

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

918<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Present: Mayor: D. Robinson  
 Councilors: G. Muir  
 S. Park  
 C. Todesco  
 Chief Administrative Officer: A. Headrick  
 Co-Public Works Superintendent: B. Westerman  
 Fire Chief: R. Pitre

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

PRESENTATION

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the December 21, 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 2021-1223 being a by-law to levy Interim tax rates and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25%.

RESOLUTIONS

Res. #1: Moved by S. Park, seconded by G. Muir  
 Be it resolved that minutes of Monday, December 21, 2020 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

Res. #2: Moved by S. Park, seconded by G. Muir  
 Be it resolved that a by-law be introduced, being a by-law to levy interim tax rates and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25% be read a first and second time numbered 2021-1223 Carried

Res. #3: Moved by G. Muir, seconded by S. Park  
 Be it resolved that a by-law be introduced, being a by-law to levy interim tax rates and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25% be read a third time and finally passed, numbered 2021-1223 and the seal of the Municipality placed thereon. Carried

Res. #4: Moved by S. Park seconded by C. Todesco  
Be it resolved that the following payments be approved:

PAYMENT DATE	CHEQUE NOS.	AMOUNT
Dec. 17 – Dec. 31, 2020	3052 - 3075	\$ 52,195.55
		\$ 52,195.55
Jan. 1 – Jan. 18, 2021	4001 – 4024	\$ 46,084.86
		\$ 46,084.86
COMMUNITY CHQ.		
Nov. 17 – Dec. 31, 2020	40 – 44	\$ 370,606.03
		\$ 370,606.03
<u>MANUAL</u>		
Dec. 1 – Dec. 31, 2020	M5997-M6005	\$ 38,355.39
		\$ 38,355.39

**TOTAL PAYMENTS** \$ 507,241.83

Carried

Res. #5: Moved by G. Muir, seconded by S. Park  
Be it resolved that Council accept the resignation of Liisa Poyhola and her last day will be January 28, 2021 and therefore, the alternate candidate next in line is Cindy Brand who will assume this role starting January 29, 2021.

Carried

Res. #6: Moved by S. Park, seconded by G. Muir  
Be it resolved that Council accept the resignation of Dylan Lafleur from the Fire Department with regret.

Carried

Res. #7: Moved by S. Park, seconded by G. Muir  
Be it resolved that Melissa McDonald has been appointed to fill the new councillor vacancy position.

Recorded Vote: Bob Snow - C. Todesco  
Melissa McDonald - G. Muir  
S. Park

Carried

Res. #8: Moved by G. Muir, seconded by S. Park  
Be it resolved that Council move In-Camera at 8:10 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- The receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

Carried

Res. #9: Moved by G. Muir, seconded by S. Park  
Be it resolved that Council come out of In-Camera at 8:51 p.m.

Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Robinson reviewed the correspondence with Council.

Mayor Robinson read a letter from the Office of the Solicitor General regarding Community Safety and Well-being Plan.

Mayor Robinson read the letter from the Ministry of Transportation regarding the expansion of on-road opportunities for off-road vehicle riders in some parts of Ontario.

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

A letter from NOMA (Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association) announcing Andrea Strawson as the new Executive Director.

Mayor Robinson read about the National Wall of Remembrance Project requesting support towards the Remembrance Magazine. Council deferred this decision until pricing could be obtained for the cost.

No other business arose from the correspondence.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

The CAO reviewed his written report with Council.

The CAO mentioned that confirmation should be received in the near future for the ICIP Community, Culture and Recreation – Rehabilitation and Renovation Intake Grant Application and the application Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

Province approved the funding for the new SCADA proposal for the Water Treatment plant.

The proposal from Limestone is still in the works and further discussions will continue to take place.

The Township has received three additional (Protect Our Children) traffic signs. One will be placed on White Boulevard, the other two on the main street. Further signs will be placed on Highway 628. The police have been engaged to monitor any speeding and give out tickets if need be.

We have advised residents that there will be no water bill for January as we are still in the process of transitioning to a new system. Tax bills will be sent out in February with a due date of March 25, 2021.

The tax sale of 5 Crutchfield and 19 Rankin was postponed. We received 3 bids but as the process requires that the tender be opened to the public, due to the lockdown this process is being postponed to March.

The Collective Agreement with SEIU has been ratified and the contracts once finalized will be available on the web site.

The CAO read out the up-dated contract price for OCWA in relation to managing our Water and Wastewater facilities. One full time employee from the Water Treatment Plant was transferred over to Public Works. We will be hiring a 1.6 FTE employee which will be a cost saving for us. When comparing the difference to Agreements from previous and the new contract there is a savings of \$590,721.00.

Stay-at-home Orders were issued by the Province for 28 days effective January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The municipal office phone hours are between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Bill payments may be made online or by cheque through the mail.

CAO expressed his acknowledgement to the dedication and efforts put forth by Co-Public Works Superintendent Gerald Sarrasin and his work as Project Manager for the Township of Red Rock. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

Payment vouchers were submitted for approval.

**Co-Public Works Superintendents**

Co-PWS Westerman reviewed his monthly report to Council.

**Fire Chief Report**

The Fire Chief reviewed his written report with Council.

Mayor Robinson commented and thanked the fire department for their work and how much it is appreciated. Also, Mayor Robinson congratulated members for taking the required online courses.

Fire Chief announced the resignation of Dylan Lafleur and thanked him for his service to the community.

**Reports of Committees**

Mayor Robinson reviewed the Minutes of the Red Rock Public Library Board's meeting held on December 8, 2020.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council moved forward with filling the council vacancy and did a recorded vote. There were five candidates that provided an expression of interest letter being Bob Snow, Cindy Maidment, David Cain, Melissa McDonald and Whitney Odahl. Melissa McDonald received the 2 votes as required and she was named the new councillor. Council thanked everybody for their interest.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**IN-CAMERA**

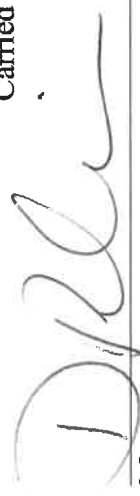
Council went In-Camera at 8:10 pm and came out at 8:51 pm.


**REPORT FROM IN-CAMERA**

Council discussed the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Res. #10: Moved by G. Muir, seconded by S. Park  
Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned at 8:52 pm. Carried

  
Mayor

  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk