

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK
919th REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

FEBRUARY 1st, 2021

Present:

Mayor:
Councillors:

D. Robinson
G. Muir
S. Park
C. Todesco
M. McDonald
A. Headrick

Chief Administrative Officer:

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- a) EMS
- b) Re-opening of Ontario Act

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

PRESENTATION

Tom Ondrejicka, Jib Turner from Limstone Partners joined in on the meeting to present their Limestone Economic Development presentation proposal on behalf of the Township of Red Rock. They highlighted that Red Rock has the potential to become a World-Class Destination. They discussed the fact that Red Rock has opportunity to develop infrastructure, such as hotel and tourism. These would provide employment opportunities for the citizens of Red Rock, and would also generate a new tax basis for the community. There was additional discussion regarding the potential for light manufacturing, such as floral shops, gas station, and the mom and pop shops.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the January 18th, 2021 regular meeting of Council were approved as presented.

BY-LAWS

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

By-Law 2021-1224 being a by-law to appoint a member of Council, Melissa McDonald.
Oath of Allegiance

RESOLUTIONS

Res. #1: Moved by S. Park, seconded by G. Muir
Be it resolved that Council accepts the proposal from Limestone Partners with respect to their Economic Development for the Township of Red Rock.
Carried

Res. #2: Moved by S. Park, seconded by G. Muir
Be it resolved that minutes of Monday, January 18, 2021 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 appoint a member of Council, Melissa McDonald, be read a first and second time numbered 2021-1224.

Carried

Res. #4: Moved by S. Park seconded by G. Muir
Be it resolved that a by-law be introduced, being a by-law to appoint a member of Council, Melissa McDonald, be read a third and finally passed, numbered 2021-1224 and the seal of the Municipality placed thereon.

Carried

Res: #5: Moved by C. Todesco seconded by S. Park
Be it resolved that the following payments be approved:

PAYMENT DATE	CHEQUE NOS.	AMOUNT
Jan. 19 – Jan. 28, 2021	4025 - 4048	\$ 26,145.64
		\$ 26,145.64
COMMUNITY CHQ.		
Jan. 19 – Jan. 28, 2021	6001 – 6004	\$ 261,401.26
		\$ 261,401.26

**Cheques 45 – 6000 from Community Chq. VOIDED **

TOTAL PAYMENTS

\$ 287,546.90

Carried

Res. #6: Moved by M. McDonald, seconded by S. Park
Be it resolved that Council approves the cost of a 1/8th page advertisement in the amount of \$450.87 in support of the National Wall of Remembrance Magazine in support of the Red Rock Legion.

Carried

Res. #7: Moved by M. McDonald, seconded by C. Todesco
Be it resolved that Council supports the establishment of a Community Safety Committee to prepare and adopt a community safety and well-being plan.

Carried

Res. #8: Moved by S. Park, seconded by G. Muir
Be it resolved that:

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been in existence since 1949; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is the most cost-effective method to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Red Rock requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Robinson reviewed the correspondence with Council.

Mayor Robinson read a letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Mayor Robinson read the letter from the Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries regarding Ontario's COVID-19 Financial Support.

Correspondence from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines.

No other business arose from the correspondence.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

The CAO reviewed his written report with Council.

Casacades has proved the outstanding tentative agreement from 2017.

Wendy Ferris, our Planner, Township and our Legal representatives are in the final stages of developing a Land Sale Policy, which will be brought forward to council.

The Mayor and I attended the RONA Conference, which we are waiting to hear back regarding our funding initiative request. There will be further discussion as they require more data.

2021 Budget is being drafted, and will be provided to Council prior to March 1, 2021. BDO will be conducting their 2020 pre-audit the week of February 8, 2021.

We are awaiting formal communication regarding our grant applications regarding Asset Management, levels 2 and 3, the RV Business Study and the Strategic Plan.

The process for Student Canada Summer Jobs has been submitted for eight positions. No Ontario summer jobs at this time. The process has been delayed.

Payment vouchers were submitted for approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council moved forward with approving a 1/8th page advertisement in the amount of \$450.87 in support of the National Wall of Remembrance Magazine in support of the Red Rock Legion.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Safety Committee – Councillor C. Todesco discussed the establishment of a community safety committee. He advised that this committee would support safety, wellness and move the community towards progressiveness in these areas. He advised of his discussion with the Nipigon OPP, and confirmed that they are excited and on board with developing a strategy to implement a long term plan. There was additional discussion that this is a safety plan between the community and residence, and we will need to advertise and see if there is an interest from the community to form a committee and develop a Mission Statement.

Ontario Fire College – Provincial training. There was general discussion among Council regarding supporting the Augusta community in their efforts to keep the Training facility open and operational. It was discussed that this is the only Training service in Southern Ontario, and that Fire Chief Pitre would like to support his colleagues in this matter. Council confirmed their support and agreed to forward a letter of support to the appropriate agencies.

EMS – It was discussed that a Quad Council meeting will be held on February 4, 2021 to discuss how to approach the City of Thunder Bay regarding this issue. Mayor Robinson advised that although she could not comment on this matter, as she is an active Paramedic. She did confirm that she and her colleagues are working behind the scenes on this matter.

RE-Open Ontario – Mayor Robinson reminded Council that there have been local charges laid in connection with people breaking the COVID curfew of 8:00 p.m. She encourages everyone to follow the rules, be safe, and stay in your bubble.

IN-CAMERA

None

REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA

None

ADJOURNMENT

Res. #9: Moved by G. Muir, seconded by S. Park
Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Carried



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk