

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK**

**656<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**AUGUST 24, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.**

Present:	Mayor	G. Nelson
	Councillors:	K. Pristanski
		S. Park
		B. Gray
		S. Carruthers
	Chief Administrative Officer	M. Groulx
	For Report Presentations:	
	Public Works Superintendent	D. Pettersen
	Fire Chief	J. Robinson
	Economic Development Officer	L. Fredericks

Being as no quorum was available for August 17<sup>th</sup>, the meeting was rescheduled to this date with a 6:30 p.m. start time. Prior to the meeting, the council made a presentation to the outgoing Mayor Sobush for his 14 plus years of service on council.

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest proclaimed.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING**

The minutes of the July 13, 2009 meeting of Council be approved.

Res. #1: Moved by B. Gray, seconded by K. Pristanski  
Be it resolved that the minutes of the July 13, 2009 regular meeting of Council be approved.

Carried

Res. #2: Moved by S. Park, seconded by K. Pristanski  
Be it resolved that a by-law be introduced, being a by-law to adopt a sustainability plan for the Township of Red Rock be read a first and second time.

Carried

Res. #3: Moved by K. Pristanski, seconded by S. Park  
Be it resolved that the by-law introduced, being a by-law to adopt a sustainability plan for the Township of Red Rock be read a third time, finally passed, numbered 2009-996 and the seal of the municipality placed thereon.

Carried

Res. #4: Moved by S. Park, seconded by B. Gray  
Be it resolved that a by-law be introduced, being a by-law to hire municipal employees be read a first and second time.

Carried

Res. #5: Moved by S. Carruthers, seconded by S. Park  
Be it resolved that the by-law introduced, being a by-law to hire municipal employees be read a third time, finally passed, numbered 2009-998 and the seal of the municipality placed thereon.

Carried

Res. #6: Moved by B. Gray, seconded by S. Carruthers  
Be it resolved that the C.A.O. be authorized to take vacation leave September 14<sup>th</sup> thru September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Carried

Res. #7: Moved by S. Park, seconded by K. Pristanski  
 Be it resolved that the following payment vouchers be approved:

PAYMENT VOUCHERS	CHEQUE NOS.	AMOUNT
07/21	35184-35214	\$ 67,834.62
07/30	35215-35235	\$ 46,523.22
07/30	35236-35240	\$ 3,328.00
08/12	35241	\$ 12.00
08/12	35242-35274	\$ 43,464.40
 MANUAL CHEQUES		
July/09	M5115-.-5117	\$ 38,078.32
 PAYROLL		
July 14/09	9282-9313	\$ 26,653.54
July 28/09	9314-9342	\$ 22,913.62
Aug. 12/09	9343-9373	\$ 25,578.57
		<u>\$ 274,386.29</u>

Carried

Res. #8: Moved by S. Carruthers, seconded by S. Park  
 Be it resolved that Council accept the resignation of Cory Leblanc from the Fire Department with regret.

Carried

Res. #9: Moved by B. Gray, seconded by S. Carruthers  
 Be it resolved that the following persons be authorized to attend FireCon 2009 as per the recommendations of the Fire Chief, expenses as per township policy:

Public education/Fire Prevention - Jon Robinson and Nancy Gladun  
 Fire Service Leadership - Trevor Appelkvist  
 SCBA for the new Firefighter - Ryan Petrie and Jeff Lawrence

Carried

Res. #10: Moved by K. Pristanski, seconded by S. Park  
 Be it resolved that the Public Works Superintendent be authorized to contract the services of the Ontario Clean Water Agency to prepare the required Operational plan under the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard at a cost not to exceed \$25,700 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

Res. #11: Moved by S. Park, seconded by B. Gray  
 Be it resolved that the Public Works Superintendent be authorized to proceed with tendering and acquisition of two variable frequency drives for the water treatment plant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the acquisition and installation of the equipment be funded under the Federal Gas Tax funding program.

Carried

Res. #12: Moved by B. Gray, seconded by S. Carruthers  
Be it resolved that Superior Electric be awarded the contract to install a hydro service line to the water tower at the tendered price of \$7,920 plus applicable taxes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Hydro One be contracted to provide the electrical service to the water tower at a tendered price of \$1,418.76.

Carried

Res. #13: Moved by S. Carruthers, seconded by S. Park  
Be it resolved that WHEREAS communities across Ontario are concerned with the Accommodation Review Committee process and the impact this flawed process has on the socio-economic fabric of our municipalities;

AND WHEREAS many schools are the hubs of their communities, a better accommodation review system is needed to address the educational facility needs of our residents;

AND WHEREAS a system to address the educational facility needs in Ontario must ensure that school boards and municipal councils partner on decisions regarding education infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS greater accountability for school board decisions is needed;

AND WHEREAS a thorough review of the governance model for school accommodation decisions must include an opportunity to appeal these decisions;

AND WHEREAS the accommodation review process should respect and value the input of students, parents, the community and municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario be petitioned to implement a "smart moratorium" on disputed school closings to provide the opportunity for the Ministry of Education, school boards and municipalities to work together to develop policies addressing such issues as planning for declining enrolments, a mutually agreed upon Accommodation Review Committee process, a review of funding to rural and small community schools, and transparency and accountability between municipalities and school boards.

Carried

Res. 14: Moved by B. Gray, seconded by K. Pristanski  
Be it resolved that the following members of council be authorized to attend the Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference September 30 to October 2, 2009 in Thunder Bay, expenses as per township policy:

Mayor Gary Nelson  
Councillor Steve Carruthers

Carried

Res. 15: Moved by S. Park, seconded by K. Pristanski  
Be it resolved that the Council move into Committee of the Whole at 8:24 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Labour relations or employee negotiations

Carried

Res. #16: Moved by K. Pristanski, seconded by S. Park  
Be it resolved that Council come out of Committee of the Whole at  
8:52 p.m.

Carried

### **BY-LAWS**

The following by-laws received three readings and were adopted:

By-law 2009-996 – adoption of a Sustainability Plan.

By-law 2009-998 – extension of service contract for the EDO and Assistant.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Nelson 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.

Payroll vouchers for payroll and operations were submitted for approval.

Council was updated on the Recreation Center upgrades and the Water Meter project.

Councillor Carruthers is to attend Fire Con

Council opted to open the Recreation Center on September 8<sup>th</sup> for the 2009/10 season.  
Hours and days of operation will remain the same as the previous season.

Council accepted the resignation of Devona LeBar from the Police Services Board with regrets. The C.A.O. is to advertise the vacancy.

#### **Fire Chief**

The Fire Chief reviewed his written report with council.

The resignation of one member was accepted with regrets.

Attendance at FireCon 2009 was approved for four (4) members.

#### **Public Works Superintendent**

The Public Works Superintendent reviewed his written report with Council.

A contract was awarded for preparation of an Operational Plan for the Waterworks.

A contract was awarded to provide hydro service to the water tower.

The Superintendent was authorized to acquire variable speed drives for the Water Treatment Plant to reduce energy costs.

The Superintendent is to contract the services of Dave Traintinger to address a wolf/coyote problem.

**Economic Development Officer**

The E.D.O. updated council on activities to date, ongoing initiatives and progress to date on the marina upgrades.

The E.D.O. addressed council questions pertaining to the Sustainability Plan prior to adoption by by-law.

The E.D.O. updated council on the video surveillance program for the marina and Salls Street. The operational plan is still a work in progress with the C.A.O.'s office.

**Animal Control Officer**

Council reviewed the July 2009 report as submitted.

**PETITIONS TO COUNCIL**

Council denied a request from Haldimand County for funding assistance.

Council endorsed a petition by the Community Schools Alliance regarding the school closure review process.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Nelson and Councillor Carruthers were authorized to attend the Regional Conference in Thunder Bay in October.

Council reviewed a request for ice time from the Figure Skating Club. The C.A.O. is to respond and advise of upcoming review and potential changes in ice user rates to be finalized at the next meeting of council.

The regular scheduled meeting of Council will be held on Monday, September 7, 2009.

Council entered into committee-of-the-whole to discuss staffing matters pertaining to pending retirements in two departments and maternity leave.

The hiring committee for the Public Works vacancy will be established at the next meeting of council.

The C.A.O. was authorized to proceed with advertising of an upcoming vacancy in the municipal office in accordance with the recommendations of the C.A.O.

Res. #17: Moved by B. Gray, seconded by S. Carruthers  
Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Carried

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

