

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY MAY 30, 2017

A public meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday May 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to finalize the 2017 budget with the intent to adopt the budget at the June 6, 2017 Council meeting.

Notice of this meeting has been advertised in the Almaguin News and the Muskoka Region on Thursday May 25, 2017, posted on the web site and in the office and recorded on the telephone answering system.

Reeve Glenn Miller and Councillors: Rosalind Hall, George Sterling, Barbara Marlow and Doug Weddel were present.

Staff in attendance: Judy Edwards; Leanne Fetterley; Judy Kosowan.

Guests in attendance: Paul Van Dam.

Reeve Miller called the meeting to order.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest at the beginning of the meeting.

Budget

Judy Edwards, Treasurer, was available to answer questions for the 2017 budget.

Council reviewed the draft budget and had several questions answered regarding haul route, policing costs and provincial offenses revenues. Council would also like information following up on the grader tires.

Judy Edwards provided information on the anomalies on the industrial occupied assessment changes.

Paul Van Dam asked several questions regarding the economic development budget, by-law enforcement and roads.

Council directed that the budget be finalized as per the resolution below.

Other Business

Leanne Fetterley, Deputy Clerk, outlined a proposed procedure for staff reporting and attendance at Council meetings. As part of a procedural shift to a consent agenda format, staff will attend only as required to answer questions or seek direction. This procedure will be implemented starting with the Public Works department.

Council was notified of the Young at Heart Senior's Centre free Barbeque Canada 150 event on Saturday July 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Council received information at the Tri-Council meeting on May 29, 2017 regarding the downtown revitalization plan in Burks Falls. Council adopted the resolution as noted below.

Canada 150 plans were discussed and further information will be provided at the June 6, 2017 meeting.

Closed Session

A closed session was called by the Reeve to review of staff workload and working relationships as noted in the below resolution.

Staff was directed to proceed with instructions given in the closed meeting.

Return to Open Meeting, Other Business Continued

Council returned to the open meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Council would like staff to prepare a response to Burks Falls regarding options for the operation of the arena.

Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council direct that the budget be finalized and the 2017 tax levy by-law be prepared for the June 6, 2017 meeting reflecting a 2.26 percent increase in the tax levy and a 3.33 percent increase in the residential tax rate. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling, seconded by Councillor Hall be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson receive the 2017 Budget Report, excluded expenses as per Ontario Regulation 284/09. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Sterling seconded by Councillor Weddel
WHEREAS The Village of Burk's Falls is currently planning to undertake a series of downtown revitalization initiatives to complement several infrastructure improvement projects that are currently being planned; AND WHEREAS Ryerson Township Council recognizes the value of downtown revitalization in Burk's Falls for all of our area communities; AND WHEREAS the Village has requested the support of Armour Township and Ryerson Township; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson partner with the Village of Burk's Falls and Armour Township by supporting in principle an application to the NOHFC Community Capacity Building program to hire consulting services to prepare a downtown revitalization and waterfront master plan (DRWMP). (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Weddel, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that we move to a closed session at 7:50 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: review of staff workload and working relationships. (Carried)

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Original signed by Glenn Miller

REEVE

Original signed by Leanne Fetterley

DEPUTY CLERK