

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING – 2023 BUDGET**

**MINUTES**

Tuesday May 16, 2023

A public meeting of Council was held Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., to receive the 2023 draft budget and to provide the opportunity for public participation.

Members of Council were notified of this public meeting at the Council meeting April 26, 2023 and by e-mail on May 9 2023. The public was notified of this meeting by posting of this special meeting agenda May 9 2023.

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

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

Public in attendance: Judy Ransome, John Prout.

Mayor Sterling called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None declared.

**DISCUSSION:**

Treasurer Brayden Robinson highlighted the draft budget as presented at a 3.4 % rate increase. Council discussed the need to support several capital projects including the hospital local share, the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre, new fire truck and the future Library needs. The overall consensus of Council was that a 3.9 % rate increase would provide additional reserves to support these important projects. Council directed that a new library reserve be created with a \$2,000. starting balance.

Members of the public were given the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2023 budget. Judy Ransome commented on the importance of the hospital local share contribution.

The Treasurer will prepare an updated budget reflecting the 3.9% rate increase for adoption at the May 30, 2023 Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**SP. R – 06-23** Moved by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Miller be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 5:56 p.m.

Original Signed by George Sterling  
MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Field  
CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK