

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

June 24, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **June 24, 2025** 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 6:02 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, Kelly Morissette, Joe Readman

Public attending in person or electronically: Nieves Guijarro and Roman Kaczynski

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

1.3 R- 85 - 25 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the June 24, 2025 agenda as circulated.

(Carried)

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 86 - 25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the Tri-Council meeting on May 26, 2025, and the regular meeting on May 27, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

4. DELEGATION:

4.1 The delegation scheduled for this meeting provided notice that they would no longer be attending the meeting.

5. REPORTS:

5.1 FIRE CHIEF: Joe provided Council with a report pertaining to appointing a Deputy Fire Chief. Resolution noted below.

R- 87 - 25 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 19-25, being a By-law to Appoint a Deputy Fire Chief and Further; That By-Law # 19-25 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 24th day of June, 2025.

(Carried)

5.2 PUBLIC WORKS: Fred provided Council with a roads report and a draft copy of the By-law to Regulate, Control Parking and Traffic. Questions were asked and answered.

5.3 CLERK: Nancy provided Council with the 2025 summer newsletter, two consent applications and a reporting asking Council if they would be interested in volunteering for the Canada Day Fireworks. Questions were asked and answered. Resolution noted below.

R- 88 - 25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the Consent Applications B-020/25, B-021/25 Concession 14, Part Lot 14 and 15, in Ryerson Township, known municipally as 2314 South Horn Lake Road, Ryerson Township.

The following conditions will apply:

- If the reference plan or other evidence discloses that either the severed property or the retained property owned by the Applicant contains a deviation road maintained by the Township as a public road, then the Applicant shall survey and transfer such deviation road to the Township as a condition of severance. The area to be surveyed and transferred shall generally be 66 feet in width and centered upon the center line of the present traveled road. In situations where this is impractical, the Applicant should discuss how this requirement will be fulfilled with the Municipality before the reference plan is finalized.
- As a condition of severance approval, the Applicant shall pay to the Municipality in which the land is located or otherwise satisfy the requirement for donation of Parkland set out in Section 51.1 of the Planning Act.
- The Township requires one copy of the draft reference plan, and two copies of the Final Reference Plan and one digital copy of the Final Reference Plan.
- That the Townships Consent Administrative Fee and Deposit be paid by the Applicant before finalization of the Consent is given.
- The Township requires that for any proposed entrance: the Public Works Supervisor will be contacted to inspect the location to determine that a safe location for an entrance can be found. The Planning Board will be advised in writing that this condition has been met before finalization of the consent is given.
- Should the final survey reveal that the traveled portion of South Horn Lake Road deviates to the north into the jurisdiction of the Township of Magnetawan—thereby resulting in a reduction in the required road frontage for the proposed lots—a zoning by-law amendment (rezoning) to Rural Residential must be undertaken and approved. This amendment must adequately recognize and address the reduced frontage, to the satisfaction of Ryerson Township.
- The applicant shall provide confirmation, via the registered survey, of the total number of meters of physical road allowance fronting the proposed Lots 2 and 3. This confirmation must be submitted to the Township for review and acceptance.

(Carried)

R- 89 - 25 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the Consent Application B-019/25, Concession 13, Lot 23, in Ryerson Township, known municipally as 127A Windrose Lane, Ryerson Township.

The following conditions will apply:

- The Township requires one copy of the draft reference plan, and two copies of the Final Reference Plan and one digital copy of the Final Reference Plan.
- That the Townships Consent Administrative Fee be paid by the Applicant before finalization of the Consent is given.

(Carried)

CAO/TREASURER: Brayden provided Council with Fire Services Agreement By-law, the RFP results for the new fire hall build, and the new fire hall financial contributions. Discussions were had. Resolutions are noted below.

R- 90 -25 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 20-25, being a By-law to Enter into an Interim Agreement for the Provision of Sharing Fire Services and further; That By-law #20-25 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 24th day of June, 2025.

(Carried)

R- 91 - 25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council conditionally accepts the request for proposal 2025-007 for the design and build for the fire hall from Domm's Construction in the amount of \$3,634,900.50 plus HST for a total of \$4,107,437.57 subject to resolutions of support from the Township of Armour and the Village of Burk's Falls.

(Carried)

R- 92 - 25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

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

And further, that the minimum bid came in at \$3,698,874.75, and if the township is successful in obtaining a grant in the amount of \$1,849,437.38, the Township is committed to cover our contributions towards the project in the estimated amount of \$ 435,727.53, along with any project cost overruns should they be incurred.

(Carried)

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councillor Patterson spoke with Council regarding the report she submitted. Questions were asked and answered.

6. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

R- 93 - 25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

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 12, 2025 from 8 pm-4:30 am
- Saturday September 13, 2025 from 2 pm-6 am
- Sunday September 14, 2025 from 1 pm-7 pm (as per usual)
- Sunday September 14, 2025 from 10 pm-2 am (ambient music similar to 2024)
- Monday September 15, 2025 from 7 am-6 pm (ambient music similar to 2024)

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- 94 -25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council agrees to refund the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library Board the amount of \$ 6,779.77, as a reimbursement for their financial contributions to the survey and geological study costs;

And be it further resolved that the Township of Ryerson agrees to split the balance owing with the Township of Armour and the Village of Burk's Falls with Ryerson's contribution being \$2,259.92.

(Carried)

R- 95 -25 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council receive and support the District of Parry Sound Municipal Associations resolution requesting that the Ontario Government provide free access to information so that Councils can be more effective in their role in our democratic system;

Further That this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka and local municipalities.

(Carried)

R- 96 -25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the updated 2025 net Library budget in the amount of \$191,306.00. Ryerson's share being \$42,202.00 and that we rescind R-51-24.

(Carried)

R- 97 -25 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council approve a donation of \$500.00 to the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society for 2025.

(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- Council received the Joint Building Committee permit summary for May
- Council received Library Board meeting minutes for April.
- Council received the Regional Fire Services Committee meeting minutes.
- Council received the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre committee minutes for June.
- Council received the email from Dave Grey regarding the Almaguin Community Economic Development.
- Council received the Almaguin Community Economic Development staff report on the tax levy formula.
- Council received the meeting minutes for May from the Historical Society
- Council received the OPP Detachment Board meeting minutes for April.
- Council received the resolution from the Historical Society supporting the Vessel Tour Initiative.
- Council received the Village of Burk's Falls By-law to Enter into an Interim Agreement for the Provisions of Sharing Fire Services.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

R- 98 -25 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that we move to a closed meeting at 6:53 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (d) as the subject matter being considered is regarding labour relations or employee negotiations. The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss HR matters.

And; pursuant to Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (b) as the subject matter being considered is regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual. The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss contracted services.

8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 99 -25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 21-25, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 21-25 be read a First, Second, and Third time,

Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 24th day of June, 2025.

(Carried)

10. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 100 -25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:26 p.m. The next regular meeting is July 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Original Signed by George Sterling

MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Field

CLERK