

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

**MINUTES
October 4, 2022**

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday October 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting combining in person, electronic meeting via Zoom.

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.

Council members in attendance: Mayor Sterling, Councillors Finley, Patterson, Vella.
Regrets: Councillor Brandt.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, Judy Kosowan.

Public attending: Barry Burton, Judy Ransome, Nieves Guijarro, Josh Lilley, Don MacCharles, John MacCharles.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 151 - 22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson.

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting September 6, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.

Absent: Brandt. (Carried)

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted, at the beginning of the meeting. Mayor Sterling declared a pecuniary interest for item 6.1 Consent B-063/22.

4. DELEGATION:

4.1 John MacCharles and Don MacCharles provided Council with information and a request for a Use of Road Allowance agreement regarding property access on Lot 6, Concession 14, South Horn Lake Road. Council will consider the presentation.

5. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP): None

6. REPORTS:

DEPUTY-CLERK:

6.1 The Deputy-Clerk provided Council with a report regarding the MacCharles property, and the following resolution was adopted.

R -152- 22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Vella,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support, in principle, the submission of a formal application from John MacCharles for a Use of Unopened Boundary Road Allowance Permit between Concession 14 Ryerson and Concession 1 Magnetawan, pending approval from the Municipality of Magnetawan and completion of all the required conditions.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.

Absent: Brandt. (Carried)

6.1 The Deputy Clerk provided a report regarding consent application B-063/22 Part Lot 15, Concession 13 (Sterling).

Mayor Sterling verbally declared a pecuniary interest as owner of the property.

Written declaration: I George Sterling declare a pecuniary interest with respect to 6.1. The general nature of the pecuniary interest is: I own the property.

The following resolution was adopted.

R-153 - 22 Moved by Councillor Vella, Seconded by Councillor Finley,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support Consent Application B-063/22, Part of Lot 15, Concession 13. 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.

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.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Finley, Patterson, Vella. Absent: Brandt.

Mayor Sterling did not vote due to declaration of pecuniary interest, as owner of the property. (Carried)

CLERK:

6.1 The Clerk provided information to Council about a Traffic Control Sign By-law. The following resolution was adopted.

R-154 -22 Moved by Councillor Vella, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 44 -22, being a By-law to authorize traffic control signs at various locations in the Township of Ryerson and further; That By-Law # 44 -22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 4th day of October 2022.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.

Absent: Brandt (Carried)

6.2 The Clerk provided a Staff Report following up about the Integrity Commissioner replacement.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

6.3 Councillor Vella provided Council with the meeting minutes from Almaguin Highlands Health Council. The following resolution was adopted. Councillor Vella will follow up with AHHC about a suggestion made regarding staffing issues and certification of foreign specialists.

R- 155 -22 Moved by Councillor Finley, Seconded by Councillor Vella,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports Resolution Number 2022-266, attached, from the Village of Burks Falls requesting a commitment from Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) to indefinitely continue the services at the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre; And further that copies of this resolution be sent to AHHC, MAHC and all municipalities in Almaguin.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.

Absent: Brandt (Carried)

Resolutions in support of Burks Fall's resolution were received from: Kearney, McMurrich/Monteith, South River, Strong, and Sundridge.

6.5 Mayor Sterling provided Council with an Eastholme report. Mayor Sterling will follow up on a suggestion that Women's Own Resource Centre may have resources to assist with new workers in the area.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING:** None

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION:** None.

9. **COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

9.1 A staff report was provided to Council regarding Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022 and the following resolution was adopted.

R- 156 -22 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Finley,

Whereas Ryerson Township Council received the letter dated August 10, 2022 from Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing pertaining to the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act;

And Whereas the Council of the Township of Ryerson does not support the Strong Mayors, Building Housing Act, as the proposed changes will not speed up construction of housing and will erode the democratic process at the local level;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that a letter be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing outlining that these proposed powers are not appropriate and that if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;

And further that copies of this resolution and letter be sent to the Premier of Ontario and MPP Graydon Smith.

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

9.2 Information was provided to Council regarding the FONOM Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution. The following resolution was adopted.

R- 157 -22 Moved by Councillor Vella, Seconded by Councillor Finley,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) call to maintain the current federal electoral districts in Northern Ontario as they exist as outlined in the letter dated September 5, 2022 to the Federal Electoral District Redistribution- Ontario Commission.

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

General Information Items Received:

- Historical Society: August Minutes
- Chief Veterinarian for Ontario re: Avian Influenza
- Joint Building Committee Statistics August 2022

10. **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

R- 158 -22 Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 45-22, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 45-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 4th day of October 2022.

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

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

R- 159 -22 Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Finley

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 6:35 p.m. The next regular meeting October 18, 2022 to be confirmed if there is enough business.

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

Original signed by George Sterling

MAYOR

Original signed by Nancy Field

DEPUTY CLERK