

# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

## MINUTES

TRI-COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 26, 2024

The Tri-Council meeting of the Council of the Township of Ryerson, Council of the Township of Armour and the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls was held on Monday August 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Armour, Ryerson, Burk's Falls Memorial Arena, 220 Centre Street, Burk's Falls.

Before the meeting Joe Readman, Fire Chief presented Kenneth Stevenson and John Wilson with exemplary years of service awards.

### **Attendance:**

Township of Ryerson: Mayor George Sterling, Councillors Beverly Abbott, Glenn Miller, Delynne Patterson, and Dan Robertson. Staff: Brayden Robinson, CAO/Treasurer; Kelly Morissette, Administrative Assistant; Joe Readman, Fire Chief.

Township of Armour: Mayor Rod Ward, Councillors Rod Blakelock, Wendy Whitwell, Jerry Brandt, and Dorothy Haggart-Davis. Staff: John Theriault, Clerk-Treasurer-Administrator; Charlene Watt, Deputy Clerk.

Village of Burk's Falls: Mayor Chris Hope, Councillors John Wilson, Ryan Baptiste, Ashley Brandt, and Sean Cotton. Staff: Denis Duguay, Clerk-Administrator.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Mayor Sterling.
2. Adoption of Minutes. (TR-8-2024) Moved by Delynne Patterson Seconded by Jerry Brandt.  
Be it resolved that the meeting notes from the Tri Council meeting of May 27, 2024, be accepted as presented. (Carried)
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None
4. Location of Library Build:

Joe Vella presented to Tri-Council that the chosen option for the Library build was site A. He provided an explanation on the report from Greystone and the pipes identified. Concerns were brought forward about the potential costs of replacing or maintaining these pipes in the future, and who would be responsible for those costs.

It was noted that removal of the contaminated soil could be costly, and maybe a core sample should be completed.

Joe Vella would like the Councils that haven't yet passed resolutions supporting site A to do so.

5. Removal of Ice for 2025 Fall Fair/Building a Pavilion:  
Councillor Blakelock presented to Tri-Council on behalf of the Agricultural Society about the construction of a pavilion as it would be a cost the Agricultural Society could not afford.  
Mayor Hope will coordinate with the Agricultural Society President to arrange a meeting to discuss the usage of the arena for the fall fair.  
Burk's Falls Council indicated there is an annual cost associated with the tents currently being utilized by the Agricultural Society and it was questioned whether the removal of the ice would cost less than a pavilion/permanent tent structure.  
Councillor Wilson suggested that the long-term lease agreement between Burk's Falls and the Agricultural Society be reviewed, as the current agreement is no longer enforceable, and to look into the possibility of Ryerson and Armour Townships being included in the new agreement.
6. Update on Property for BFDFD Fire Hall Project

John Theriault informed Tri-Council that the 24-acre property for the new fire hall project has been purchased for \$168,000, and the MTO has 120 days to transfer the property to Armour Township.

7. Update on BFDFD Fire Hall Project Grant

Brayden Robinson updated Tri-Council on the NOHFC fire hall grant. A letter was received indicating that Ryerson was selected to move to phase two of the application process.

8. Need for Positive Support for New Hospital Build

Councillor Patterson spoke with Tri-Council regarding the need to continue to show support and have conversations regarding the hospital build. There is a concern that, with the conflicting and negative information circulating regarding the project, the government will decide to move on, and the project will not move forward.

It was mentioned that MAHC has until the end of this calendar year to move to the next step of the project, and if that is not done there is a risk of losing the funding.

Ryerson Township will develop a resolution to be circulated to show support for the project and ensure our needs are being taken into consideration.

9. Fireworks Certification

Joe Readman, Fire Chief provided Tri-Council with information on fireworks certification for department staff. Dreamcatcher Fireworks facilitates training, and the cost associated is \$1,500.00 for 10 firefighters. Certifications last 5 years, and upon renewal there is a cost of \$150.00 per person. Burk's Falls will look into their insurance policy to verify that fireworks are included. It was discussed that, if utilizing our local services is cost effective, this route is preferred. Certification costs will be added to the 2025 fire budget and discussed at the next meeting in October.

Burk's Falls Council thanked Joe Readman and the department for their help this year at the Canada Day fireworks.

10. **Next meeting** is October 28, 2024, with the Township of Armour hosting.

**11. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn. (TR-9-2024) Moved by Chris Hope Seconded by Delynne Patterson

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn this August 26, 2024, Tri-Council meeting at 8:14 p.m. The next Tri-Council meeting will be held on October 28, 2024, hosted by Armour Township.

(Carried)

Original Signed by George Sterling

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MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Field

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