

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

915th REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 16th, 2020

Present:

Acting Mayor:
Councillors:

G. Muir
D. Robinson
S. Park
C. Todesco
A. Headrick
B. Westerman
R. Pitre
G. Sarraasin

Chief Administrative Officer:
Co-Public Works Superintendents:
Fire Chief
Regrets:

Electronically:

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- 10. New Business
(d) Mayor Nelson Resignation

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

PRESENTATION

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the November 2, 2020 regular meeting of Council were approved as presented.

BY-LAWS

None

RESOLUTIONS

Res. #1: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by S. Park
Be it resolved that minutes of Monday, November 2nd, 2020 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.

Carried

Res. #2: Moved by S. Park, seconded by C. Todesco
Be it resolved that the Township of Red Rock donate \$100.00 towards Christmas Cheer

Carried

Res. #3: Moved by S. Park, seconded by C. Todesco
Be it resolved that the following payments be approved:

PAYMENT	CHEQUE NOS.	AMOUNT
DATE	2921 – 2950	\$ 71,338.60
11/12		\$ 71,338.60

**Cheque #2935 from General Account VOIDED **

COMMUNITY CHQ.	38 - 39	\$ 35,566.61
11/13		\$ 35,566.61

**Cheque #38 from Community Chq. Account VOIDED **

MANUAL

10/09 – 10/15 M5981 – M5990 \$ 30,394.48
 \$ 30,394.48

**Cheque #M5990 from General Account VOIDED **

PAYROLL

11/05 11661 – 11685 \$ 22,980.23
 \$ 22,980.23
\$ 160,279.92

Carried

Res. #4: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by S. Park
 Be it resolved that Council give turkeys for Staff and Volunteers at Christmas

Recorded Vote:

Sara Park –	Yea
Darquise Robinson -	Yea
Cam Todesco -	Nay

Carried

Res. #5: Moved by D. Robinson, seconded by S. Park
 Be it resolved that Council accepts the advertisement for Red Rock by Superior Travel Association for \$339.00

Carried

Res. #6: Moved by S. Park, seconded by C. Todesco
 Be it resolved that Council accept Mayor Nelson's resignation with regret

Carried

Res. #7: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by S. Park
 Be it resolved that Council move In-Camera at 7:52 p.m. 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;
- The receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

Carried

Res. #8: Moved by S. Park, seconded by C. Todesco
 Be it resolved that Council come out of In-Camera at 8:46 p.m.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Acting Mayor Muir reviewed the correspondence with Council.

Acting Mayor Muir read a letter from the Legion Ladies Auxiliary regarding Christmas Cheer Fund Donation. Council approved the donation of \$100.00 to the Christmas Cheer.

A letter was reviewed from the Office of the Solicitor General regarding the 2020 AMO Conference and a variety of topics including considering the use of auxiliary police and special constables to address the issue of the need for peace officer program similar to Alberta.

A letter from the Children's Aid Society regarding 2020 Annual Holiday Hamper Program was read and discussed. It was agreed that Council would not donate this year.

No other business arose from the correspondence.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Administrative Officer

The CAO reviewed his written report with Council.

The CAO mentioned that the Interim Director of Corporate Services Juhani Pulkkinen has been attending at the office engaging with administrative staff regarding job descriptions, and providing assistance and leadership. Due to an increase in COVID-19 cases he has decided to return home for the time being but will continue to provide services into the new year and until we recruit a Director of Corporate Services.

The interview for a Director of Operations was cancelled due to increase in COVID-19 cases across Ontario and concerns raised by administration staff. We will bring him back for an interview in due course.

Continue working with Council to develop a Strat Plan to deal with the environmental issues at the Mill site. We have filed a complaint with the Office of the Information Commissioner for a denial of records from Environment and Climate Canada. The Information Commissioner will review what was requested and make a decision as to whether that information will be released.

Been in discussions with a firm in Southern Ontario regarding existing 2019 quote of \$149,000.00 renovation towards the bowling alley. This grant has been delayed due to COVID-19. This amount is part of the \$1,800,000.00 grant monies for the renovation of the Recreation Complex. The grant has been approved at the first level but still requires approval from the Federal government. Due to COVID-19 everything is on back log.

The Township changed the meeting place for the open public meeting on the site-specific amendment to the Official Plan & Zoning By-law to November 23, 2020 to the Legion. The other meeting dealing with this will be held on December 2, 2020.

Both levels of government have implemented additional grants available for infrastructure during COVID-19. Grant Match have agreed to assist with government grants. We have been allocated \$100,000.00 and we just have to see where we want to submit the application and what it's going to be used for.

We are waiting for grant approvals regarding the intern marketing position. We have received some applications and I have contacted the individuals to let them know we are awaiting grant approval. This position involves the individual to do marketing and promote the community, some website design

The SEIU Contract will be voted upon by Public Works on November 16, 2020.

Payment vouchers were submitted for approval.

2021 Budget Process

The budget process will begin December 1, 2020. It would be beneficial to have Councils thought processes with regards to budgetary increases related to user fees, operational projections capital, tax levies, amortization inclusion as recommended by the SAGE Report.

Co-Public Works Superintendents

Co-PSW Westerman reviewed both of monthly reports to Council.

Public Works staff continue to perform weekly inspections of the Marina Building while it is closed.

All boats have been removed from the marina slips.

New LED flood lights have been replaced at the library and recreation center exterior.

The Garbage truck was brought to Seppo Osala Repair Shop for repairs and hydraulic pump servicing.

All fire hydrants have been winterized.

Hydrant #3 is has been bagged and out of use.

David Hurd has been contacted to advise him that the scrap metal pile at the dump has not been removed yet and he must make this happen.

Fire Chief

The Fire Chief reviewed his written report with Council via electronic stream.

Training meeting was done October 5, 2020 regarding Hose Inspection and Hose Lay. All hoses are in good working order.

A fit test for the masks was scheduled but due to a connection issue on the machine we were unable to go ahead.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Councillor Robinson reviewed the Minutes of the Red Rock Public Library Board's meeting held on October 20, 2020. The Board accepted the resignation of Eileen Ferren and Brooke Jean accepted a promotion to Junior Librarian.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Acting Mayor Muir read the Public Works Year End Forecast – Rolling Stock Summary. The Public Works Department is continuing with ongoing repairs to equipment when necessary. The report listed small rolling stock and heavy equipment and the condition of various equipment.

Turkey Vouchers were discussed amongst Council. Councillor Todesco opposed the turkey vouchers for this season. Councillor Park and Robinson supported the vouchers stating that this year has been difficult due to COVID-19 and the turkeys would be a nice gesture.

CAO Albert Headrick discussed the Superior Country 2021 Advertisement which promotes tourism in the area including Red Rock. Council approved the cost of the advertisement and a resolution was signed.

Council accepted Mayor Nelson's resignation with great sadness. He did a lot for this community and put in many volunteer hours. He absolutely loves this town and Council wishes him all the best.

IN-CAMERA

Council went In-Camera at 7:52 pm and came out at 8:46 pm.

REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

Council discussed labour relations and personal matters relating to the town.

Res. #9: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by S. Park
Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Carried



Acting Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk