

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

924th REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

APRIL 5th, 2021

Present:	Mayor:	D. Robinson
	Councillors:	G. Muir
		S. Park
		C. Todesco
		M. McDonald
	Acting Clerk:	S. Cameron
	Management Consultant:	R. Evans
	Guest:	N. Kukkee
	Community Development Officer:	A. Davis

Due to current COVID 19 Pandemic restrictions, this meeting was conducted virtually.

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

AMENDMENTS TO & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution #1

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Park

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this evening's agenda be amended to move Item 10.4 forward to be the first item discussed in Closed Session;

AND, FURTHER, THAT the agenda, as so amended, be approved.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In response to Mayor Robinson's request for disclosures, no disclosures were brought forward.

PRESENTATIONS OR DEPUTATIONS

No presentations or deputations had been scheduled for this meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor Todesco

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 922nd Special meeting of Council, held on March 9th, 2021, be approved as presented;

AND, FURTHER, THAT the minutes of the 923rd Regular meeting of Council, held on March 15th, 2021, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Members of Council were asked whether there was interest in further discussion relating to the resolutions brought forward by other municipalities, as listed in Item 4.1. No matters were raised.

Item 4.2, correspondence relating to “Superior Adventure” from local public libraries, was reviewed. Mayor Robinson indicated that she would work with the library in determining an appropriate donation to the cause. Other members of Council concurred with that direction.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Item 5.1, the Administrative Activity Report was received without question or comment.

Item 5.2, the report relating to the need to pass a Tree Canopy and Vegetation Protection By-law and a Council Parental Leave By-law was reviewed and discussed. The Management Consultant responded to questions from members of Council.

Item 5.3, the report relating to policies for COVID-19 related staff absences was reviewed. It was noted that Provincial government COVID-19 grant funding could be used to cover staff pay for these periods. There were questions about the amount of money received in this regard, in total, as well as what would happen if the money were to be exhausted, and more leave continued to be required. Administration was directed to report back to Council on the amount of money available, policies that other municipalities have adopted, and the potential for a “Plan B” for funding such a program should the grant money prove insufficient. Council expressed its clear intention that such leave would be covered without loss to an employee’s sick leave or vacation time allotments.

Item 5.4, the report relating to the job description for an Animal Services Officer was reviewed.

Resolution #3

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration’s recommendation to remove impoundment obligations in the Animal Services Officer job description be approved;
AND, FURTHER, THAT the re-written job description be re-posted.

CARRIED

Item 5.5, the report relating to Administration’s recommendation to close the emergency access road to vehicular traffic, was reviewed. No motions were brought forward.

Item 5.6, the report from the Community Development Officer, relating to the status of capital projects and funding, was overviewed by Ms. Davis for the benefit of Council.

Resolution #4

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Transfer Payment between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario (as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure) and the Township of Red Rock for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (Green Stream) be entered;
AND, FURTHER, THAT Administration bring forward the necessary by-law to the next regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Resolution #5

Moved by: Councillor Todesco

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario (as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal) and the Township of Red Rock for the Fire Safety Grant be entered;
AND, FURTHER, THAT Administration bring forward the necessary by-law to the next regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Item 6.1, the monthly report from the Red Rock Public Library was received. It was noted the Library remains open, with reduced hours, for curbside pick up.

BY-LAWS

Item 7.1, By-law 2021-1228, was presented for Council's consideration.

Resolution #6

Moved by: Councillor McDonald

Seconded by: Councillor Park

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-1228, a by-law to provide for the protection and enhancement of Red Rock's tree canopy and natural vegetation, as presented, be amended to change the word "Neebing" in paragraph 1(c), to the words "Red Rock";

AND, FURTHER, THAT the by-law, as presented, be amended to change the word "tree" in paragraph 1(e), to the word "three";

AND, FURTHER, THAT the by-law, as so amended, be passed.

CARRIED

Item 7.2, By-law 2021-1229, was presented for Council's consideration.

Resolution #7

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-1229, a by-law to appoint Nadia Kukkee as Treasurer, and to repeal By-law 2018-1189, be passed.

CARRIED

Item 7.3, By-law 2021-1230, was presented for Council's consideration.

Resolution #8

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-1230, a by-law to provide parental leave for members of Council, be passed.

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No matters of unfinished business had been scheduled for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No matters of new business were raised by members present or Administration.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution #9

Moved by: Councillor Todesco

Seconded by: Councillor Park

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:37 p.m., Council resolve into Closed Session, under the authority of the following paragraphs of the Municipal Act, 2001:

(a) Paragraph 239(2)(b) and (d), in order to discuss Item 10.2, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals and employee negotiations;

(b) Paragraph 239(2)(c), in order to discuss Item 10.3, involving proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality; and

(c) Paragraph 239(2)(h), in order to discuss Item 10.4, involving information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by the Federal and Provincial governments.

CARRIED

Council proceeded, in Closed Session, to discuss Items 10.2 through 10.4 as set out in the Agenda.

During Closed Session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

Resolution #10

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:37 p.m., Council rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session.

CARRIED

Due to technical difficulties, there was a brief delay in re-connecting to the Open Session virtual meeting. The Open Session resumed, virtually, at 9:00 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Davis had left the meeting during the Closed Session.

Resolution #11

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Park

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #12

Moved by: Councillor Muir

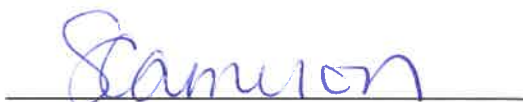
Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 9:03 p.m., and there being no further business at hand, this meeting is adjourned.

CARRIED



Mayor



Acting Clerk