

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES (As Amended)**

**February 27, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **February 27, 2024** 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 electronically via Zoom or phone: Mayor Sterling, Councillors: Abbott, Miller, Patterson, and Robertson.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field

Public attending in person or electronically: Josh Lilley, Paul Van Dam, Wendy Whitwell, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Jennifer Farquhar and Dave Grey

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**R-32-24** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting on February 13 and the special meeting February 20, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

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

**4. DELEGATION AND PRESENTATION:**

Almaguin Community Economic Development attended the meeting to present to council their considerations and highlights.

**5. REPORTS:**

**CAO/TREASURER:** Provided council with the remuneration and expenses for council for 2023. Resolution noted below.

**R-33-24** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has received the Council Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for 2023.

(Carried)

**ROADS:** Public Works Supervisor provided his January report to Council.

**CLERK:** Presented council with the Sandbag Policy, the 2024 draft Spring Newsletter and the introduction to the 2024 Animal Control By-law. Resolution noted below.

**R-34-24** Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has received the March 2024 Sandbag Policy.

(Carried)

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councillor Abbott provided Council with the Hazmat report.

Councillor Abbott provided Council with the library report.

**6. COUNCIL COMMITTEES/BOARDS:**

Councillor Miller provided council with the Joint Building Committees Resolution for the 2024 Budget, 2024 Budget Worksheet and the Permit Fee 5 Year Average. Councillor Miller answered questions from Council. Resolution noted below.

Council discussed the Joint Building Committee’s resolution regarding the changes to the Building By-law, the proposed Building By-law change and the email explanation provided from Brian Dumas. Resolution is noted below.

**R-35-24** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the resolution from the Joint Building Committee 2024-014 recommending the 2024 JBC Budget as presented in the amount of \$397,200.

(Carried)

**R-36-24** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the resolution 2024-015 from the Joint Building Committee recommending that the proposed changes presented by the CBO are to be drafted as changes to the Building By-law.

(Carried)

**7. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:**

**R-37-24** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

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)

**7. COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

**R-38-24** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that the Township of Ryerson Council Supports the resolution of February 8, 2024 to call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MPP Bob Bailey and be circulated to Municipalities of Ontario; as amended.

(Carried)

**R-39-24** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that the Township of Ryerson Council endorse the resolution 2024-46 received from Prince Edward County, regarding support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements Fire Underwriters Survey requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities.

(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

Council received February Meeting Minutes from the Historical Society.

Council received the Joint Building Committees February Minutes.

Council received the District of Parry Sound Social Services CAO February Report.

Council received the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare News release on the X-ray Services.

**8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**R-40-24** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 15-24, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 15-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

(Carried)

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

**R-41-24** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:21 p.m. The next regular meeting March 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Original Signed by Mayor Sterling

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MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Feilds

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CLERK