

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

June 25, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **June 25, 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 electronically: Mayor Sterling, Councillors: Abbott, Miller, and Robertson.

Regrets: Councillor Patterson.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson and Nancy Field.

Public attending in person or electronically: Judy Ransome, Nieves Guijarro and Roman Kacynski.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

R-103- 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the June 25, 2024, agenda as circulated.

(Carried)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R-104- 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the Tri-Council meeting on May 27, 2024 and the regular meeting on May 28, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

5. REPORTS:

CLERK: Nancy provided Council with the draft 2024 newsletter that will be going out with the next tax bill. No changes were brought forward by Council.

CAO/TREASURER: Brayden provided Council with the Conservation and Demand plan and a By-law to enter into a Municipal Funding Agreement with AMO. Resolutions noted below.

R-105- 24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the Conservation and Demand Management Plan dated July 1, 2024.

(Carried)

R-106- 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 37-24, being a By-law to Authorize An Agreement with the Association of Municipalities for the Canada Community-Building Fund; That By-Law # 37-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 25th day of June, 2024.

(Carried)

6. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

R-107-24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve a Special Permit Exemption from Noise By-Law 14-22 for the Harvest Festival as follows:

- Friday September 13, 2024, from 8 pm-4:30 am
- Saturday September 14, 2024, from 2 pm-6 am
- Sunday September 15, 2024, from 1 pm-7 pm (as per usual)
- Sunday September 15, 2024, from 10 pm-2 am (ambient music similar to 2023)
- Monday September 16, 2024, from 7 am-6 pm (ambient music similar to 2023)

And that proof of insurance up to 5 million dollars naming the Township of Ryerson as additional insured be provided prior to the event.

(Carried)

R-108- 23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$500.00 to Keira McGregor to help with the cost of attending the Dance World Cup in Prague, Czech Republic.

(Carried)

Council had some discussions regarding the community bus proposal from Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED). Resolution noted below.

R-109-24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

WHEREAS Ryerson Township has received and reviewed the 2024 Almaguin Community Bus Activities Report and supporting information;

AND WHEREAS Ryerson Township recognizes the need for public transportation has been identified in various strategic guidance documents, such as the 2018 Almaguin Highlands Regional Economic Development Strategic Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ryerson Township declares their support in principle for the development of a limited-service community bus pilot program to service multiple communities in the Almaguin Highlands Region.

(Carried)

R-110-24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council appoint Dan Robertson to be a member of the Regional Fire Services Committee.

(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- Council received the May meeting minutes from the Historical Society.
- Council received the June meeting minutes from the Historical Society.
- Council received the May permit report from the Joint Building Committee
- Council received the waste report for June.
- Council received Armour Townships resolution supporting the NOHFC grant application.
- Council received the April minutes from the Regional Fire Services Committee.
- Council received the Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) letter of support for the New Rural Immigration Pilot Program.

7. CLOSED MEETING

R-111-24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

That we move to a closed session at 6:33 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (c) as the subject matter being considered is regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board. The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss potential land acquisition affecting the Municipality.

(Carried)

8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R-112-24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 38-24, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 38-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 25th day of June 2024.

(Carried)

10. ADJOURNMENT:

R-113-24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:09 p.m. The next regular meeting July 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Original Signed by George Sterling

MAYOR

Original Signed by Brayden Robinson

~~CLERK~~ Deputy Clerk