

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

February 18, 2020

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening February 18, 2020. Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council members present: Mayor George Sterling, Councillors Barbara Marlow, Celia Finley, Delynne Patterson, Penny Brandt.

Staff in attendance: Judy Kosowan, Brayden Robinson, Lloyd Van Duzen, Dave McNay, Ken Stevenson.

Guests in attendance: John Finley, Rosalind Hall, Judy Ransome, Chris Bevan.

Notice of this meeting was put on the website, posted on the front door of the office and recorded on the telephone voice message.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from the regular meeting February 4, 2020 were adopted as circulated, on a motion moved by Councillor Patterson and seconded by Councillor Brandt.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

PRESENTATION:

Chris Bevan from Kennedy Insurance attended to provide Council with information on municipal insurance relating to the Land Use Permission with the Magnetawan Ridge Runners.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Council received e-mail correspondence from John Finley and Chris Blythe expressing concerns about the memorandum of understanding and certificate of insurance with the Magnetawan Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club. A response from the Snowmobile Club was also provided.

DELEGATION:

Rosalind Hall attended to express concerns about road safety issues on Royston Road adjacent to civic number 121. The Township received e-mails dated February 10 and 12, 2020 from Rosalind Hall noting concerns. The Public Works Supervisor conducted a site visit and provided comments to Council in a staff report.

STAFF REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS: Lloyd Van Duzen, Public Works Supervisor provided a written report including: fleet and winter up-dates; 2020 snowmobile issues.

DEPUTY CLERK: Information was provided to Council on the Northeastern Fire Conference, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities conference and up-dates to the Official Plan and Zoning By-laws. Resolutions were adopted as noted below.

TREASURER: The statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses for 2019 was provided to Council. A road budget meeting was scheduled for Thursday February 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

FIRE CHIEF: Council received notification that Joe Readman will be resigning from the positions of Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer. The last day of employment will be February 21, 2020. Council adopted a resolution as noted below.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Marlow provided Council with written reports regarding: District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) meetings February 14, 18 2020 and the Almaguin Highlands Health Care (AHHC) meeting February 7, 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER BUSINESS

- Village of Merrickville-Wolford Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation, resolution adopted.
- The Corporation of the Township of Strong resolution with respect to the Health Units changes to the funding formula, resolution adopted.
- Council discussed the annual cost of living and adopted the resolution noted below.
- Council discussed advertising for the Fire Prevention Officer position, resolution noted below.

BY-LAWS

By-law # 6-20 to confirm the meetings of Council.

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed meeting at 7:20 p.m. Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion and returned to the open meeting at 7:50 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting February 4, 2020 be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt, be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council does approve the following Councillors/Staff: George Sterling, Barbara Marlow, Nancy Field to attend Northeastern Fire Education Conference March 27, 2020 at Deerhurst Resort. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council does approve the following Councillors: Penny Brandt, Delynne Patterson, Barbara Marlow to register for the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Conference May 13-15, 2020. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson, be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council will update the housekeeping changes to the Zoning By-Law 56-14 and will begin an Official Plan review in 2020. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Ryerson accept, with regret, Joe Readman's, February 6th, 2020, letter of resignation. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the resolution of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford with respect to concerns about the expansion of the Provincially Significant Wetlands designations in its Official Plan provisions. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson support the resolution of The Corporation of the Township of Strong with respect to the Health Unit's changes to the funding formula. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 6-20, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 6-20 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 18th day of February, 2020. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that we move to a closed session at 7:20 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: a human resource matter and the salary schedule. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize an increase of 2.2 % for 2020 to be applied to the salary grid, council pay and road department stand-by policy, retroactively to January 1, 2020. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow, be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council advertise for the Fire Prevention Officer position with the Burks Falls and District Fire Department, in the Almaguin News, on the Ryerson Township website, on the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs web site and in the Burks Falls Fire Hall. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley, be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:54 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK