

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON  
TRI-COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Senior's Centre, Burks Falls  
Thursday February 28, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

A Tri-Council meeting with the Village of Burk's Falls, Township of Armour and Township of Ryerson was held at the Young at Heart Senior's Centre in Burks Fall's, Thursday February 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Ryerson Township Council: George Sterling.  
Barbara Marlow, Delynne Patterson, Penny Brandt and Celia Finley.

Burks Falls Council: Cathy Still, Rex Smith, and Jarve Osborne. Regrets:  
Lewis Hodgson, Lisa Morrison.

Armour Council: Bob MacPhail, Wendy Whitwell, Rod Blakelock and Jerry Brandt. Regrets: Rod Ward.

Staff in Attendance: Judy Kosowan, Brayden Robinson, Nicky Kunkel,  
Charlene Watt, Nancy Field and John Theriault.

Other Staff was in attendance giving their budget reports and some members of the public were also in attendance.

The Township of Ryerson hosted the meeting and Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

It was moved by Jerry Brandt seconded by Penny Brandt that the Councils for the Village of Burk's Falls, Township of Armour and Township of Ryerson hereby accept the minutes of the Tri Council meeting of October 29, 2018 as circulated. (Carried).

**2019 Budgets and Reports**

**Historical Society**

Diane Brandt presented a written report and the budget.

The Watt Century Farm House transfer of ownership has been finalized.

She highlighted the work that will be done in 2019 to create a more accessible Heritage Centre and reported that this year's Heritage Day plans will embrace a theme being "Survival Day".

Mention was made that this is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Historical Society and that it will be added on to the logo this year.

## **Library**

Librarian Nieves Guijarro was absent. The budget was received.

In Nieves's absence it was requested that Rod Blakelock speak. He reported to everyone that the Library is the hub of what is happening in the Community, through the many events that are taking place and partnerships, it is not just a place to read a book anymore.

Rod answered questions and explained the Jar Donations and Adopt-a-Book program.

## **BACED**

Community Economic Development Officer Dave Gray was absent. John Theriault noted that the BACED budget is not finalized as information is pending on regionalization, however the previous commitment from the three municipalities remains at \$14,577. in either scenario.

## **Arena**

Arena Manager Mitch Matson presented a written report and reviewed the proposed 2019 budget. He explained, because of training new staff members, the arena was over budget in 2018.

He highlighted strategies for cost saving measures in the 2019 season by reducing hydro costs with LED lights, possibly flooding the rink with cold water instead of hot and soft starts to reduce current during the startup of equipment.

There was a discussion about the condition of the building, that more needs to be done to maintain and update the facility and that the budget would have to be increased to implement some of these upgrades. The Councils were asked to take back to the table a request to increase the budget this year by \$7,500 each to install new partitions in the washrooms and build a storage area.

Mitch will verify the costs associated with the proposed upgrades with quotes.

The goal is that if we repurpose the facility it may increase the use and make it more of a hub of the Community.

## **Tri R Landfill**

Waste Management Administrator Amy Tilley and Clerk-Treasurer John Theriault presented the 2019 budget and a year-end review.

The landfill is diverting 4 tons of clothing now to the Diabetes Clothing Bins.

Paper continues to be a problem, paper is a desirable product for recycling but it's hard to find a contractor to purchase the paper from us, a large quantity of paper cannot be recycled because of contamination and therefore not resalable.

If the landfill started up an Organic Program there would have to be stringent controls to prevent contamination.

A report regarding the 816F Cat Compactor was received. It reviewed options for the Councils to look at, as a hairline crack in the housing was also discovered and a change to the draft budget will have to be considered as the \$6,000 originally entered in the budget for this repair could run as high as \$50,000. There is an estimated 10 to 15 years of life left in the landfill before it may have to become a transfer station.

Our best interest is to keep this compactor serviced and in good shape for the duration. This repair is not budgeted yet and possibly we could look at using our landfill reserves or finance the repair, through Toromont- CAT, over a 2-3 year period.

Amy informed Councils that the new card system is working seamlessly now but the summer may be more challenging.

## **Fire Department**

Fire Chief McNay and Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) Joe Readman discussed the proposed 2019 budget and noted an amendment in the capitol report for the fire budget, the Fire Pro2, \$14,000, has to be moved from 2019 to 2021.

FPO Readman, answered questions about the training and the provincial regulations that have been rescinded now. Councils were informed of a discussion between the Fire Chiefs and the Province and it is expected that the certification will be back for the Fire Fighters and has only been put on hold while modifications to the certification compliance schedules are being studied. The compliance timeline will be implemented in a better format so it's realistic for volunteers to meet the regulations timelines with weekly training.

The department is training weekly now to ensure they are preparing to meet the up and coming regulations. He communicated that it would be best for the Fire Department to train to the services listed in their own Establish & Regulate By-law.

An up-dated Establish and Regulate a Fire Department By-law has been circulated to each municipality.

It was noted the budget is what it will cost to provide the service in this by-law. If the budget is cut the level of service would have to be cut also.

### **New Business**

Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare MAHC meeting March 8, 2019 at 4 p.m. at the Armour Ryerson Burk's Falls Arena Hall. Stage 1 of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care capitol planning process will be discussed. The design options will be presented for two acute sites.

Bob McPhail will be attending a meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Almaguin Saving the Huntsville Hospital. The mandate is to keep the hospital in Huntsville with a single board representing it. Possibly will be a regional Huntsville, Almaguin and Algonquin Hospital. They will be having a discussion with Norm Miller, M.P.P.

The Councils discussed options for a Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony this year such as a free movie night with popcorn or barbeque at the Arena, no decision was made.

### **Next Meeting**

Next regular Tri-Council meeting will be hosted by the Township of Armour and will be held Monday October 28, 2019.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Rex Smith, seconded by Rod Blakelock that the meeting now adjourns at 9:55 p.m. (Carried)

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Mayor

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