

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

October 10, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **October 10, 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 attended virtually, Miller, Patterson and Robertson.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, Dave McNay and Cameron Haffner.

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

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 147 - 23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson, Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular and public meeting September 12, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

4.1 Fire Chief Dave McNay presented to Council the 2024 Draft Fire Budget. It was discussed that the prices of bunker gear and boots has gone up and that rent for the office is expected to increase. The Treasurer added that the Architect for the new Fire Hall has informed us that if the land is acquired and all the engineering work must happen in 2024 the actual cost will go up \$300,000.00 for next years budget. The following resolution was adopted.

R- 148 -23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott, Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2024 draft Fire Department budget, for submission to the Tri-Council meeting scheduled for Monday October 23, 2023.

(Carried)

5. REPORTS:

FIRE CHIEF:

5.1 Fire Chief's Report was received by Council.

TREASURER:

5.2 The Third Quarter Variance report was received by Council.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

5.3 Mayor Sterling provided an Eastholme report.

5.4 Councillor Abbott provided a Hazmat Day report.

5.5 Councillor Abbott provided a Library Board Report

6. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:

6.1 Council received Staff Report from the Deputy Clerk and a copy of Armour Township's resolution to follow up from the Tri-Council meeting discussion regarding the Agricultural Society Annual Donation and adopted the following resolution.

R-149 - 23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,
Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve an annual donation with a total value of \$2,500.00 to the Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls Agricultural Society.
(Carried)

7. COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

7.1 Council received information from the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society for the donation request for the Annual Childrens Halloween Party at the Burk's Falls Arena put on by Burk's Falls Lions Club Branch 405 Royal Canadian Legion, and the Burk's Falls District Historical Society. The following resolution was adopted.

R-150-23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,
Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the Historical Society with an annual Childrens Halloween Party donation of \$100.00.
(Carried)

7.2 Council received a request from the Village of South River to support their JBC surplus resolution. A recorded vote was called for and the following resolution was defeated.

R-151- 23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,
Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support resolution number 280-2023 that was adopted by the Village of South River on September 25, 2023, for the Joint Building Committee Surplus. Recorded Vote: Councillors Abbott, Miller, Patterson, Robertson, and Mayor Sterling
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(Defeated)

7.3 Information was received by Council for the 5th Annual Regional Economic Development, RED Gala. The following resolution was adopted.

R- 152 -23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,
Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize: Glenn Miller and Dan Robertson to attend the 5th Annual RED Gala Friday October 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the new Emsdale Community Centre.
(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- JBC August Permit Summary.
- JBC September Permit Summary.
- JBC Minutes September 21.
- Burk's Falls, Armour, & Ryerson Union Public Library Minutes, August 23.
- District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board, DSSAB-CAO Report September 2023.
- Mag River Nature Hub - Restoration Festival Poster and Registration Form.
- Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare MAHC, Housing for Healthcare Rental Opportunities.
- Historical Society Minutes - September 18.

8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

8.1 By-law to confirm the meetings of Council.

R- 153 -23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 38-23, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 38-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 10th day of October 2023.
(Carried)

9. CLOSED MEETING :

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

R-154-23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that we move to a closed meeting at 7:06 p.m., 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 HR matters.
(Carried)

10. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING:

10.1 Council returned to open meeting at 7:35p.m. and adopted the following resolution.

R-155-23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports resolution number 2023 – 031 dated September 21, 2023, from the Joint Building Committee (JBC) recommending a wage increase of \$3.00/hr. for the Building Inspector, effective immediately.
(Carried)

11. ADJOURNMENT:

11.1

R- 156 -23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:36p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
(Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK