

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

March 26, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **March 26, 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 in person or electronically: Mayor Sterling, Councillors: Abbott, Miller Patterson and Robertson.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson and Nancy Field.

Public attending in person or electronically: Judy Ransome, Nieves Guijarro, Paul Van Dam, Hilda Tota, Josh Lilley, Roman Kacynski, Anthony Marino, Betsy Johnstone Pete Johnstone, Linda Jurincic, Rod Blakelock and Wilma Roberts.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Before adopting the minutes Mayor Sterling acknowledged Fire Chief, Dave McNay's upcoming retirement, thanking him for 34 years of service to the department, Mayor Sterling presented a token of our appreciation.

R-49- 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the special meeting on March 6, 2024, and the regular meeting on March 12, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

4. DELEGATION AND PRESENTATION:

Rod Blakelock and Wilma Roberts from the Agricultural Society attended the meeting to speak with the Council regarding the 2024 fair. It was expressed to Council the Agricultural Societies desire to use the arena ice surface area for the fall fair this year it would be best for the community and the volunteers.

5. REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS: Public Works Supervisor provided Council with a roads report.

CAO/TREASURER: Provided council with the Right to Disconnect Policy, a by-law to Appoint a Fire Chief, and enter into a Fire Chief Agreement with McMurrich-Monteith. Resolutions noted below.

R-50- 24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council adopt a Right to Disconnect Policy.

(Carried)

R-51- 24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 18-24, being a By-law to appoint a Fire Chief and further; That By-Law # 18-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 26th day of March, 2024.

(Carried)

R-52- 24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 19-24, being a By-law to enter into an agreement for the services of Fire Chief with McMurrich- Monteith and further; That By-Law # 19-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 26th day of March,2024.

(Carried)

CLERK: Provided Council with the Spring Freshet report and update on the on the Jeff Bailey land exchange.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councillor Patterson provide council with a report on the Indigenous Cultural Competency Training she completed.

6. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:

R-53- 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council agrees to the proposed meeting date of April 11, 2024 for the Regional Fire Service Committee.

(Carried)

7. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

R-54-24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council supports the resolution # 2024-52 from the Township of Perry Requesting the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulations for 'Ineligible' Sources.

(Carried)

R-55- 24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council supports resolution #2024-31 from the Municipality of Calvin for the Federal Government to commit additional funds for provincial firefighting.

(Carried)

R-56-24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council supports resolution #4 from the Township of Amaranth to treat all municipalities fairly regarding operational budget funding.

(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- Council received Armour Townships Waste Management Report for March 2024
- Council received the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Draft Minutes for March 2024
- Council received the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre progress report for March 2024

Council entered into a discussion regarding what options would be the best use of the twenty percent holdback for Almaguin.

8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R-57-24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 20-24, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 20-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 26th day of March 2024.

(Carried)

Mayor Sterling allowed Pete Johnstone to speak about concerns he and his neighbors have regarding the property that was razed by fire on Stoney Rd., and what can be done to clean it up.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

R-58-24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:06 p.m. The next regular meeting April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Original Signed by George Sterling

MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Field

CLERK