

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

October 24, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **October 24, 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 in person, or electronically via Zoom or phone: Mayor Sterling, Councillors: Abbott, Miller, Patterson by zoom, and Robertson.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field,

Public attending in person, by phone or electronically: Judy Ransome, Nieves Guijarro and Paul Van Dam, Barry Burton, Brian Price,

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R-157- 23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting on October 10, and special meeting October 11, 2023, be adopted as circulated.
(Carried)

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

4. DELEGATION: None registered

5. TENDERS

Request for Proposals were received for Land Use Planning Services. A resolution adopted as noted below.

R- 158-23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council approves staff to execute an agreement for the provision of Land Use Planning Services with J.L. Richards and Associates Limited.
(Carried)

6. REPORTS:

DEPUTY CLERK:

A report was provided to Council for an update of the Magnetawan Watershed Communications Committee Meeting.

Informational reports were provided to Council for Consent applications, B-030/23 and B-031/23 submitted by R. Christen. A resolution was adopted as noted below.

R-159- 23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve Consent Application B-030/23 and B-031/23, Concession 13, Part Lot 13 and 14, in Ryerson Township. 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.
- 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 one copy of the draft reference plan, and two copies of the Final Reference Plan and one digital copy of the Final Reference Plan.
- That the Townships Consent Administrative Fee and Deposit be paid by the Applicant before finalization of the Consent is given.
- 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.
- The Township will require a copy of the approvals for entrances onto the MTO highway 520 before finalization of the consent is given.

(Carried)

TREASURER:

A Joint By-law Services Agreement was presented to Council and a resolution is noted below.

R- 160 - 23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 38-23, being a By-law to enter into an agreement for provision of Joint By-law Enforcement Services with Armour Township, 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 24th day of October 2023.
(Carried)

Reserves and Surplus Management Policies,

Further to discussions from our Special meeting on October 11/ 23 and the Tri Council meeting October 23/23 Council made Commitments to Joint Boards and the following resolutions were adopted.

R- 161- 23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approves in principle the Library Project, to serve the users of Armour, Ryerson, and Burks Falls Union Public Library. (Carried)

R- 162- 23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council is committed to their share of the new Fire Hall build project based on the percentage of the total amount of funds provided for the construction by each municipality, for a 2026 build date. (Carried)

A summary was provided to Council, of the responses to the Housing Affordability Task Force.

7. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:

Council discussed the draft budgets that were presented at the Tri Council meeting.

The RTO Agreement was provided to Council and the resolution is noted below.

R-163-23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 39-23, being a By-law to enter into an agreement for provision of RTO services, and further; That By-Law #39-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 24th day of October 2023.

(Carried)

8. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

The Almaguin Highlands Health Council request for support of resolution 2023-24. Council resolution as follows.

R- 164-23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support resolution number 2023-24 that was adopted by the Almaguin Highlands Health Council on October 5, 2023, for the Muskoka Algonquin Health Care to resume laboratory services to their regular functions on a regular schedule.

(Carried)

General Correspondence:

- West Lincoln letter to AMO.
- Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Draft Minutes.
- MAOHT Recruiter 9 Month
- Local Share Updates
- Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare- Local Share Financing

9. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R-165-23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 40-23, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 40-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 24th day of October 2023.

(Carried)

11. CLOSED SESSION:

R-166-23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council move to a closed meeting 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 HR matters.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:14 p.m. The next regular meeting November 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK