

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday April 5, 2023

A special meeting of Council was held Wednesday April 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., for Council Orientation.

Members of Council were notified of this special meeting at the March 14, 2023, Council meeting and by e-mail on March 27, 2023. The public was notified of this meeting by posting of this special meeting agenda March 27, 2023.

Members of Council in attendance: Mayor Sterling and Councillors Abbott, Miller, Patterson and Robertson.

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

Mayor Sterling called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

DISCUSSION:

Members of Council participated in a goal setting discussion to define priorities for planning and policy development.

Common issues noted:

- retaining rural character of the municipality while balancing with growth and development/increase tax base
- Protect natural environment
- Property standards and by-law enforcement
- Municipal infrastructure: roads, bridges, buildings
- Encourage community engagement/involvement, volunteerism
- Continue to support shared services and regional services and initiatives
- Housing- planning documents, Provincial initiatives (Bill 23), innovative strategies
- Planning documents to be updated: Official Plan, Zoning By-law, Trailer By-law
- Recreation, trail development
- Healthcare, Hospital Local Share, retain health services in Almaguin
- Preserve local heritage
- Financial planning, balance numerous current and future capital projects, and on-going operations

Council will continue to develop priorities at a future meeting about long-range financial planning and the Asset Management Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Original signed by George Sterling
MAYOR

Original signed by Nancy Field
~~CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK~~