

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

TRI-COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

March 7, 2022

The Tri-Council meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour, Council of the Township of Ryerson and the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls was held on Monday March 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Armour, Ryerson, Burk's Falls Memorial Arena, 220 Centre Street, Burk's Falls.

Ryerson Council in person attendance: Mayor George Sterling, Councillors Penny Brandt, Delynne Patterson, Joe Vella. Staff: Judy Kosowan, Nancy Field, Brayden Robinson. Fire Department: Dave McNay, Ken Stevenson, Cameron Haffner, Joe Cremer.

Armour Council in person attendance: Mayor Bob MacPhail, Councillors Rod Ward, Jerry Brandt. Staff: John Theriault, Charlene Watt, Amy Tilley.

Burk's Falls Council in person attendance: Mayor Cathy Still, Councillors Jarvis Osborne, John Wilson, and Rex Smith.
Staff: Nicky Kunkel, Tammy Wylie, Graham Smith.

Presenters attending in person: Diane Brandt, President, Historical Society. Electronic attendance: Nieves Guijarro, CEO Library

Public attending in person: Judy Ransome.

Sarah Cooke, Almaguin News attended electronically.

The Meeting was hosted by Township of Ryerson and Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

Tri-Council 01-2022 Moved by Bob MacPhail, seconded by Cathy Still be it resolved that the minutes from the Tri-Council meeting of October 25, 2021, be accepted as presented.
(Carried)

2022 BUDGETS/REPORTS:

Burks Falls and District Historical Society

Diane Brandt, President of the Burks Falls and District Historical Society provided the Annual Report for 2021 and the 2022 budget. There were no questions regarding the report or budget.

Burks Falls, Armour and Ryerson Union Public Library

Nieves Guijarro, CEO from the Burks Falls, Armour, and Ryerson Union Public Library provided the 2022 Budget. There were no questions about the budget.

Tri-R Waste Management

Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator, reviewed several line items in the 2022 budget.

The Blue Box transition was explained, and we will transition in 2025. The bag tally and diversion reports were highlighted.

The remaining life expectancy for the landfill packer is three years and replacement is in the five-year capital plan.

Armour, Ryerson & Burks Falls Memorial Arena, and Community Centre

Graham Smith, Arena Manager reviewed 2022 budget adjustments made from the earlier draft budget. Two capital items from 2021, the bleachers and lighting upgrades have been moved to the 2022 budget. Challenges relating to COVID-19 and the Ice Usage reports were noted.

A further breakdown of the operating costs of the Zamboni was requested and Burks Falls will provide that information.

Burks Falls and District Fire Department

Fire Chief Dave McNay highlighted several line items in the 2022 fire department budget. Challenges with procurement of a mini pumper were noted and tenders for a full-size fire truck and a pickup truck were discussed.

A firefighter appreciation event will be planned for 2022.

Discussion:

Mayor MacPhail summarized the proposal from Armour for shared service advisory committees and the different options for full tri-council meetings from Burks Falls and Ryerson. The pros and cons of the committee model and full council models were discussed.

Overall, the consensus was that the goal is to have a meeting format that will support meaningful discussion of issues that arise from time to time for any of the shared services. This includes the Library and Historical Society, as well as other shared community interests such as future water/wastewater needs that may affect all three municipalities.

There was agreement that on an experimental basis, the full tri-council model will be tried with meetings held with three or four important agenda items requiring discussion and input from the three municipalities.

It was noted that if a meeting is scheduled and there are no significant agenda items at that time, then the meeting would be cancelled.

Next Meeting: June 6, 2022. Agenda items that arise to be provided to Armour Township, the host municipality.

Adjournment:

Tri-Council 02-2022 Moved by Jarvis Osborne, seconded by Cathy Still, be it resolved that we do now adjourn this Tri-Council meeting at 8:27 p.m. The next Tri-Council meeting will be held on June 6, 2022. (Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK