

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

November 28, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **November 28, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting combining in person, electronic meeting via Zoom and phone.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Glenn Miller 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,electronically via Zoom or phone: Councillors: Abbott, Miller Patterson and Robertson.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field

Public attending in person,by phone or electronically: Judy Ransome, Nieves Guijarro and Roman Kaczynski.

Public attending in person; Wilma Robert, Rod Blakelock, Diane Brandt.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 181- 23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting November 14, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

4. DELEGATIONS:

Rod Blakelock and Wilma Robert presented the 2023 Fall Fair update to Council.

Diane Brandt presented the Historical Society Budget and provided an update to Council for 2023.

5. TENDERS

Council received a report from the CAO/Treasurer Brayden Robinson regarding the Request for Proposals for Cleaning Services and a resolution is noted below.

R- 182-23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize the CAO/Treasurer to execute an agreement with Klink Enterprises for custodial services for a two-year period, ending December 31, 2025.

(Carried)

6. REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS: Fred Schmeltz provided Council with a report of the November Roads Department updates.

CLERK: Provided an explanation to Council about the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant that the Ontario government is now accepting applications for. A resolution is noted below.

R- 183- 23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the submission of an application for a Community Emergency Preparedness grant to help deliver training and services to improve local emergency preparation and response.

(Carried)

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Sterling Council received the Eastholme Administrators November report.

Councillor Patterson reported to Council about AMO and the OFIFC offering a course in Indigenous Community Awareness Training. A resolution is noted below.

R- 184- 23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize, Councillor Patterson, to attend the Indigenous Community Awareness Training offered virtually by AMO February 27, or April 2, 2024.

(Carried)

Councillor Abbott provided a report from the November 15, 2023 Library Board Meeting.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES/BOARDS:

8. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:

Council received a resolution from the JBC for support. A resolution is noted below.

R- 185- 23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports resolution number 2023 – 038 dated November 16, 2023, from the Joint Building Committee (JBC) recommending that the current JBC agreement does not require a review at this time.

(Carried)

9. COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

Council considered the Municipality of Wawa Resolution RC23265 to support Bill C-310. A resolution is noted below.

R- 186 -23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports resolution number RC23265 dated November 7, 2023, from the Municipality of Wawa calling the government to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

(Carried)

Council considered Near North Crime Stoppers request to recognize January 2024 as Crime Stoppers Month. A resolution is noted below.

R- 187- 23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council recognize January 2024 as Crime Stoppers month and will post/share messaging on township social media sites.

(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare News Release – Additional Bed Funding.
- Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Draft November 2, 2023 Minutes.
- Armour Townships Resolution November 14, 2023 Re; EMS/Fire Station.
- Joint Building Committee JBC Draft November 16, 2023 Minutes.

10. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 188-23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 43-23, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 43-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 28th day of November 2023.

(Carried)

CLOSED SESSION:

R- 189-23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that we move to a closed meeting at 7:26 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)

11. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 190-23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 8:20pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Original signed by George Sterling

MAYOR

Original signed by Nancy Field

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK