

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**August 8, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **August 8, 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 and Kryssi Sinclair.

Public attending by phone or electronically: Bernice Neeb.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**R- 127 - 23** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,  
Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting July 11, 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 discussed the proposed fees schedule charged by the Township of Ryerson and the following resolution was adopted.

**R- 128 - 23** Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 31-23, being a By-law to provide for fees charged by the Township of Ryerson and further; That By-Law # 31-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023. (Carried)

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**

6.2 Council discussed Truth and Reconciliation and recommended that the Township should purchase additional flagpoles. Council adopted the following resolution.

**R- 129 -23** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

WHEREAS all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation;  
AND WHEREAS, Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the federal government, in collaboration with the Indigenous peoples, to establish a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure the public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government announced September 30, 2021 as the first National

Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ryerson does hereby commit to recognizing September 30 each year as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. (Carried)

6.2.1 Council was provided with a DRAFT Occupational Health and Safety Program and recommended some changes and items to consider.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

6.3 Councillor Abbott provided a report summarizing the Fire Safety Essentials Seminar.

6.4 Other Reports: None.

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

7.1 Council received an update from the Almaguin Highlands Health Council.

7.2 Council received the following documents from ACED: Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) Program, Renewal application to FedNor's CIINO program and the Housing Task Force terms of reference. The following resolutions were adopted by Council.

**R- 130 - 23** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

That the Council of the Township of Ryerson is in favour of the implementation of the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) program established by ACED, to address the labour shortage challenges. (Carried)

**R- 131 - 23** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

WHEREAS The Township of Ryerson recognizes the benefits that Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) provides to the Almaguin Highlands Region and its businesses, visitors, and residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Ryerson hereby declares their support for the Township of Armour's application to renew the ACED funding for another three-year term. (Carried)

#### **8. COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

8.1 Council received a request from the Municipality of Wawa regarding OHIP coverage for chronic pain. Council adopted the following resolution.

**R- 132 -23** Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports Resolution number RD23163 dated June 20, 2023, from the Council of the Municipality of Wawa requesting the Government of Ontario to maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much-needed care for the people of Ontario;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of Wawa, local MPs and MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

(Carried)

8.2 Council discussed the resolution received from the Municipality of North Perth. No resolution was adopted.

8.3 Council received an invitation to the Grand Opening at Emsdale Community Centre.

#### **General Information Items Received:**

- Council received the minutes from the Almaguin Highland Health Centre.
- Council received the July TRI-R report.
- Council received a response letter from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit from resolution #118-23 regarding mental health, addictions and homelessness.
- Council received information about the recipient of the Terry Boyle Memorial Award.

- Council received the AMO communications letter regarding policy updates on property tax assessments.
- Council received the CAO report from DSSAB.
- Council received a letter of appreciation from the Burk's Falls and District Food Bank.
- Council received information regarding the rescheduled date for the Canada Day Fireworks.

**9. CLOSED SESSION:**

Council proceeded into a closed meeting and the following resolution was adopted.

**R- 133 -23** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Ryerson to move to a closed meeting pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (d) as the subject matter being considered is concerning labour relations or employee negotiations; The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss employee contracts and By-law Enforcement Services. (Carried)

Council returned to open meeting at 7:13PM.

**10. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**R- 134 -23** Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 32-23, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 32-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 8th day of August 2023. (Carried)

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

**R- 135 -23** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:15pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

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MAYOR

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CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK