

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**June 13, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **June 13, 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 6:03 p.m.

Attendance was announced, and it was noted that the meeting is being recorded.

Attendance: Mayor Sterling, Councillors: Abbott, Miller, Patterson and Robertson.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson and Judy Kosowan.

Public attending by phone or electronically: Nieves Guijarro and Paul Van Dam.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**R- 104 - 23** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson, Be it resolved that the minutes from the tri-council meeting May 29, 2023, and regular meeting on May 30, 2023 be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None noted.

**4. DELEGATION:** None registered

**5. TENDERS:** None

**6. REPORTS:**

**TREASURER:**

6.1 Council received information regarding the new Fire Hall project. Council adopted the following resolution.

**R-105 - 23** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that the CAO be directed to begin the preliminary legwork and pursue options for a new fire hall. (Carried)

6.2 Council was provided information about new proposed Office Hours and the following resolution was adopted.

**R- 106 -23** Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

That Council approve the amended office hours for the Ryerson Township administrative office, to be closed Monday and open Tuesday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Carried)

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

6.3 Councillor Patterson followed up with Council regarding the Almaguin Highlands Health Council (AHHC) support request that was discussed at a previous meeting. A draft letter was provided which was approved by Council.

**7. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:**

7.1 Council finalized plans for the Community Yard Sale coming up June 24, 2023.

**8. COMMUNICATION ITEMS:**

- 8.1 Council discussed the request for volunteers at the Canada Day Fireworks, Mayor George Sterling indicated his availability and Councillor Patterson will confirm if she will be available
- 8.2 Councillor Robertson discussed the ACED Brand Ambassador Marketing Strategy and Housing Task Force initiative for a more regional approach toward housing. Discussions are also underway regarding regional bus service. Councillor Robertson will be meeting with Dave Gray regarding the 2024 ACED budget.

General Information Items Received:

- Council received information from the Joint Building Committee
- Council received the May minutes from the Historical Society

**9. CLOSED SESSION:**

Council discussed the Clerk’s Delegation of authority before proceeding into a closed meeting and the following resolutions were adopted.

**R- 107 -23** Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the Clerk’s Delegation of Authority to CAO/Treasurer, Brayden Robinson, for a portion of the Closed meeting on June 13, 2023. (Carried)

Council moved to the closed meeting at 6:24 p.m.

**R- 108 23** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that we move to a closed meeting for staffing matters pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (d) as the subject matter being considered is regarding labour relations or employee negotiations; The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss an administrative matter and Joint Building Committee staffing matter.

Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusions. Council returned to the open meeting at 6:56 p.m.

**10. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING:**

Council discussed the minutes from the Joint Building Committee May 31, 2023 and adopted the following resolution.

**R- 109 -23** Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports resolution number 2023 – 024 dated May 31, 2023 from the Joint Building Committee (JBC) recommending changes to the JBC Policies C-1.5 Probationary Period and C-5.1 Employee Discipline. (Carried)

**11. CONFIRMING BY-LAW:**

**R- 110 -23** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 27-23, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 27-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 13th day of June 2023. (Carried)

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**R- 111 -23** Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:01pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

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Original signed by George Sterling  
MAYOR

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Original signed by Nancy Field  
CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK