

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

623rd MEETING OF COUNCIL

JANUARY 21, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.

Present:	Mayor	S. Sobush
	Councillors:	K. Pristanski
		G. Nelson
		S. Park
		B. Gray
	Chief Administrative Officer	M. Groulx
	Public Works Superintendent	D. Pettersen(7:10-7:30)
	Community Development Officer	L. Fredericks(8:30-9)

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest proclaimed.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the January 7, 2008 meeting of council were approved.

Res. #1: Moved by S. Park, seconded by K. Pristanski
Be it resolved that the minutes of the January 7, 2008 regular meeting of Council be approved.

Carried

Res. #2: Moved by K. Pristanski, seconded by B. Gray
Be it resolved that a by-law be introduced being a by-law to levy Interim Tax Rates for 2008 and to provide for penalty and interest of 1% be read a first and second time.

Carried

Res. #3: Moved by B. Gray, seconded by K. Pristanski
Be it resolved that the by-law introduced being a by-law to levy Interim Tax Rates for 2008 and to provide for penalty and interest of 1% be read a third time, finally passed, numbered 9008-964 and the seal of the municipality placed thereon.

Carried

Res. #4: Moved by S. Park, seconded by K. Pristanski
Be it resolved that the following payment vouchers be approved:

PAYMENT VOUCHERS	CHEQUE NOS.	AMOUNT
01/15	33368 – 33403	\$ 67,076.43
 PAYROLL		
Jan. 15/08	8155 – 8188	\$ <u>24,784.76</u>
		\$ 91,861.19

Carried

Res. #5: Moved by G. Nelson, seconded by S. Park
Be it resolved that WHEREAS the Township of Red Rock is partnering with the municipality of Greenstone, Ear Falls, Schreiber, Nipigon and GEOMA to procure funding assistance to provide community GIS capabilities for the municipalities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Red Rock appoint the Municipality of Greenstone to act in their capacity regarding application to FedNor for funding assistance in the matter.

Carried

Res. #6: Moved by S. Park, seconded by B. Gray
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Red Rock hereby support the resolution received from the Township of Wellington North, as amended;

WHEREAS in June 2007, the Ministry of Environment released new regulations which were added to Regulation 170/03 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, regarding the number of annual lead samples to be taken per drinking water system;

AND WHEREAS under these regulations, the number of annual samples required has increased substantially depending on the population served by the municipality's drinking water system(s);

AND WHEREAS the additional sampling requirements will result in increased annual sampling and labour costs which must be covered through increased water rates to the consumer;

AND WHEREAS the number of samples required are not proportionate when comparing small drinking water systems to drinking water systems of larger municipalities of 100,000 or more;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Red Rock calls upon the government and the Honourable Minister of the Environment to reduce the lead sampling requirements for small municipal water systems proportionately to the number of samples required for larger municipalities of 100,000 or more;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Red Rock further calls upon the government to reduce the frequency of testing to once every five years should at least 10% of the samples taken from year one show no adverse affects as specified in the new regulations;

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment, Michael Gravelle, M.P.P. and the Township of Wellington North.

Carried

Res. #7: Moved by B. Gray, seconded by K. Pristanski
Be it resolved that the Township of Red Rock agrees to pay the annual MTO fee of \$120.00 per annum for the "HIKE RED ROCK" signage initiative as promoted by the Land of the Nipigon Waterways.

Carried

Res. #8: Moved by B. Gray, seconded by G. Nelson
Be it resolved that the Council move into Committee of the Whole at 9:00 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Labour relations or employee negotiations;
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local boards;

Carried

Res. #9: Moved by K. Pristanski, seconded by B. Gray
Council come out of Committee of the Whole at 9:20 p.m.

Carried

BY-LAWS

By-law 2008-964 to levy interim tax rates for 2008 received three readings and was adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Sobush reviewed the correspondence with Council.

There was no business arising from the correspondence.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Administrative Officer

The C.A.O. reviewed his written report with Council.

Payment vouchers for payroll and operations were submitted for approval.

Council was advised of the withdrawal from the PLT process.

Interviews for Payroll/Billing Clerk to be conducted the week of January 28th.

The C.A.O. updated Council on the status of an NOHFC application.

Public Works Superintendent

The Public Works Superintendent reviewed his written report with Council.

The Public Works Superintendent is to investigate protocol for dredging at the Marina.

Inspection of the roof leak at the Brompton entrance of the Recreation Centre is to be conducted in the spring. In the interim, the matter will be monitored.

Fire Chief

No report available.

Community Development Officer

Council was orientated on the progress to date and an overview of matters to be addressed were disclosed to Council.

Animal Control Officer

Council reviewed the report submitted by the Animal Control Officer for December, 2007.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Council reviewed the minutes of the following Committees:

- Library Board – January 9, 2008.
- Northwestern Ontario Bio-Economy Working Group – Jan. 10, 2008.
- Police Services Board – December 19, 2007.
Councillor Pristanski advised that Constable Sharp was to liaise with Judith Sobush regarding the neighborhood watch.
- Recreation Advisory Committee – January 16, 2008
Council agreed to donate four (4) single ½ year memberships to the “Rock the Weight” program.
The Weight Club is to submit required information to the C.A.O. for proposed purchase of equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

Council endorsed a petition of the Province to amend lead testing requirements.

Council endorsed Greenstone to serve as agent on an application to FEDNOR regarding GIS capabilities.

Council issued a letter of support to Nipigon regarding the need for a recycling depot.

Council agreed to contribute annual M.T.O. signage fees for proposed hiking signage on Highway 11/17.

COMMITTEE OF WHOLE

Council convened to a Committee of the Whole between 9:00 p.m. and 9:20 p.m.

There was no business arising.

Res. # 10: Moved by Bonnie Gray, seconded by S. Park
Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

MAYOR'S SIGNATURE

