

# REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

September 17, 2019

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held at the Municipal Office Tuesday evening September 17, 2019. Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Public in attendance: John Rose, Paul Van Dam, Bev Abbot.

Notice of this meeting was put on the website, posted on the front door of the office and recorded on the telephone voice message.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the public and regular meetings September 3, 2019 were adopted as circulated on a motion moved by Councillor Patterson and seconded by Councillor Finley.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None declared.

### **TENDERS/QUOTES/REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

Council considered the proposal from Tulloch Engineering for Engineer of Record consulting and engineering services and decided to renew the contract for two years as noted in the below resolution.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Councillor Finley provided information on a resolution received from the Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) Committee regarding broadband services. A resolution was adopted as noted below.

The Treasurer provided Council with a report on the costs of training and conferences. Council discussed attendance at conferences by members of Council and two resolutions were adopted.

### **STAFF REPORTS:**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: A written report was provided to Council.

DEPUTY CLERK: Severance application B-020/19 (Part Lot 6, Concession 3) was presented to Council. A resolution was adopted as noted below.

A report providing highlights from the recent Planning Workshop was discussed with Council.

CLERK: A complaint was received about noise from the Harvest Festival held September 13 to 15, 2019. A letter of response was provided to Council and it was signed by the Mayor.

### **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Councillors Brandt and Marlow and Mayor Sterling added their verbal reports and comments regarding the Planning Workshop they recently attended.

Councillor Finley provided an up-date from the Regional Recreation Committee regarding the Almaguin Amazing Race to be held on Saturday September 28, 2019. Council was also advised that the first meeting of the Ryerson Recreation/Parks Committee will be scheduled in the near future.

Councillor Marlow gave Council information from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) report on Nipissing Parry Sound Overdose Incidents.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS**

- Near North Enviro-Education Centre symposium on Climate Change
- FedNor: News release re: funding for Blue Sky Net
- Township of McMurrich/Monteith: Notice of Public Meeting, Proposed new Official Plan
- Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls Agricultural Society: Invitation to annual Awards Dinner
- Almaguin Manor Residence Open House September 19 at 10:00 a.m.
- Burks Falls and District Historical Society meeting minutes August 19, 2019

### **BY-LAWS**

By-law #39-19 to confirm the meetings of Council.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that the minutes from the public and regular meetings on September 3, 2019 be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow:

Whereas access to affordable and reliable broadband networks is an important part of everyday life and key to economic, education, social and health development and;

Whereas communities outside urban centres face challenges in accessing internet service levels comparable to those in cities due to factors such as low population, distance and challenging terrain and;

Whereas we believe future ICT infrastructure investment in our community would benefit from a holistic model that takes into account the connectivity needs of regional community partnerships rather than just one community and;

Whereas this regional partnership should begin with a comprehensive needs analysis conducted by Blue Sky Net, a publically funded non-profit development corporation using their expertise and data based mapping tool- (BAIMAP-- Broadband and Associated Infrastructure Mapping Analysis Project) and;

Whereas from the analysis and public consultation Blue Sky Net will conduct, it will be determined where internet gaps remain while also acknowledging what may be the best technology to fill these gaps based on access to the closest ICT infrastructure like fibre or other existing network infrastructure and;

Whereas once we determine priority areas we propose establishing three classes of gaps;

1) gaps in fibre/backbone infrastructure,

2) gaps in last mile/local access to business and residents and

3) gaps in access in remote/very isolated area, and;

Whereas the Federal and Provincial governments are proposing funding programs that will support the implementation of Broadband projects and will require this in-depth information, we would propose;

Therefore be it resolved that, the Township of Ryerson supports Blue Sky Net leading a steering committee to which a representative from Township of Ryerson will be appointed and that Blue Sky Network with this committee during the period of analysis, funding application and any subsequent RFP engagement. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the proposal from Tulloch Engineering to renew the Engineering and Consulting Services Engineer of Record contract for two years. The rate for 2019 to 2020 will be subject to 2.5% inflation rate added to the 2018 rate. The inflation rate for 2020 to 2021 will be calculated at that time. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council will authorize two members of Council to attend each of the following conferences: AMO, ROMA and OGRA. A recorded vote was called by Barbara Marlow. Yeas: Penny Brandt, Celia Finley, George Sterling. Nays: Barbara Marlow, Delynne Patterson. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize attendance at the following conferences:

Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) January 19-21, 2020, Sheraton Centre Toronto: Penny Brandt and Celia Finley,  
Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) February 23- 26, 2020, Fairmont Royal York Toronto: Rick Marcoux, George Sterling, Delynne Patterson,  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) August 16-19, 2020, Ottawa: Celia Finley and Barbara Marlow. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports Consent Applications: B-020/19, Part Lot 6, Concession 3, subject to the following conditions:

- If the reference plan or other evidence discloses that either the severed property or the retained property owned by the Applicant contains a deviation road maintained by the Township as a public road, then the Applicant shall survey and transfer such deviation road to the Township as a condition of severance. The area to be surveyed and transferred shall generally be 66 feet in width and centered upon the centre line of the present traveled road. In situations where this is impractical, the Applicant should discuss how this requirement will be fulfilled with the Municipality before the reference plan is finalized.
- The Township requires one copy of the draft reference plan and two copies of the Final Reference Plan.
- As a condition of severance approval the Applicant shall pay to the Municipality in which the land is located, or otherwise satisfy the requirement for donation of Parkland set out in Section 51.1 of the Planning Act.
- The Township requires that for any proposed entrance: the Public Works Supervisor will be contacted to inspect the location to determine that a safe location for an entrance can be found. The Planning Board will be advised in writing that this condition has been met, before finalization of the consent is given.
- That the Planning Board receive confirmation from the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority that there is an area within the proposed retained lot and severed lot that is suitable for a conventional sewage disposal system (i.e. Class 4)
- The proposed and retained lots to be developed in compliance with the MDS 1 Application date May 21, 2019. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Marlow, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved that Ryerson Township authorize Barbara Marlow to attend the Near North Enviro-

Education Centre Symposium Climate Change: Are We Ready? in Sundridge  
September 27, 28, 2019. (Carried)

Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved  
that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 39 -19, being a By-law to confirm  
the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 39 -19 be read a First,  
Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed  
thereto and finally passed in Council this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.  
(Carried)

Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Marlow be it resolved that  
we do now adjourn at 8:07 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for  
October 1, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

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CLERK