

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
TRI COUNCIL MINUTES**

October 28, 2019

The regular Tri-Council meeting of the Council of the Township of Armour, Council of the Township of Ryerson and the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls was held on Monday October 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Young at Heart Senior Centre, 136 Yonge Street, Burk's Falls.

Attendance:

Ryerson Council: Mayor George Sterling, Councillors Barbara Marlow, Penny Brandt and Celia Finley. Regrets: Councillor Delynne Patterson. Staff: Judy Kosowan, CAO/Clerk; Brayden Robinson, Treasurer; Dave McNay, Fire Chief; Ken Stevenson, Deputy-Fire Chief and Joe Readman, Fire Prevention Officer.

Armour Council: Reeve Bob MacPhail, Councillors Rod Blakelock, Rod Ward, Jerry Brandt and Wendy Whitwell; Staff: John Theriault, Clerk-Treasurer/Administrator, Amy Tilley, Waste Management Administrator and Charlene Watt, Deputy-Clerk.

Burk's Falls Council: Councillors Jarvis Osborne, Lisa Morrison and Rex Smith. Staff: Nicky Kunkel, CAO/Clerk and Mitch Matson, Arena Manager. Regrets Lewis Hodgson and Cathy Still.

Guests: Nieves Guijarro, CEO Library, Beverly Abbott, Paul Van Dam, Kate England, John Finley and Diane Brandt.

The Meeting was hosted by Township of Armour and Reeve Bob MacPhail called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the regular Tri-Council meeting held on February 28, 2019 were approved as circulated.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

PRESENTATION:

Stephen Darling from Darling Insurance gave a presentation about community event insurance and what coverage a general insurance policy provides for these events. He advised that the Frank Cowan Company has four (4) criteria that need to be met before the municipal insurance may cover an event:

1. Council must pass a resolution stating that a group of individuals will be acting as a Committee of Council;
2. The Committee must be accountable to Council for all their actions and activities;
3. All finances are directed by Council or at least approved by Council;
4. Typically, one or two Council members are appointed to sit on the Committee.

DELEGATION:

Lyle Hall and Bill Atkinson from Non-Profit Organization for Almaguin Housing (NOAH) made a presentation to the Tri-Council about the Gregg Building project to be developed in Sundridge. The project will be completed in two (2) phases. The first phase will be the construction of a fifty (50) unit three (3) story building with a mix of studio, one (1) bedroom and two (2) bedrooms apartments at a cost of \$11 million. The second phase will include the construction of a commercial building which could include a medical centre or a library. Support from the local municipalities for the construction of affordable housing in the area was requested. Tri-Council passed a resolution of support.

2020 DRAFT BUDGETS:

Waste Management

A projected year end for the 2019 budget was presented and well as a draft 2020 budget for waste management. The final draft budget includes a reduction of \$48,500 in revenues. This is caused by a reduction in bags going into the landfill, reduced sales of recycling materials and a reduction in the recycling grant. The reduction in the recycling grant is partly caused by Burk’s Falls doing their own recycling and the prospect of the Province reducing the recycling grant. The operating expenditure budget remains approximately the same while the capital is being reduced by \$25,000. The bottom line is that this budget is increasing by \$27,604 or 17.45%.

Fire Budget

The 2020 draft budget for the Fire Department was presented with a 3.7% increase. The capital costs are not changing from the previous year while there are inflationary adjustments in the operating budget and some extra equipment being purchased.

The cost of the Regional Fire Training program remains the same for 2020 as in 2019.

Tri-Council reviewed and discussed a letter from the Deputy Fire Chief concerning single station calls. Tri-Council requested that a timeline be added to the letter before it is sent.

Arena

Tri-Council reviewed a 2019 update on the operation of the Arena and the budget projections for the end of 2019. The 2020 draft budget for the Arena was presented and discussed. There are no significant changes in this budget from 2019.

Library Board

The 2020 draft budget for the library was presented. The total budget is increasing by \$14,784 or 11.29%. The change includes a \$2,775 decrease in revenues and an \$11,723 increase in salaries and benefits.

RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by George Sterling, seconded by Jerry Brandt: That the Tri-Council of the Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk’s Falls approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 28, 2019, as circulated. (Carried)

Moved by Lisa Morrison, seconded by George Sterling: That the Tri-Council of the Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk’s Falls support, in principle, the Gregg Building Project, which will provide new housing for the Almaguin area. (Carried)

Moved by Jarvis Osborne, seconded by Rod Blakelock: That the Tri-Council of the Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk’s Falls adjourn this regular Tri-Council meeting at 9:23 p.m. until the next regular Tri-Council meeting scheduled for February 17, 2020 to be hosted by the Village of Burk’s Falls. (Carried)

Mayor

Clerk