

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

February 13, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **February 13, 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: Mayor Sterling, Councillors: Abbott, Miller Patterson, and Robertson.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, and Jason Newman.

Public attending by phone or electronically: Judy Ransome, Nieves Guijarro and Paul Van Dam.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R-17-24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting January 16, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

3. DELEGATION AND PRESENTATION: None registered.

4. TENDERS: None registered

5. REPORTS:

BY-LAW: Senior By-law Enforcement Office provided Council with a report on Administrative Monetary Penalties.

CAO/TREASURER: The Human Resources Policy was brought back to Council. Presented the 2024 Fire Budget, 2024 Draft RTO Budget and the amended fees By-law. Resolutions noted below.

R-18-24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 11-24, being a By-law to Adopt a Human Resource Policy Manual and further; That By-Law # 11-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 13th day of February 2024.

(Carried)

R-19-24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the amendments to the final 2024 Burks Falls and District Fire Department Budget for presentation at the Tri-Council meeting February 26, 2024.

(Carried)

R-20- 24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the amendments to the final 2024 RTO Budget for presentation at the Tri-Council meeting February 26, 2024.
(Carried)

R-21- 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 12-24, being a By-law amending Schedule “G” to provide for planning fees charged by the Township of Ryerson and further; That By-Law # 12-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 13th day of February 2024.
(Carried)

CLERK: Provided Council with a report for consent, information regarding the sale of boundary road, and a By-law for a pound keeper agreement. Resolutions noted below.
(Carried)

R-22- 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve that prior to the finalization of consent, B-061/21, the District Planning Board must be advised in writing by the Township of Ryerson that the Applicant has entered into a Site Plan agreement with the Township of Ryerson, to be registered on title, to implement the mitigation measures recommended within the Environmental Impact Study prepared by Riverstone Environmental Solutions Inc.
(Carried)

R-23- 24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson

Whereas Council has received an application and the required fee from the owner of lands described as Lot 6, Concession 14, Township of Ryerson being the lands described in PIN 52137-0004 the applicants Mark MacCharles, John MacCharles, Donald MacCharles , and Alan MacCharles, to purchase a portion of the unopened boundary road allowance between Concession 14, Township of Ryerson and Concession 1, Geographic Township of Chapman, which unopened boundary road allowance is under the joint jurisdiction and ownership of the Township of Ryerson and the Municipality of Magnetawan;

AND WHEREAS the Council has considered various arrangements, the purpose of which is to connect the Applicant’s lands to a year-round maintained road;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ryerson supports in principle the closure and sale of that portion of the unopened boundary road allowance to the Applicant shown on Schedule “A” attached hereto (the subject lands) subject to the following conditions:

1. A similar resolution of in principle support be obtained from the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan;
2. Each Municipality will complete the road closure process in accordance with its applicable by-law/policy;
3. The Township of Ryerson will be responsible for the administration of the sale process;
4. The Applicant shall be responsible for obtaining a reference plan depicting the subject lands to the satisfaction of the Municipalities;
5. The Applicant be required to take all steps required for the subject lands to merge with the Applicant’s lands as determined by the Municipal Solicitor;
6. The Applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by and/or imposed by the Municipalities arising from and in consequence of the application and the proposed closure and sale;
7. That the price of the land shall be determined based upon currently applicable price per square foot set out in the Township of Ryerson’s fees and charges by-law.

(Carried)

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

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 13-24, being a By-law to enter into an agreement to appoint the Humane Society Poundkeeper and further; That By-Law # 13-24 be

read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 13th day of February 2024.
(Carried)

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councillor Abbot provided Council with a report from the January 2024 Library Board meeting.

6. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

R-25-24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT RYERSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL:

1. This Council approves the form of draft by-law and franchise agreement attached hereto and authorizes the submission thereof to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*.

2. This Council requests that the Ontario Energy Board make an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the attached draft by-law and franchise agreement pertaining to the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson is not necessary pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(4) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*.

(Carried)

R-26- 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the resolution from the Joint Building Committee recommending that the JBC enter into a lease agreement with the Township of Strong and authorizing the JBC Chair and the CBO to sign the agreement on the JBC's behalf.
(Carried)

R-27-24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

WHEREAS, municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

AND WHEREAS, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

AND WHEREAS, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortage, which will only be exasperated over the next three to five years, which will cause levels of service municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

AND WHEREAS, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that Township of Ryerson Council supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

AND THAT, The Township of Ryerson calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND THAT, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades David Piccinni, Ryerson Township's Member of Provincial Parliament MPP Graydon Smith and the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors.
(Carried)

R-28-24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that the Township of Ryerson Council supports the resolution 2024-009 received from Prescott Russell titled Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Policy Update - Social and Economic Prosperity Review.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; and MPP Graydon Smith and all municipalities in Ontario.

(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- Council received Eastholme' s 2024 Administrative Report
- Council received Waste Management Report
- Council reviewed the Almaguin Community Economic Development, ACED December 2023 Minutes.
- Council received Almaguin Community Economic Development, ACED 2024 Draft Work Plan.
- Council received the Annual Permit Summary January 2024 from the Joint Building Committee.
- Council received District of Parry Sound Social Services January 2024 CAO Report.
- Council received Graydon Smith letter on the Crown Land Disposition in Northern Ontario.
- Council received the February Draft minutes from Almaguin Highlands Health Centre.
- Council received Muskoka and Area Ontario Health Team MOAHT Project update.

7. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R-29 -24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 14-23, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 14-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 13th, day of February 2024.

(Carried)

8. CLOSED SESSION

R-30-24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

That we move to a closed session at 7:00pm, pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (e) as the subject matter being considered is regarding potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the Municipality or local board. The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss: potential litigation affecting the Municipality and; 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-31-24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 8:12pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Original Signed by Mayor Sterling

MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Field

CLERK