

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

May 14, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **May 14, 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, Nancy Field, Fred Schmeltz, and Joe Readman

Public attending in person or electronically: Roman Kaczynski.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 82- 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting April 30, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

4. DELEGATION: None registered

5. REPORTS:

CAO/TREASURER: Provided council with the final draft budget, By-law to set the Tax Ratio, and a By-law to Set and Levy for 2024. Resolutions are noted below.

R-83- 24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the 2024 Budget Report, excluding expenses as per Ontario Regulation 284/09.

(Carried)

R-84- 24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 29-24, being a By-law to set tax ratios for 2024 and further; That By-Law # 29-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 14th day of May 2024.

(Carried)

R-85- 24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 30-24, being a By-law to set and levy the rates of taxation for 2024 and further; That By-Law # 30-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 14th day of May 2024.

(Carried)

Brayden provided council with a resolution for support for a grant application for the new firehall. Discussion was had and Brayden is to reach out to John Therriault regarding the land acquisition for the fire hall. A resolution is noted below.

R-86- 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the application under NOHFC's Community Enhancement Program for the Burk's Falls and District Fire Hall Project;

And Further, that the project is currently estimated to cost \$3,000,000, and if the Township is successful in obtaining a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000, the Township is committed to cover our contributions towards the project in the estimated amount of \$471,200. along with any project cost overruns should they be incurred.

(Carried)

CLERK: Provided Council with a report and a copy of the Procedural By-law showing the pending changes. An amended Nuisance Beaver By-law with some housekeeping changes was provided to Council, and a resolution is noted below.

R-87- 24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 31-24, being a By-law for prohibiting, regulating and remediating public nuisances caused by uncontrolled beaver dams and further; That By-Law # 31-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 14th day of May 2024.

(Carried)

PUBLIC WORKS: Fred provided the Council with a report regarding nuisance beavers within the township. He is asking Council to deem the beaver dam located at 2093 Royston Road a Nuisance Beaver Dam, and he is asking for Councils recommendation for remediation and a penalty fee amount to the landowner for the damages done to our roads due to the burst beaver dam. Questions were asked and answered. Resolutions noted below.

R-88-24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council declare the beaver dam located at 2093 Royston Road a Nuisance Beaver Dam as per the definition under Section 2(c) of the Nuisance Beaver Dam By-law 28-08.

(Carried)

R-89-24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Whereas the Ryerson Township Council has passed a formal resolution defining that the property located at 2093 Royston Road does contain a Nuisance Beaver Dam.

And Whereas this Nuisance Beaver Dam burst and caused substantial damage to Royston Rd. and to Harrison Lake Rd.

And Whereas the Townships Nuisance Beaver Dam By-law 28-08 provides that the Township Council can direct that further notice be given to the owner by any means including a deadline by which the owner must complete any or all of the requirements of Section 3 of this by-law, or Council will direct remedial action on its own.

And Whereas that the Ryerson Township Council can direct that all or a specified portion of the costs recorded by the Clerk under Section 4(e) of this by-law be billed to the owner(s) of the property on which a Nuisance Beaver Dam is or was located.

And Whereas that the Ryerson Township Council can direct that, in the event of non-payment by the owner of amounts owing and billed to a landowner under (iv) immediately above, that the municipal solicitor be consulted as to the best method of collecting the amount owing which may include:

- adding such amounts to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as taxes.
- court action against the landowner.

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council direct staff to send notice to the owner of the property to complete remedial work from section (3), on the property. of:

(a), (b), (c), (d).

and to complete this work by the date: July 31, 2024

And Further, that a bill be sent to the property owner to pay for all or a portion of the repair costs for damage sustained to the Township roads, as recorded under section 4(e) of this By-law.

(Carried)

Public Works presented a report to Council for their consideration in adopting a Roads Construction Minimum Standards Policy OPS-2021-01. A resolution is noted below.

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

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the Roads Construction Minimum Standards Policy OPS-2021-01.

(Carried)

6. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:

R-91- 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 32-24, being a By-law respecting construction, demolition, change of use, conditional permits, and inspections. and further; That By-Law # 32-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 14th day of May 2024.

(Carried)

7. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

R-92-24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council Support that the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board call upon the Premier and the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services to set Basic Needs and Shelter Rates for Ontario Works according to locally defined market basket of essential goods, including transportation, telephone, average market rents and nutritious food basket, that are adjusted annually according to the consumer price index.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, local Members of Provincial Parliament, member municipalities, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers' Association, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- Council received the Joint Building Committee Annual Permit Summary

8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R-93-24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 33-24, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 33-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 14th day of May 2024.

(Carried)

10. ADJOURNMENT:

R-94-24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:55 p.m. The next regular meeting May 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Original Signed by George Sterling

MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Field

CLERK