

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

February 20, 2020

A special meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Thursday February 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was for Council orientation to have a work plan, goal setting exercise.

Members of Council were notified of this special meeting at the regular meeting February 4, 2020 and at the February 18, 2020 meeting. The meeting was confirmed by e-mail February 18, 2020. Notice of the meeting was posted in the office and on the outside door.

Council members present: Mayor George Sterling, Councillors Barbara Marlow, Penny Brandt and Delynne Patterson. Councillor Finley arrived at 9:25 a.m.

Staff in attendance: Judy Kosowan.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (none declared)

DISCUSSIONS

Members of Council participated in a goal setting exercise to set goals for planning and policy development.

Priorities and issues identified included:

- Affordable housing and planning principles that are more open to innovative strategies
- Health care
- Communications: broadband connectivity
- Roads and infrastructure to be kept in good condition
- Finance and budgeting to keep taxes affordable
- Economic Development: community growth, sustainability
- Community services: landfill, fire, arena, library
- Retaining rural character
- Recreational activities, trail development
- Work progressively for the future
- Schedule a town hall meeting, public input as part of planning for the future and development of a community master plan

Policies will be developed to reflect these priorities and remove barriers in order to promote growth and affordability in the Township.

A town hall meeting will be planned for Friday July 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at the Senior's Centre in Burks Falls.

Discussion points and agenda to be drafted and finalized.

Council will be reviewing amendments to the Zoning By-law. Council reviewed the goals and objectives in the current Official Plan and provided comments to be incorporated with the Official Plan up-date, to begin later this year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK