

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

January 16, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **January 16, 2024** at 6:00 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting combining in person, electronic meeting via Zoom and phone.

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, Robertson, and Patterson

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, Fred Schmeltz, Jason Newman, Bryan Austin.

Public attending by phone or electronically: Judy Ransome, Nieves Guijarro and Josh Lilley.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 1 - 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting on December 12, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

3. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: Jason Newman and Bryan Austin attended to introduce themselves as our new By-law Enforcement Officers.

4. REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS: Public Works Supervisor provided his December report to council. He brought forward, Boundary Road Agreements for McMurrich/Monteith and for Magnetawan. Resolutions for both are noted below.

R- 2 - 24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 1-24, being a By-law to enter into a Boundary Road Maintenance Agreement with the Township of McMurrich Monteith and further; That By-Law # 1-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 16 day of January, 2024.

(Carried)

R- 3 - 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 2-24, being a By-law to enter into a Boundary Road Maintenance Agreement with the Municipality of Magnetawan and further; That By-Law # 2-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 16 day of January, 2024.

(Carried)

CAO/TREASURER: Provided the following house keeping tax By-laws: Penalty on Current Taxes, Interest on Tax Arrears, Interim Taxation. The Occupational Health and Safety By-Law was brought back to Council. Resolutions are noted below. An introduction to the Human Resources Manual was provided to Council.

R- 4 - 24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 3-24, being a By-law to impose an interest charge for non-payment of tax arrears and further; That By-Law # 3-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 16th day of January 2024.

(Carried)

R- 5 - 24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be given to introduce a Bill # 4 -24, being a By-law to impose a penalty charge for non-payment of current taxes and further; That By-Law # 4 -24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 16th day of January 2024.

(Carried)

R- 6 - 24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 5-24, being a By-law provide for an interim tax levy for 2024 and further; That By-Law # 5-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 16th day of January 2024.

(Carried)

R- 7 - 24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 6-24, being a By-law to adopt an Occupational Health and Safety Program and further; That By-Law # 6-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council 16th day of January 2024.

(Carried)

CLERK: Presented the By-laws to appoint two By-law Enforcement Officers. Clerk presented to adopt an Emergency Management Plan. Resolutions are noted below.

R- 8 - 24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 7-24, being a By-law to enter into an agreement to appoint Jason Newman, a Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer and further; That By-Law # 7-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 16 day of January 2024.

(Carried)

R- 9 - 24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 8-24, being a By-law to enter into an agreement to appoint Bryan Austin, a Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer and further; That By-Law # 8-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 16 day of January 2024.

(Carried)

R- 10 - 24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 9-24, being a By-law to Adopt an Emergency Management Program and further; That By-Law # 9-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 16th day of January, 2024.

(Carried)

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Fire Chief provided his Notice of Retirement. Resolution noted below.

R- 11 - 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept, with regret, the Fire Chief, Dave McNay's notice of retirement effective March 31, 2024.

(Carried)

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEES/BOARDS:

Council reviewed the December Report provided by the Eastholme Administrator.

Councillor Abbott provided council with a report on Hazmat Day.

6. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

Council discussed the library project's proposed new location but were not able to come into a decision and requested some further information to be brought back to a future meeting, this topic will be discussed more at a later date.

Council discussed the Village of Burk's Falls resolution to develop a business model for the health hub, this be discussed more at a later date.

Council discussed the communications from Perry Township and resolutions are noted below.

R- 12 - 24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council supports the Township of Perry resolution 2023-309 to have seven municipalities enter into discussion surrounding the Regional Fire Department.

(Carried)

R- 13 -24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Ryerson requests support from the Councils of the Township of Armour and Village of Burks Falls to establish a joint Fire Department Capital Reserve;

And further that Ryerson Township Council agrees to allocate \$20,000 from the 2023 Fire Budget into this reserve, if created, for the burn building project.

(Carried)

General Correspondence

-Council received the December 2023 Permit Summary from the Joint Building Committee

-Council received the report from the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare, future hospital site.

-Council received the draft December meeting minutes from the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association

-Council received the January 2024 progress status from the Almaguin Highlands Health Council

7. CONFIRMING BY-LAW:

R- 14-24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 10-24, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 10-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 16th day of January 2024.

(Carried)

8. CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed meeting at 7:01 p.m. Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion and returned to the open meeting at 7:43 p.m.

The following resolution was adopted.

R- 15 -24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

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)

10. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 16 -24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:44pm. The next regular meeting February 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Original Signed by George Sterling

MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Fields

CLERK