

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK**

**920<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2021**

Present:	Mayor:	D. Robinson
	Councillors:	G. Muir
		S. Park
		C. Todesco
		M. McDonald
	Chief Administrative Officer:	A. Headrick

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 February 16, 2021 regular meeting of Council were approved as presented.

**BY-LAWS**

None.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Res. #1: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by G. Muir  
 Be it resolved that the Minutes of Tuesday February 16, 2021 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented, with a spelling correction.

Carried

Res. #2: Moved by S. Park, seconded by C. Todesco  
 Be it resolved that the following payments be approved:

**COMMUNITY CHEQUING**

PAYMENT DATE	CHEQUE NOS.	AMOUNT
2-22-2021	45-46	\$ 814,756.74
		\$ 814,756.74

**GENERAL CHEQUING**

PAYMENT DATE	CHEQUE NOS.	AMOUNT
2-18-2021	4109-4114	\$ 4,199.49
		\$ 4,199.49

**PAYROLL VOUCHERS**

PAYMENT DATE	DIRECT DEPOSIT REF#	
2-25-2021	58-74	\$ 17,994.94
		\$ 17,994.94
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b><u>\$ 818,956.23</u></b>

Carried

Res. #3: Moved by S. Park, seconded by M. McDonald  
Be it resolved that Council approves the Township of Red Rock to host a Pride event in the future.

Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Robinson reviewed correspondence from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding the Red Rock Drinking Water System 2020-2021 Compliance Inspection Report 1-P1BDN. Mayor Robinson noted that there are two that require Action, both related to Best Practice. However, we did pass with a 95% and we have until March 12, 2021 to comply with the required Actions.

Mayor Robinson reviewed correspondence from AMCTO, which was an Open letter to Ontario Municipal Council. This was a letter of support regarding funding and training. They have advised not to take anything from our budget for staffing and training. They further acknowledged all Municipalities and their staff for going above and beyond during COVID-19.

Mayor Robinson reviewed the Minutes from the Thunder Bay District Municipal League. She advised that this was their first meeting due to COVID-19.

In addition, there was a long discussion regarding EMS, and it was decided that all Municipalities would send the same letter in support of putting a pause on the acceptance and implementation of any changes to the EMS services in the District.

Finally, there was discussion regarding the Health Board levy increase. Some Municipalities have had quite an increase, so this is being looked into further.

Mayor Robinson reviewed the Report from Limestone, Project Charter: Full-Cycle Economic Development Services, this document is available online and a hardcopy can be provided to those who request a copy.

No other business arose from the above correspondence.

**REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

The CAO reviewed his Report with Council. He confirmed that letters of support were forwarded to the Ontario Fire College and to SNEMS.

**Lakeshore Excursions:** Bruce O'Hare has provided the final Technical document. This document can now be shared with the public. We will post it on our website and a hardcopy can be provided to those who request a copy. This document is basically about the need to survey the Great Lakes to revisit the depths of some areas for cruise ships. They may request a letter of support at a later date.

**LCBO Property:** The CAO advised that the Township has purchased the LCBO property, and this is being finalized.

**SCADA:** The new SCADA system is well under way and HATCH will be providing more details on this project. Funding for this project has come from the exiting Budget.

**Cascades:** Correspondence has been shared between Legal Counsel and this should be finalized shortly.

**Castle Home Reality:** Wendy Ferris will be providing estimates on the CANOP and Texaco properties. These will be brought forward to Council for approval.

**2021 Budget:** This process is going well and we are ahead of schedule.

**Asset Management:** We should be hearing in early March regarding our Applications of level 2 and 3 from FCM.

**NOHFC:** RV Business Study, Strategic Plan Application, I have been in contact with Catherine Baker, who has reached out many times to the Directors to see where they are. It is in the final stages, we are just waiting for an update to see if they have been approved.

**2021 Interim Tax Bill:** this bill will be sent out by March 4, with a due date of March 25, 2021. The Water bills will be sent out, we had a bit of a glitz with the system, but that has been worked out and rectified.

**OCWA:** All is going well; one of our staff will shadow some of their members for about a week. This will be to familiarize the new operators with the operations. Then our staff member will return to Public works.

**Phone Service:** We are looking into a Phone Service provider to conduct a study on our phone usage. We seem to have several different packages, and there may be a cost saving. If we can get a service provided to conduct a study on what we have and what we pay. There are other business and municipalities doing this, and may be a better package available to us.

**NOHFC Heritage:** We have submitted the Application for the Community Enhancement Fund, and we should be receiving notification shortly.

**Ontario Fire College:** As mentioned earlier, a letter of support has been forwarded from Mayor Robinson and Council to the President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, with copies provided to our local MP and Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

**Subdivision Developer:** The contract has been concluded and the next process is for the developer to conduct a level 1 and 2 environmental assessment.

**2021 BDO Audit:** The municipal audit is underway and all effort is being made to meet the deadline.

**Property Tax Sale:** The property tax sales for 19 Rankin and 5 Crutchfield has been advertised in the Nipigon/Red Rock Gazette and the Ontario Gazette, the date of opening will be March 25.

**Joint Meeting #5:** We had our joint meeting with Federal and Provincial partner on Waste/Water facility, and this meeting went quite well.

**Infill Residential Properties:** We have begun to identify infill properties to be sold. We will prepare a list for Council to review and approve for sale.

**SEMS:** As mentioned earlier, a letter of support has been forwarded from Mayor Robinson and Council to the Administration, the Mayor and Council of Thunder Bay.

**ICIP Grants:** Hopefully this will be coming soon.

**Accessibility Grant:** We have received \$49,000.00 for upgrades to the Municipal office.

**Ontario Student Jobs:** We received notification on February 25, 2021 that Ontario Jobs will be open. We will begin the applications this week.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2021 Great Lakes Areas Request for Canadian Hydrographic Service Survey:** Information has been provided regarding the survey and we will receive further information in the future regarding support for their funding.

**Ontario Fire College:** This has been discussed and addressed at a prior meeting, and a letter of support was forwarded.

**SNEMS:** This has been discussed at length, and addressed at a prior meeting. We support Greenstones Resolution, and forwarded letter of support to Administration and Thunder Bay Mayor and Council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Pride Event:** Mayor Robinson discussed the community interest in a Pride sign that she has in her yard. She further discussed that there is interest from our community with being inclusive, and supportive of an LGBT event. She advised that there has been interest from people in the community who would be prepared to help with such an event, be it a walk or bake sale. This event would take place in June, as that is Pride month. At this time, due to COVID no committee is being set up; however, she would like to have something in place for future to host some form of Pride event.


**IN-CAMERA**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Res. #12 Moved by S. Park, seconded by G. Muir  
Be it resolved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Carried

  
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Mayor

  
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Acting Clerk