

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

October 14, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **October 14, 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 6:00 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, Kelly Morissette, Jason Newman and Joe Readman.

Public attending in person or electronically: Sarah Cooke and Michael Staresinic

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

R- 130 - 25 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the October 14, 2025 agenda as circulated.

(Carried)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 131 - 25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the Tri-Council meeting on August 25, 2025 and the minutes from the regular meeting on September 9, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

5. REPORTS:

BY-LAW: J. Newman provided Council with a Q3 update report. Questions were asked and answered.

FIRE CHIEF: J. Readman provided Council with the draft 2026 fire budget. Questions were asked and answered. Resolution noted below.

R- 132 - 25 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approves the 2026 draft Fire Department budget for submission to the Tri-Council meeting scheduled for Monday October 27, 2025.

(Carried)

ACTING CAO/CLERK: N. Field provided Council with the new By-law Enforcement Services Agreement, a consent application B-042/25 & B-042/25, a By-law to appoint an Acting CAO, and a request to Council to close the office for staff training. Resolutions are noted below.

R- 133 -25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce Bill # 27 -25, being a By-law to enter into an agreement for the services of a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer and Municipal Law Enforcement Manager and further; That By-law # 27 -25 be read a First, Second, Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 14th day of October, 2025.

(Carried)

R- 134 -25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize: Councillor Patterson and Councillor Abbott to attend the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference on January 18th – 20th, 2026 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in, Toronto.

(Carried)

R- 135 -25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the Consent Applications, B-042/25 and B-043/25 Part of Lot 22, Concession 13. The following conditions will apply:

- The Township requires one copy of the draft reference plan for review prior to registration, two copies of the Final Reference Plan and a digital copy of the Final Reference Plan.
- 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 easement previously approved on B-018/25 to be registered on title prior to Consent being granted.
- The Township requires the owner to enter into a 51 (26) agreement with the Township and be registered on title to indemnify the Township and all other public bodies of all responsibility for any maintenance of the road and all liability for any use of the road and alleged failure to provide emergency services or any other public services that were not being provided at the time of the creation of the road.
- 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.

(Carried)

R- 136 -25 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,.

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 28 -25, being a By-law to appoint an Acting CAO and further: That By-law # 28 -25 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 October, 2025.

(Carried)

R- 137 - 25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the office closure request for October 16, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for staff training and that notice of office closure be circulated on the Township website and Facebook page.

(Carried)

TREASURER: B. Robinson provided Council with a Q3 budget variance, discussions were had.

B. Robinson provided Council with a report regarding the Bartlett Lake Culvert replacement project. Questions were asked and answered. Resolution noted below.

R- 138 -25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council direct staff to defer the Bartlett Lake Culvert Replacement until the 2026 budget year.

(Carried)

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councillor Abbott provided Council with a library board report.

Councillor Abbot spoke to Council regarding the Harvest Festival.

Councillor Patterson spoke to Council regarding the Trio-council subcommittee. Resolution noted below.

R- 139 - 25 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council is in support of the Subcommittee meetings for shared services.

(Carried)

Councillor Patterson provided Council with an update regarding AHHC.

Councillor Robertson spoke to Council regarding the 2-year agreement invitation with Almaguin Community Economic Development.

6. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:

Council received the updated library agreement with corrections.
Resolution noted below.

R- 140 - 25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 29 -25, being a By-law to enter into a Library Agreement and further; That By-Law # 29 -25 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 October, 2025.

(Carried)

7. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

Council received a donation request from the Historical Society regarding the Annual Halloween Party. Resolution noted below.

R- 141 -25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the Historical Society donation request for the annual Children Halloween Party with a donation of \$ 200.00.

(Carried)

Council received the recruiter funding renewal request from the Muskoka Almaguin Ontario Health Team. Discussions were held. Resolution noted. Below.

R- 142 - 25 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council commits to \$ 1,000.00 annually for a 3-year time period (2026-2028) for the continued Muskoka Almaguin Ontario Health Team Resources Recruiter.

(Carried)

Council discussed the annual Santa Claus Parade.

General Information Items Received:

7.4 Council received the Save the Date notice for the Regional Economic 7th Annual RED Gala.

7.5 Council received the Minister of Transportation and Internal Trade letter.

7.6 Council received the draft Library minutes from July.

7.7 Council received the Historical Society meeting minutes from August 18, 2025.

7.8 Council received the Historical Society meeting minutes from September 15, 2025.

7.9 Council received the draft Joint Building Committee meeting minutes from September 18, 2025.

7.10 Council received the 2025 Northeast Municipal Council Workshop Cancellation Notice.

7.11 Council received the Joint Building Committee 2024 Audited Financial Statements.

7.12 Council received the Huntsville and South Muskoka Donor Support Media Release.

7.13 Council received the Ontario Provincial Police Cost Recover Model.

7.14 Council received the Almaguin Community Economic Development percent to levy resolution.

7.15 Council received the Almaguin Community Economic Development two staff model resolution.

7.16 Council received the Joint Building Committee permit summary.

7.17 Council received the Almaguin Highlands Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board meeting minutes for June 2025

8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 143 -25 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 30 -25, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 30 -25 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 October 2025.

(Carried)

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

R- 144 -25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:35 p.m. The next regular meeting is October 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Original Signed by George Sterling

MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Field

ACTING CAO/CLERK