

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

May 16, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **May 16, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting combining in person, electronic meeting via Zoom and phone.

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 attending electronically via Zoom or phone: Mayor Sterling, Councillors: Abbott, Miller, Patterson and Robertson.

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

Public attending by phone or electronically: Judy Ransome, Nieves Guijarro, Josh Lilley, John Prout.

Delegates: Ed Rowe and Bob Hall.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 82 - 23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting on April 25, 2023, and special meeting April 26, 2023 be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

4. DELEGATION:

4.1 Bob Hall and Ed Rowe provided Council with information regarding the history of Starratt Road and the proposed white pine tree commemorative sign. Information on the cost of a sign or plaque will be provided at a future meeting.

5. TENDERS

5.1 Council received 3 quotes for the “Winter Sand” tender and the following resolution was adopted.

R- 83 -23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept Tender 2023-03 for Winter Sand from Bruman Construction Inc. for 2023 in the amount of \$35,600.00 plus HST \$4,628.00 for a total of \$40,228.00. AND for 2024: in the amount of \$37,360.00 plus HST 4,856.80 for a total of \$42,216.80. (Carried)

5.2 Council received 3 quotes for the “Crushed Granite” tender and they adopted the following resolution.

R- 84 -23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept Tender 2023-04 for Supply and Apply Crushed Granite (Midlothian Rd. and Royston Rd.) from Carr Aggregates Inc., in the amount of \$109,905.00 plus HST \$14,287.65 for a total of \$124,192.65. (Carried)

6. REPORTS:

TREASURER:

6.1 Brayden Robinson summarized the earlier budget meetings and as directed by Council will prepare the tax rate by-law indicating a 3.9% rate increase for adoption at the May 30, 2023, regular meeting.

6.1.1 Council was provided with information regarding the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre (AHHC) Contribution options. Council would like clarification on the budget information provided by Burks Falls, before further consideration of the options proposed.

6.1.1 Council was provided with the Hospital Local Share information and adopted the following resolution.

R- 85 -23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson hereby supports a commitment of no less than \$20,000.00 for 2023 towards the Almaguin Highlands Municipal 'Local Share' of the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) Hospital Build; AND FURTHER THAT Council will review their commitment amount annually during budget discussions to assess allocations towards the hospital build for that specific year.

PUBLIC WORKS:

6.2 Council received the April road department report from the Public Works Supervisor and information regarding the Crime Stopper signs request.

DEPUTY CLERK:

6.3 Council discussed to information provided regarding the consent Application B-001/23, Lot 12, Con 14 (Darling/Reimer) and adopted the following resolution.

R- 86 -23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson, Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support Consent Application B-001/23, Lot 12, Concession 14, 42R-6633 Part 2. 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.
- 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. (Carried)

CLERK:

6.4 Council received information for the "Community Yard Sale" on Saturday June 24, 2023, from 8 a.m. until noon.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

6.5 Mayor Sterling provided a report for Eastholme.

6.5.1 Councillor Abbott highlighted a HazMat meeting report

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES/BOARDS:

7.1 Council discussed the TRI-Council draft agenda May 29,2023 at the Katrine Community Centre.

7.2 Council received information from the DSSAB and the Village of Burks Falls and the response from the Township of McMurrich/Monteith regarding the DSSAB representative and adopted the following resolution.

R- 87 -23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council appoint Ryan Baptiste as Area 4 Representative on the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board. (Carried)

8. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:

8.1 Council received an invitation to an “Essentials of Fire Seminar” and adopted the following resolution.

R- 88 - 23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize: Beverly Abbot, Glenn Miller and George Sterling to attend the Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection seminar Friday June 23, 2023 in Magnetawan. (Carried)

8.2 Information was provided to Council from FONOM regarding Bail Reform. The following resolution was adopted.

R- 89 - 23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

WHEREAS the cost of Policing and Emergency Services in Northern Communities is harming a community’s ability to support local Social and Health issues,

WHEREAS a small percentage of those affected by an Addiction in the communities of Northern Ontario are committing crimes,

WHEREAS many of those committing crimes are not housed in the correctional system, therefore, remain in our communities, often those that do require treatment for their Addiction issue receive none,

WHEREAS some committing crimes become violent, but are released back into the community, due to the negative impacts Federal Bill C75,

WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) believes that more must be done by the Federal Government on Bail Reform,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson supports the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) request to the Federal Government make these Legislative changes:

1. Create a Designation of a chronic persistent offender.
2. Allow community impact statements at bail and at bail hearings.
3. Creating reverse onus in bail for all firearms offences.
4. All bail-related gun charges go to the superior court for bail release.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Federal Justice Minister, Premier of Ontario, The Attorney General, the Solicitor General, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Northeastern MPs and MPPs, Leaders of the Opposition, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities. (Carried)

8.3 Council received a request from the Village of Burk’s Falls regarding start up costs for a Dentist office. Council adopted the following resolution.

R- 91 -23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the new dental practice opening in the Medical Building in Burks Falls this year with a donation of \$1,572.47 to help cover the costs of the first six months rent. (Carried)

8.4 Council received a request from the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School for a Prom donation. The following resolution was adopted.

R- 90 -23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$200 to the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School 2023 Prom. (Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- Council received the minutes from Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED)
- Council received a report from the Arena Manager.
- Council received copies of resolution from the Village of Burk's Falls accepting the shared service budgets.
- Council received the Jan- March minutes and Reports from the Library.
- Council received a resolution of support for the Regional Fire Training Officer (RTO) from the Village of Burk's Falls.
- Council received updates regarding highspeed internet from the Province.
- Council received the response from Perry Township regarding their AHHC contribution.

9. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 92 -23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill #23-23, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 23-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 16th day of May 2023. (Carried)

11. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 93 -23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:34 p.m. The next regular meeting May 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

Original signed by George Sterling
MAYOR

Original signed by Nancy Field
CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK