

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

808th MEETING OF COUNCIL

MARCH 7th, 2016

Present:	Mayor	G. Nelson
	Councillors:	S. Carruthers
		S. Park
		D. Robinson
		L. Martin
	Chief Administrative Officer	K. Pristanski

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

CAO Report – 2015 Capital Asset write-offs

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

DEPUTATION

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, February 15, 2016 were approved as presented.

BY-LAWS

None

RESOLUTIONS

Res. #1: Moved by S. Carruthers, seconded by S. Park
Be it resolved that the minutes of the Monday, February 15, 2016 regular meeting of Council be approved.

Carried

Res. #2: Moved by D. Robinson, seconded by L. Martin
Be it resolved that Council authorize administration to write off the 1988 6-ton dump truck and library computers and laptop as of December 31, 2015. The Historical cost of these items is \$56,835.00.

Carried

Res. #3: Moved by S. Park, seconded by S. Carruthers
Be it resolved that the following payment vouchers be approved:

PAYMENT		
VOUCHERS	CHEQUE NOS.	AMOUNT
02/19	042837-042867	\$ 21,326.11
		\$ 21,326.11
MANUAL		
03/01	M5622	\$ 19,166.23
		\$ 19,482.49

PAYROLL

Feb. 18	14658 – 14681	\$ 20,901.54
Mar. 03	14682 - 14712	<u>\$ 26,187.64</u>
		\$ 47,089.18

TOTAL PAYMENTS **\$ 87,581.52**

Carried

Res. #4:

Moved by L. Martin, seconded by D. Robinson

Inter-Community Bus Service Resolution

Whereas the communities of Northwestern Ontario have seen bus service to and from their communities reduced as well as eliminated over time, and
 Whereas the study The Future of Inter-Community Bus Service in Northwestern Ontario produced by Common Voice Northwest and endorsed by the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce points out that the Ontario Government already provides ground transportation subsidies to Ontario residents residing in North Eastern Ontario and in the Greater Toronto Area, and
 Whereas the study also identifies that the Ontario Government, through a variety of Ministries pays for individuals to be transported between communities for medical and social income support reasons, and
 Whereas the study recommends that the Government of Ontario provide an annual subsidy to ensure that each community in the Northwest has access to regularly scheduled 7 day a week inter-community bus service
 Therefore, be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Red Rock endorse the findings and recommendations of the Common Voice Northwest report on The Future of Inter-Community Bus Service in Northwestern Ontario, and

Further be it resolved that the Ontario Government be requested to implement the concepts contained within the report, and

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

- Hon. Steve Del Duca, Minister of Transportation
- Hon. Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines
- Hon. Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
- Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
- Sarah Campbell, MPP Kenora Rainy River
- Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association
- Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce
- Common Voice Northwest

Carried

Res. #5:

Moved by S. Carruthers, seconded by S. Park

Be it resolved that the Council move into Committee of the Whole at 7:44 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Labour relations or employee negotiations;

Carried

Res. #6:

Moved by D. Robinson, seconded by S. Park

Be it resolved that Council come out of Committee of the Whole at 8:15 p.m.

Carried

Res. #7:

Moved by S. Carruthers, seconded by S. Park

Be it resolved that the Memorandum of Settlement between The Corporation of the Township of Red Rock and Unifor Local 39-5 be approved.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

The Mayor reviewed the correspondence with Council.

Council instructed that a letter of support be sent to EcoSuperior for their capital expansion.

A request from the Nipigon-Red Rock District High School for the erection of a gazebo, placement of benches and picnic tables on township property was discussed. The CAO will first execute a title search on Township property in that area.

Council approved the Grade 7/8 class at St. Hilary Catholic School to paint hydrants in June, 2016. Public Works will assist and make sure hydrant numbering is up to date.

A letter from the Nipigon District Memorial Hospital was received advising of the new Regional Palliative Care Program being started. Council will offer the Interpretive Centre meeting room for an educational session in September, 2016.

A letter from the Healthy Kids Steering Committee advised that there are limited funds to promote activities for kids in Red Rock that must be spent before March 31, 2016. Council Park will liaise with the Business Development Officer on ways to spend the money.

The MNR Ontario Fire Smart Communities grant notification was passed on to the Fire Chief to see if there are any projects that fit into the limited scope of the grant.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Administrative Officer

The CAO reviewed his written report and correspondence sent on behalf of Council.

The CAO gave a brief account of the meetings with Ministers at the Ontario Good Roads conference. The meeting with Minister Leal from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs offered options on provincial payments for the Wastewater Pollution Control Plant which was good news.

The CAO advised that the request for service on Highway 628 to Union Gas is currently being reviewed by their land division. It is unclear at this time if the Ontario Energy Board hearing may affect the extension of service.

A tax sale for property number PT W ½ Lot 5, Concession 5, Nipigon, PT 1, 55R3161, 1TY150816 is currently being advertised. The sale period ends on April 8, 2016.

The Mayor, Councillor Park & the CAO met with Patty Hajdu, MP, on March 1, 2016. A letter was presented requesting her assistance with a Canada Revenue Agency lien on the mill properties.

A public works employee is off on sick leave for at least 12 weeks. Bob Edmunds was selected from resumes on file at the Town Office.

Council authorized the write-off of equipment from the books of the Township of Red Rock as of December 31, 2015.

Payment vouchers for payroll and operations were submitted for approval.

Animal Control Officer

The report of the Animal Control Officer was reviewed by Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Red Rock Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes – The minutes of the Red Rock Recreation Advisory Committee meeting of February 17, 2016 were reviewed.

The Mayor requested a minor hockey representative to provide the combinations to the rooms used by minor hockey. They will be in a sealed envelope to be used only in case of emergencies such as flooding.

Councillor Carruthers advised that the new stereo system is up and running in the weight room and we are still looking for a sale on TV's.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Council passed a resolution of support for Inter-Community Bus System as proposed by the Northern Ontario Municipal Association.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Council went into Committee of the Whole at 8:03 p.m. and exited at 8:15 p.m.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Council reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement with Unifor Local 39-5 (office workers) in the in-camera session. A resolution to accept the agreement was passed by Council after leaving in-camera.

Res. #8: Moved by D. Robinson, seconded by L. Martin
Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk