

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

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

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **November 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

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: Councillors: Abbott, Miller, Patterson and Robertson.

Regrets: Mayor Sterling

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, Kelly Morissette, and Fred Schmeltz.

Public attending in person or electronically: Nieves Guijarro and Chris Bevan.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

R- 157 - 25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

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

(Carried)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 158 - 25 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the Tri-council meeting on October 27, 2025 and the minutes from the regular meeting on October 28, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

5. DELEGATION:

C. Bevan from Kennedy Insurance was present at the meeting to speak with Council regarding the insurance policy renewal. Questions were asked and answered.
Resolution noted below.

R- 159 -25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the quotation for the 2026 Insurance renewal in the amount of \$ 123,068 plus applicable taxes, from Kennedy Insurance.

(Carried)

6. REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS: F. Schmeltz provided council with a report and an OSIM report on the East Road Bridge. Questions were asked and answered.

TREASURER: B. Robinson provided Council with the staff recognition and bonuses report. Changes were requested. Resolution noted below.

R- 160 - 25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council direct that recognition shall be provided, as outlined in the attached Staff/Volunteer Recognition Report dated November 19, 2025, with an adjustment made to number 4. Fire Department members will receive \$100.00

(Carried)

B. Robinson provided Council with the Shared Services Budgets. Discussions were had, and Council has requested that the Library and Fire budget to be brought back to the next meeting.

ACTING CAO/CLERK:

N. Field provided Council with the 2026 meeting schedule, the schedule was tabled and is to be brought back to the next meeting. The 2026 conferences report with costs were provided to Council. Resolution is noted below. N. Field also provided council with a Fees and Charges By-law, the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and a By-law to vote by mail in the next election. Resolutions noted below.

R- 161 -25 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council authorize: Councillors Patterson and Abbott to attend The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) conference on May 11 -May 13, 2026, in Timmins.

~~Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council authorize:~~
~~_____ to attend~~
~~the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference (AMO) on August 16 —19, 2026 in~~

~~(Carried)~~

R- 162 -25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 33-25, Being a By-law to adopt the Fees and Charges By-law and Further; That By-law # 33-25 be a 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 November, 2025.

(Carried)

R- 163 -25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 34-25, Being a By-law to Adopt the 2025-2030 Multi Year Accessibility Plan and Further; That By-law # 34-25 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 November, 2025.

(Carried)

R- 164 - 25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 35-25, being a By-law to Authorize Vote by Mail for Municipal Elections and Further; That By-law # 35-25 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 November, 2025.

(Carried)

7. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:

Discussions were had regarding the Santa Claus parade float for Ryerson.

8. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

R- 165 -25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports that the Township of Perry forward the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and comments from their insurance to Russell Christie’s Office for their legal opinion and update;

And further that the cost associated with the legal opinion be payable on a 1/7th share by each member municipality as per the Terms of Reference.

(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- Council received the Township of Armours resolution for the shared By-law Enforcement Services.
- Council received the Township of Armours Notice of Intent.
- Council received the Township of Armours resolution regarding the holding designation removal for the fire hall property.
- Council received the Township of Armours Zoning By-law amendment for the Fire hall.
- Council received the Thank you letter from the Burk’s Falls Lions Club.
- Council received the Santa Claus Parade Committee Financial Statement.
- Council received the Historical Society meeting minutes for October.
- Council received the Joint Building Committee annual permit summary for October.
- Council received the Joint Building Committee permit summary for Ryerson for the month of October.
- Council received the Regional Fire Services Committee draft November meeting minutes.
- Council received the Almaguin Highlands Health Council meeting minutes for October.
- Council received the O.P.P. Detachment Baird meeting minutes from November.
- Council received the Township of Armours resolutions appointing an alternate library representative.
- Council received the Township of Armours resolution supporting the Tri-Subcommittee.

Councillor Miller provided comments on the Joint Building Committee permit summary.

9. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 166 -25 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 36-25, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 36-25 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 November, 2025.

(Carried)

10. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 167 -25 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:55 p.m.. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Glenn Miller

DEPUTY MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Field

ACTING CAO/CLERK