

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

910th REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 8th, 2020

Electronically Present:	Acting Mayor:	G. Muir
	Councillors:	D. Robinson
		S. Park
		C. Todesco
	Chief Administrative Officer:	A. Headrick
	Community Development Officer:	A. Davis
	Regrets:	G. Nelson

Councillor Muir called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

CAO Headrick declared a conflict of interest for the In-Camera portion of the meeting regarding labour relations and left the In-Camera session while the subject was discussed.

PRESENTATION

Shari-Anne and Helene from SAGE Analytics updated Council on a brief first look of survey results via cell phone. Shari-Anne explained that they had received 180 surveys from the community, which totals a 20% response rate. Shari-Anne expressed that this was a good response from the community, although many comments on the surveys noted that a public forum would have been more helpful to all members of the community as the survey was more difficult to certain individuals to complete. She mentioned that the surveys were advertised locally across social media and hard copies of the surveys were made available at various locations in the municipality. Shari-Anne commented that it was important to include the amortization in the financial analysis as it gives a full picture of the financial costs to the Township for the Recreation Centre and Marina Operations. Council thanked Shari-Anne and Helene for their update on the surveys and expressed their enthusiasm for the final report from SAGE in October.

Council approved the extension of the Organizational Review to be completed by October 31, 2020.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the August 17, 2020 regular meeting of Council were approved as presented.

BY-LAWS

The following by-law received three readings and was adopted as presented:

By-Law 2020-1219 – to set Facilities Rental Rates & Specified Fees and Charges for Services

RESOLUTIONS

Res. #1: Moved by S. Park, seconded by D. Robinson
Be it resolved that Council approves the extension of SAGE Analytics' contract for the Organizational Review to October 31, 2020.

Carried

Res. #2: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by S. Park
Be it resolved that the minutes of the Monday, August 17, 2020 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.

Carried

Res. #3: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by S. Park
Be it resolved that a by-law be introduced, being a by-law to set Facilities Rental Rates & Specified Fees and Charges for Services be read a first and second time.

Carried

Res. #4: Moved by D. Robinson, seconded by C. Todesco
Be it resolved that the by-law be introduced, being a by-law to set Facilities Rental Rates & Specified Fees and Charges be read a third time, finally passed, numbered 2020-1219 and the seal of the Municipality placed thereon.

Carried

Res. #5: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by D. Robinson
Be it resolved that the following payments be approved:

PAYMENT		
DATE	CHEQUE NOS.	AMOUNT
08/26 – 09/03	2706 – 2765	\$ 99,266.10
		\$ 99,266.10
COMMUNITY CHQ.		
07/21 – 08/31	28 - 29	\$ 33,835.20
		\$ 33,835.20
PAYROLL		
08/27	11552 – 11573	\$ 26,064.93
		\$ 26,064.93
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>\$ 159,166.23</u>

Carried

Res. #6: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by D. Robinson
Be it resolved that Council approves the application to FedNor for the hiring of a consultant to develop a 10 year Community Strategic Plan and Community Profile in the amount of \$31,525. The Township of Red Rock is to contribute 10% or \$7,050 plus any project overruns.

Carried

Res. #7: Moved by D. Robinson, seconded by C. Todesco
Be it resolved that Council approves the application to NOHFC for the hiring of a consultant to develop a 10 year Community Strategic Plan and Community Profile in the amount of \$31,525. The Township of Red Rock is to contribute 10% or \$7,050 plus any project overruns.

Carried

Res. #8: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by S. Park
Be it resolved that Council approves the application to FedNor for the hiring of a consultant to develop a RV Campground Business Development Assessment Study in the amount of \$22,500. The Township of Red Rock is to contribute 10% or \$5,000 plus any project overruns.

Carried

Res. #9: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by S. Park
Be it resolved that Council approves the application to NOHFC for the hiring of a consultant to develop a RV Campground Business Development Assessment Study in the amount of \$22,500. The Township of Red Rock is to contribute 10% or \$5,000 plus any project overruns.

Carried

Res. #10: Moved by S. Park, seconded by D. Robinson
Be it resolved that The Anti-Harassment Policy A-14 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Res. #11: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by D. Robinson
Be it resolved that Council agrees and approves that Arena Ice will not be put in this year effective September 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

Carried

Res. #12: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by D. Robinson
Be it resolved that Council move in-camera at 8:09 pm in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees
- Labour relations or employee negotiations

Carried

Res. #13: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by D. Robinson
Be it resolved that Council come out of In-Camera at 9:20pm.

Carried

Res. #14: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by D. Robinson
Be it resolved that Council accept the proposed negotiated contract between SEIU & the Township of Red Rock and agree to a 1.5% annual increase from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Muir reviewed the correspondence with Council.

Council received an update from the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board on their 2019 Annual Report with some highlights mentioned in the report.

Council reviewed a Draft Forest Management Plan for the Black Spruce Forest.

No other business arose from the correspondence.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Administrative Officer

The CAO reviewed his written report with Council.

The CAO will be meeting with Northern Planning within the next week about the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law amendments. The proposed timeline going forward will have the new By-Laws and public consultation in place by Christmas and if all goes well, shovels in the ground in the spring of 2021.

The CAO had a lunch meeting with the Red Rock Indian Band Chief and Council, where they discussed strategy on future initiatives.

A meeting with a potential silent partner/investor will be happening within the next week regarding future developments in Red Rock.

Payment vouchers were submitted for approval.

Community Development Officer

The Community Development Officer reviewed her written report with Council.

The Red Rock Mountain Trail and Nipigon River Recreation Trail signs have been ordered, Installation of the signs will take place once both signs receive permits.

The Trans Canada Trail Cleanup program final report has been submitted. The CDO mentioned that a group of mountain bikers had recently used the Red Rock Mountain Trail to bike on and

the trail was in great shape. The CDO expressed that it was great publicity for the trail and will bring in more attraction and users.

Council approved 2 joint applications to FedNor and NOHFC for the Community Strategic Plan and Community Profile, and the RV Park and Campground Business Assessment Study.

Council thanked the CDO for her report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Council approved the new Anti-Harassment Policy as presented.

Council discussed the arena ice for the 2020-2021 season. Council was in full agreement that with the uncertainty of Covid-19 still making its way around the globe, and no hockey teams in the community to book the ice, that there would be no ice in the arena for the season. Councillor Muir stated that he has talked to Parks Canada and the Fire and Ice rink at the Marina will be continued again this year for community use. Councillor Muir also stated that he was willing to volunteer his time to make ice in the tennis courts for the community to use as well. Councillor Robinson added that the arena ice does not see the same amount in users as it once did in the past and will not be feasible for the Township this year as there are many upgrades needed for the ice plant, dressing rooms and other areas of the recreation centre.

IN-CAMERA

Council went In-Camera at 8:09pm and came out at 9:20pm.

REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

Council discussed a possible silent partner/investor. The CAO removed himself from Council Chambers half way through the session as he declared a conflict of interest while Council discussed labour relations.

Res. #15: Moved by S. Park, seconded by D. Robinson
Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned at 9:21pm.

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk