

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK
927th REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAY 3rd, 2021

Present: Mayor: D. Robinson
 Councillors: G. Muir
 S. Park
 C. Todesco
 M. McDonald

Acting Clerk: S. Cameron
 Management Consultant: R. Evans
 Treasurer: N. Kukkee
 Community Development Officer: A. Davis
 Fire Chief: R. Petri
 Director of Operations: B. Westerman

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

ONE: PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order

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

1.2 Acceptance of the Agenda

Resolution #1
 Moved by: Councillor McDonald
 Seconded by: Councillor Park

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this evening's meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3 Disclosures of Interest

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

TWO: PRESENTATIONS OR DEPUTATIONS

No presentations or deputations had been scheduled for this meeting.

THREE: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Items 3.1, 3.2 and 9.2 were dealt with in a single resolution. No errors or omissions in any of the minutes were raised.

3.1 Minutes of the April 19th, 2021 Regular meeting of Council (Open Session)
 3.2 Minutes of the April 26th, 2021 Special meeting of Council
 9.2 Minutes of the April 19th, 2021 Regular meeting of Council (Closed Session)

Resolution #2
 Moved by: Councillor Muir
 Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for both open and closed sessions of the Regular meeting of Council held on April 19th, and the minutes of the Special meeting of Council held on April 26th, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

FOUR: CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Resolutions from other Municipalities for Approval/Consideration

No members raised resolutions from other municipalities for discussion.

4.2 Correspondence from a Resident – April 28, 2021

As this correspondence related to the issue of trapping beavers at the Marina, and as this is the subject matter of the report at Item 6.1 of the agenda, on consensus, this correspondence was tabled, to be lifted from the table and dealt with at Item 6.1.

4.3 Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – April 27, 2021

This correspondence involved consultations by the Province relating to municipal council accountability and transparency, and invited the Council to name a representative to participate. Councillor McDonald expressed interest. Administration was directed to enroll Councillor McDonald for the consultation session.

FIVE: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES

No reports had been received for this meeting.

SIX: REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

6.1 Report from Director of Operations Regarding Beavers at the Marina

Correspondence at Item 4.2 on the agenda, previously tabled, was lifted from the table. Mayor Robinson read the correspondence. Mr. Westerman overviewed his report and responded to questions from members of Council. It was noted that the traps had been removed from the Marina, pending discussion this evening.

Resolution #3

Moved by: Councillor Todesco

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Director of Operations undertake further research on options to deal with the beaver issues at the Marina, and report back to Council at the first regular meeting in June;
AND, FURTHER, THAT the Environmental Committee be advised of the situation and asked to provide input.

CARRIED

The Director of Operations left the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

6.2 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Appointment of Fire Fighter

Resolution #4

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Park

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kyle Arps be appointed as a member of the Volunteer Fire Department.

CARRIED

6.3 Report on Administrative Activity

Mrs. Evans noted that this report is, for the most part, for Council's information, however, a decision needed to be made regarding Red Rock's appointment for a member to the North Shore Lake Superior Tourism Strategy Steering Committee, which meets quarterly. Councillor Muir expressed interest in being appointed, but suggested Ms. Davis attend the next meeting (May 10th), and, afterwards, provide him with the background information, and he would attend the next (and subsequent) meetings.

Resolution #5

Moved by: Councillor McDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Gordon Muir be appointed as Red Rock's representative on the North Shore Lake Superior Tourism Strategy Steering Committee, effective May 11, 2021;

AND, FURTHER, THAT the balance of the report be received for information.

CARRIED

6.4 Report Regarding Scheduling a Special Meeting of Council

Resolution #6

Moved by: Councillor McDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Park

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a special education session meeting of Council be scheduled for Saturday, May 15th at 9:30 a.m., for the purpose of an introduction by the new Treasurer to financial reporting, budgets, and capital projects.

CARRIED

6.5 Report Regarding Surplus Property Declaration & Write-Off of Tax Arrears

Resolution #7

Moved by: Councillor Todesco
Seconded by: Councillor Park

BE IT RESOLVED THAT property with municipal address 19 Rankin Street be declared surplus to municipal needs for the purpose of sale to the general public;
AND, FURTHER, THAT tax arrears in the amount of \$16,193.24, related to this property, be written off;

AND, FURTHER, THAT Administration offer the property for sale, without a realtor, for a period of one month, and report back to Council on potential disposition or listing with an accredited realtor after that time.

CARRIED

6.6 Report Regarding "Great Lakes Marine Sounding"

Mrs. Evans provided an update from the information in the report, received since the report had been prepared. Further information regarding other avenues of funding/activity for the necessary work means that the team involved needs to revisit its funding application. Red Rock will remain a partner, and will be kept informed of future funding applications.

6.7 Report Regarding Marina Operations

Members reviewed the report. It was noted that the COVID pandemic situation remains in flux. Members agreed, on consensus, that for the onset of the 2021 boating season, the situation remain as it was in 2020 – that is, that the kiosk will remain open and the marina building will remain closed. Mrs. Kukkee responded to questions about the utilization of funding from senior orders of government in relation to COVID costs, and what eligible costs could be submitted. On consensus, Administration was directed to keep this item as an item of "unfinished business" on future Council meeting agendas, so that the Council can revisit the situation based on public health recommendations and guidelines.

6.8 Report Regarding Re-visiting the CAO Job Description

Councillor Muir indicated his concerns that the CAO job description, previously approved, did not contain any educational requirements. He suggested that a certain level of post-secondary education should be noted as a requirement.

Resolution #8
 Moved by: Councillor Todesco
 Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the job description for the CAO be amended to include a requirement for a post-secondary diploma or degree in a relevant field of study (i.e. public administration, business administration, bachelor of commerce, etc.), as well as a requirement to either have, or commit to obtaining within five years of hire, the AMCTO course accreditations.

CARRIED

SEVEN: BY-LAWS

No by-laws were presented for passage at this meeting.

EIGHT: NEW BUSINESS

No items of new business were raised.

NINE: CLOSED SESSION

Resolution #9
 Moved by: Councillor McDonald
 Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:46 p.m., Council resolve into Closed Session, as authorized by the Municipal Act, 2001: Paragraphs 239(2)(b) and (d) (personal matters about identifiable individuals and labour relations/employee negotiations) regarding Item 9.3; Paragraph 239(2)(c) (proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality) regarding Item 9.4; and Paragraphs 239(2)(e) and (f) (potential litigation & advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege), regarding Item 9.5

CARRIED

Council entered closed session. During the Closed Session meeting, the following procedural resolution was passed:

Resolution #10
 Moved by: Councillor McDonald
 Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 9:43 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED

Some time was taken to re-connect the open session virtual meeting. The open session re-convened at 9:47 p.m.


TEN: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Resolution #11
 Moved by: Councillor McDonald
 Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Items 9.3 through 9.5 on this evening's agenda, Administration be authorized to proceed as directed in closed session. **CARRIED**

ELEVEN: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.



Mayor



Acting Clerk

