

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

February 25, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **February 25, 2025** at 6:00 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting combining in person, electronic meeting via Zoom and phone.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Miller 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: Councillors: Abbott, Miller, Patterson and Robertson.

Regrets: Mayor Sterling

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson and Nancy Field

Public attending in person or electronically: Barry Burton, Ana Cultraro, Douglas McLean, Judy Kosowan, Nancy Anderson, Dino Cultraro, Roman Kaczynski and Nieves Guijarro.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

R- 30 - 25 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the February 25, 2025 agenda as circulated.

(Carried)

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 31 - 25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting February 11, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

4. DELEGATION: Ana Cultraro attended the Council meeting to speak with Council regarding her concerns with the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in Armour Township.

5. REPORTS:

CLERK: Nancy provided Council with the 2025 spring newsletter and the 2025 Sandbag policy. Comments and discussions were had. Resolution noted below.

R- 32 - 25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has received the March 2025 Sandbag Policy.

(Carried)

COUNCIL REPORTS:

- Councillor Abbott provided Council with a library report.
- Councillor Patterson provided Council with a flag policy report.

6. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

R- 33 - 25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve a donation/sponsorship of \$100.00 towards the 2nd annual Almaguin Meltdown 3 on 3 hockey tournament.

(Carried)

R- 34 - 25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

WHEREAS the Parry Sound District EMS Advisory Committee Board Representative has resigned from the Village of Burk’s Falls;

AND WHEREAS there is an urgent need for a new representative on the Advisory Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Ryerson support the nomination of:

- _____ ✓ Dan Robertson (Ryerson)
- _____ Jon Hind (Magnetawan)
- _____ ~~Cheryl Philip (Kearney)~~

(Carried)

General Information:

- Council received the Joint Building Committee meeting minutes for January 16, 2025 meeting.
- Council received the Joint Building Committee final budget.
- Council received the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre (AHHC) February minutes.
- Council received email from Almaguin Community Economic Development ACED workplan.
- Council received the draft 2025 ACED Workplan.
- Council received email from Charlene Watt regarding the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- Council received the BESS Notice of Complete Application
- Council received the BESS site plan.
- Council received the notice from Huntsville Hospital regarding Planned Power Outage.
- Council received the revised Preliminary Geotechnical report for the Library.

7. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 35 -25 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 11-25, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 11-25 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 February 2025.

(Carried)

8. CLOSED SESSION

R- 36 -25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that we move to a closed meeting at 6:40 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (i) as the subject matter being considered is regarding third party information supplied in confidence to the municipality (e.g. trade secret, or scientific, technical, commercial, financial, or labour relations information); The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss the AHHC.

and; pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2)(k) to discuss a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to negotiations. The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss negotiations for shared services.

(Carried)

9. RETURN TO OPEN

10. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 37 -25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:11 p.m. The next regular meeting is March 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Original Signed by George Sterling

MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Field

CLERK