

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**December 12, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **December 12, 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: Mayor Sterling, Councillors: Abbott, Miller and Robertson. Councillor Patterson was not available.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field.

Presenters in person or electronically: Amy Tilly, Chris Bevan, Tiffany Cechetto.

Public attending by phone or electronically: Judy Ransome, Josh Lilly.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**R-191- 23** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting November 28, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

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

**4. DELEGATIONS:**

**Amy Tilly Tri-R Waste Manager:** was available virtually, to answer questions pertaining to the report provided to Council regarding Free Bag Allocation for 2024.

**Chris Bevan of Kennedy Insurance:** presented the 2024 Insurance Policy Renewals. It was not necessary to move into a closed meeting.

**Tiffany Cechetto of KPMG:** presented the 2022 Financial Statements virtually to Council.

**5. REPORTS:**

**CAO/TREASURER:** Provided a report along with the 2024 Pay Grid to Council and a resolution is noted below.

**R-192-23** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the Municipal Salary Grid for 2024 as attached, effective January 1, 2024.

(Carried)

**CLERK:** Presented a By-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk to Council.

**R- 193- 23** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 44-23, being a By-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk and further; That By-Law # 44-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

(Carried)

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

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

Council was presented the 2024 Historical Society Budget at the November 28/23 meeting. A resolution is noted below.

**R-194 - 23** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Whereas Ryerson Township Council has received the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society 2024 Budget.

Now therefore be it resolved that we donate in 2024, \$500.00 to the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society in addition to our annual in-kind donation for maintenance of the Wiseman Corners's School site.

(Carried)

### **7. COMMUNICATION ITEMS:**

Council considered the report provided by Tri R Waste Manager, Amy Tilly, a delegate earlier this meeting. A resolution is noted below.

**R-195 -23** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson

Be it resolved that Council of the Township of Ryerson approve the issuance of 45 free garbage bags, for 2024, to property owners with residence/cottage/licensed trailer on their property and tenants within the Township of Ryerson. No free garbage bags shall be issued to property owners of Commercial/Industrial operations.

(Carried)

Council received the information for the 2024 Insurance Policy by delegate Chris Bevan Kennedy Insurance at this meeting and after a brief discussion a resolution is noted below.

**R- 196-23** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the quotation for the for 2024 Insurance renewal in the amount of \$108,154.00 plus applicable taxes, from Kennedy Insurance.

(Carried)

KPMG, Tiffany Cechetto as a delegate earlier at this meeting provided Council a report along with the 2022 Financial Statements. A resolution is noted below.

**R-197-23** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson accept the Township of Ryerson Consolidated Financial Statements for 2022 and the 2022 Burks Falls and District Fire Department Financial Statements, and the 2022 Trust Fund Statements.

(Carried)

Council received a report from Armour Township containing information regarding the New Library project. A resolution was adopted as noted below.

**R-198 - 23** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approves in principle the allocation of \$125,000. to the new library project, to serve the users of Armour, Ryerson, and Burks's Falls Union Public Library.

(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

Almaguin Community Economic Development 2024 Budget.  
District of Parry Sound Social Services November CAO Report.

**8. CLOSED MEETING:**

**R-199-23** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that 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.

(Carried)

**9. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING:**

9.1 Council considered a resolution from the Joint Building Committee resolution is noted below.

**R-200-23** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports resolution number 2023 – 042 dated November 16, 2023, from the Joint Building Committee (JBC) recommending a wage increase of \$4.00/hr. for the Building Inspector, effective January 1, 2024.

(Carried)

**10. CONFIRMING BY-LAW:**

10.1 By-law to confirm the meetings of Council.

**R-201-23** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 45-23, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 45-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

(Carried)

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

**R-202-23** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,  
Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:48p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

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MAYOR

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CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK