 11 and 12. The following conditions will apply:

If the reference plan or other evidence discloses that either the severed property or the retained property owned by the Applicant contains a deviation road maintained by the Township as a public road, then the Applicant shall survey and transfer such deviation road to the Township as a condition of severance. The area to be surveyed and transferred shall generally be 66 feet in width and centered upon the centre line of the present traveled road. In situations where this is impractical, the Applicant should discuss how this requirement will be fulfilled with the Municipality before the reference plan is finalized.

The Township requires one copy of the draft reference plan for review prior to registration, two copies of the Final Reference Plan and a digital copy of the Final Reference Plan.

The Township will require that the one-foot reserve known as Block D Plan M-412 along the south side of Sandwood Drive be lifted prior to approval of this consent.

As a condition of severance approval, the Applicant shall pay to the Municipality in which the land is located, or otherwise satisfy the requirement for donation of Parkland set out in Section 51.1 of the Planning Act.

The Township requires that for any proposed entrance: the Public Works Supervisor will be contacted to inspect the location to determine that a safe location for an entrance can be found.

The Planning Board will be advised in writing that this condition has been met before finalization of the consent is given.

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

COUNCILLOR REPORT: Councillor Joseph Vella's written report regarding the Joint Building Committee meeting was received by Council and the following resolutions adopted:

R- 35 - 22 Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2022 Joint Building Committee (JBC) budget in the amount of \$211,803., a recommended by the Resolution # 2022-13 from the JBC.

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

R- 36 - 22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the proposal for the CGIS- CBO program as introduced at the Joint Building Committee meeting February 17, 2022. The cost to Ryerson Township would be \$1,500.00 per year.

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

R- 37- 22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the option presented at the Joint Building Committee meeting February 17, 2022, to pursue a service agreement with the Municipality of Magnetawan to cover Chief Building Officer requirements during absences of either of the Chief Building Officials due to vacation or other leave.

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

R- 38 - 22 Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the Joint Building Committee in proceeding with development of a succession plan for the Chief Building Official position, as outlined at the JBC meeting February 17, 2022.

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

6. BUSINESS ARISING

Council received the Summary of Service Delivery Review Implementation Appendix I which was discussed at the special meeting February 14, 2022.

Council received the Updated Council Committee Appointment list.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION:

Council discussed the proposed motion and decided to table the motion and obtain further information on indemnification insurance and indemnification by-laws.

R- 39 -22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt, Whereas Members of Council must be free to speak openly and honestly on all issues that come before council,
And whereas Council has been requested to consider whether there should be payment of member’s legal fees when their words spoken in council or committee meetings have been alleged to be defamatory,
And further that Council has been requested to rule on this matter and the matter of ability insurance for all councillors facing lawsuits arising from remarks made in open council meetings,
And whereas in order to encourage transparency, accountability and the freedom for all to speak in open and honest debate without fear or favour, Council must provide a safe forum,
Now therefore be it resolved that Council will fully cover members’ legal fees in this matter, and further, that Council directs the Clerk to make a report on liability insurance for defamation etc. from our Insurers, for Council’s deliberation.
Motion was tabled and no vote was taken.

8. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

- Correspondence received from Bev Abbott re: Noise and Trailer by-laws
- General Information:
 - AMO: Policy Updates
 - District Social Services Administration Board Annual Expense report

9. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 40 -22 Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 10-22, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 10-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 1st day of March, 2022.
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.
(Carried)

10. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 41 -22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:07 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m
Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.
(Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK