

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

March 10, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **March 10, 2026** at 6:00 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting combining in person, electronic meeting via Zoom and phone.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Glenn 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: Mayor Sterling, Councillors: Abbott, Patterson, Miller and Robertson.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, Kelly Morissette and Joe Readman

Public attending in person or electronically: Nieves Guijarro, Sara Hahn

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

R- 30 - 26 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the March 10, 2026, agenda as circulated.

(Carried)

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 31 - 26 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the special meeting on February 17, 2026, the Tri-Council meeting on February 23, 2026, the Council workshop and special meeting from February 24, 2026, and the special meeting on February 27, 2026, be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

4. TENDERS/QUOTES/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP):

R- 32 - 26 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council authorize tenders to be issued for roadside mowing, Peggs Mountain Road resurfacing, stockpile granite, and roadside brushing.

(Carried)

5. REPORTS:

5.1 ROADS: Council received the report provided by F. Schmeltz, Roads Supervisor. Questions were asked and answered.

5.2 **FIRE CHIEF:** J. Readman provided Council with a Memorandum of Understanding for the Live Fire Unit. J. Readman provided an update on the agreement and indicated that another copy with final changes will be provided soon.

Council approved the First Due Fire Software; resolution is noted below. J. Readman provided Council with the East Ferris Regional Fire training centre resolution. Resolution is noted below.

R- 33 -26 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the report submitted by the Fire Chief and authorize the purchase of First Due and enter into a contract for continued use.

(Carried)

R- 34 -26 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris is planning the construction of a new fire hall that will serve as a regional fire training centre for fire departments including from across the Nipissing, East Parry Sound, and East Sudbury districts;

AND WHEREAS the closest accredited and operational training facilities are currently located in Huntsville, Haileybury, and Sault Ste. Marie, requiring significant travel, increased costs, and reduced training frequency for volunteer and composite departments in our region;

AND WHEREAS the summer 2025 storm in the Municipality of Calvin demonstrated the effectiveness of regional collaboration under a declared state of emergency, highlighting the value of joint training and coordinated emergency response;

AND WHEREAS a regional training centre in East Ferris would allow firefighters to train closer to home, reduce operational costs, foster inter-departmental collaboration, and improve readiness for future emergencies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Ryerson Township supports the Municipality of East Ferris in its application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for funding assistance to construct the East Ferris Regional Fire Training Centre;

AND FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Municipality of East Ferris to demonstrate our municipality's support for this important regional initiative.

(Carried)

5.3 **TREASURER:** B. Robinson provided Council with the shared services budgets that were provided at the Tri-Council meeting. Resolutions noted below.

R- 35 -26 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approves the 2026 net Armour, Ryerson, Burk's Falls Memorial Arena budget, in the amount of \$550,141, with Ryerson's share to be \$183,380. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$4,045 will be put into an arena reserve.

(Carried)

R- 36 -26 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approves the 2026 net fire budget in the amount of \$649,876, with Ryerson's share to be \$153,111. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$2,522 will be put into a fire reserve.

(Carried)

R- 37 -26 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approves the 2026 net Tri-R Waste Management budget in the amount of \$285,322 with Ryerson's share to be \$96,027. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$3,215 will be put into a landfill reserve.

(Carried)

R- 38 -26 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2026 RTO budget in the amount of \$85,408 with Ryerson's share to be \$4,024.

(Carried)

5.4 **ACTING CAO/CLERK:** N. Field provided Council with the Tri-Council sub-committee Terms of Reference, resolution noted below. A report was provided regarding the digital sign that is shared between Armour and Burk's Falls.

A report was provided to Council regarding the Draft V2 Official Plan and Schedule A, discussions were had.

R- 39 - 26 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the draft Terms of Reference for the Shared Services Advisory Committee.

(Carried)

COUNCIL REPORTS:

5.5 Councillor Robertson provided Council with an update on the non-member contribution. Resolution was table for next meeting.

5.6 Councillor Abbott provided Council with the Hazmat dates and a library report.

6. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

R- 40 - 26 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the appointment of Dan Robertson and Glenn Miller to the TRI-R Waste Committee.

(Carried)

R- 41 - 26 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the one-time donation of \$500.00 towards the Almaguin Pride Network's 2026 events budget.

(Carried)

R- 42 - 26 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council receives the Township of Armour's By-law 10-2026 to transfer Part of Lot 5, Concession 7, Part 1 of Reference Plan 42R-22866 into Joint ownership.

And further; the Council direct staff to pay Ryerson's share, in the amount of \$16,062.22.

(Carried)

R- 43 - 26 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports resolution 2026-20 passed by the Municipality of Magnetawan calling upon the Government of Canada to strengthen affordability requirements tied to federal broadband funding and universal access programs.

(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- Council received 2025 Arena budget resolution from the Township of Armour.
- Council received 2026 Fire Department budget resolution from the Township of Armour.
- Council received 2025 Tri-R Landfill budget resolution from the Township of Armour.
- Council received a resolution from the Township of Armour supporting First Due Program.
- Council received a resolution from the Township of Armour defeating the AHHC 2024 & 2025 deficit invoices.
- Council received the resolution from the Township of Armour supporting the Tri-Council Sub-committee Terms of Reference.
- Council received that January library meeting minutes.
- Council received the meeting minutes from November 17, 2026 from the Historical Society.
- Council received the resolution from the Village of Burk's Falls supporting the Tri-Council Sub-committee Terms of Reference.
- Council received a resolution from the Village of Burk's Falls regarding the Fire Hall land transfer.
- Council received the birthday celebration invitation.
- Council received the Almaguin Community Economic Development meeting minutes for January.
- Council received the Almaguin Community Economic Development Board meeting agenda.
- Council received the Director of Economic Development Report.
- Council received the Ministry of Natural Resources Black Bear Management approach.
- Council received the meeting minutes from February 17, 2026 from the Historical Society.
- Council received the Joint Building Committee Permit Summary.
- Council received the Notice of Appeal from PowerBank.
- Council received the resolution from the Historical Society regarding the Heritage Festival.

7. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 44 -26 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 10-26, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 10-26 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 10th day of March 2026.

(Carried)

8. CLOSED MEETING:

R- 45 -26 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that we move to a closed meeting at 7:19 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c.25, Section 239(2)(f) as the subject matter being considered is regarding advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communication necessary for that purpose; The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss legal matters.

(Carried)

9. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 46 -26 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 8:04 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Original Signed by Glenn Miller

DEPUTY MAYOR

Original Signed by Nancy Field

ACTING CAO/CLERK