

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

930th SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

JUNE 1st, 2021

Present:	Mayor:	D. Robinson
	Councillors:	G. Muir
		S. Park
		C. Todesco
		M. McDonald
	CAO/Clerk:	M. Figliomeni
	Deputy Clerk:	S. Cameron
	Management Consultant:	R. Evans
	Treasurer:	N. Kukkee

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

1.0 PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1.2 Request/Receive Disclosures of Interest

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

2.0 BY-LAWS

2.1 By-law 2021-1235 to Appoint a CAO/Clerk

Mrs. Evans advised Council that an error in the by-law needed to be corrected – the date “May 26, 2021” should read “May 25, 2021”.

Resolution #1

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-1235, to appoint Mark Figliomeni as CAO/Clerk, effective May 25, 2021, be passed.

CARRIED

2.2 By-law 2021-1236 to Appoint a Deputy Clerk

Mrs. Evans advised Council that, as was the case with Item 2.1, an error in the by-law needed to be corrected – the date “May 26, 2021” should read “May 25, 2021”.

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor Park
Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-1236, to rescind the appointment of Samantha Cameron as Acting Clerk, and to re-appoint her as Deputy Clerk, effective May 25, 2021, be passed.

CARRIED

3.0 REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

3.1 User Fee By-law Report

Mrs. Evans overviewed the report and responded to questions.

On consensus, Council agreed with the following recommendations:

- Adding a fee for disposal of refrigerated appliances (\$50.00);
- Adding actual collection costs paid to third party contractors (i.e. Real Tax) to outstanding tax balances, when and where required;
- Deleting the current administrative fees added to outstanding tax balances, and, instead, imposing a \$1200.00 administrative fee, to be imposed and added just prior to a tax sale being undertaken;
- Changing all fees for Planning Act applications to \$1,000.00;
- Adding fees as permitted by Ontario Regulation for Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act enquiries;
- Adding a \$15.00 fee for commissioning affidavits (with a waiver of the fee for those 55 and older); and
- Adding a \$100.00 “per inspection” fee for any inspections required on construction projects in addition to the 4 “standard” inspections included in a building permit fee.

Changes to building permit fees in general would be taken under consideration by council.

Council wished further information relating to Fire Department inspection fees – to be undertaken together with the service level review.

Council agreed with the need to generally “tidy” the by-law and make it more user-friendly.

On consensus, Administration was directed to bring a further report and a re-drafted by-law to a future meeting.

3.2 2021 Budget

Mrs. Kukkee overviewed the report and responded to questions. She had factored into the budget presented, the 1.5% tax rate increase Council had previously indicated it was comfortable to include. This, however, makes the budget extremely tight. Mrs. Kukkee also recommended that Council consider increasing the direction to 1.85%. Mrs. Kukkee also noted that the tax ratio for commercial/industrial assessment is 1:0. This is rare – most municipalities have a higher ratio for commercial/industrial assessment. Red Rock has experienced a significant decrease in commercial/industrial assessment in 2020, which has created a significant squeeze on the 2021 budget. This had come as a surprise to Mrs. Kukkee in preparing the budget. Increasing the tax ratio would assist. Consultation with affected ratepayers was recommended.

Discussion took place on the need to budget for transfers to reserves in future.


Mrs. Kukkee suggested that the sale of the Mill property, and the development of the proposed waterfront subdivision were key matters to move forward. Any additional economic development initiatives need to be encouraged and supported.

Discussion turned to Mrs. Kukkee’s recommendations for a 2% increase in water rates. On consensus, Council agreed to the increase. The relevant by-law will be presented to a future meeting of Council.

On consensus, Council was not prepared to pass the budget as presented. Discussion ensued as to the need for another special meeting of Council. A revision would not be available for the regular meeting on June 7th, but a meeting should take place as soon as possible so that ratepayers have some time between receipt of their tax bill, and the due date for the first instalment on the bill.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.



Mayor



C.A.O. Clerk