

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

November 5, 2019

A special meeting of Council was called for Tuesday November 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to have a Council orientation meeting with a presentation from the Municipal Integrity Commissioner.

Members of Council were notified of the special meeting at the regular meeting of Council on October 15, 2019 and with the agenda package for the regular meeting November 5, 2019 provided on November 1, 2019. The agenda was posted on the website on November 1, 2019.

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

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, Judy Kosowan.

Guests in attendance: Paul Van Dam.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (none declared)

PRESENTATION

Harold Elston, the Municipal Integrity Commissioner attended to review the Code of Conduct and Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with Council.

The presentation highlighted:

- Mandatory Codes of Conducts and Integrity Commissioners
- Penalties
- Perceived conflict of interests
- Role of Council/Councillors
- Role of Head of Council/Mayor
- Role of CAO, Role of Clerk
- Role of Staff
- Role of Integrity Commissioner: advisory and/or investigative
- Common complaints about behavior at meetings and respecting employees: discreditable conduct – intimidating, bullying, harassing, lack of decorum and respect, improper use of status as member, disclosure of confidential information
- Direct and Indirect Pecuniary Interest
- Exceptions to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
- Written statement of conflict required (forms) and a register to be kept by the municipality
- Complaint Process (forms)

RESOLUTIONS

That we move to a closed session at 2:57 p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (b) as the subject matter being considered is regarding personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss: the Code of Conduct. (Carried)

CLOSED MEETING

Council moved to a closed meeting at 2:57 p.m. Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusion.

Council returned to the open meeting at 4:05 p.m. and the special Council meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK