

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK
931ST REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

JUNE 7th, 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
 Community Development Officer: A. Davis

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 Todesco
 Seconded by: Councillor Muir

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, no members disclosed interests in matters before council this evening.

TWO: PRESENTATIONS OR DEPUTATIONS

Mayor Robinson read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Red Rock celebrates the diversity that strengthens our Township, including individuals who identify as two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer and all other sexual orientations and gender identities; and

WHEREAS, the intent of Rainbow Collective of Thunder Bay is to encourage all Thunder Bay District municipalities to be inclusive and welcoming places for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities to attend school, to work, to raise a family, to start a business, to live; and

WHEREAS, Rainbow Collective of Thunder Bay promises to provide hope and support for the youth and other community members in all district municipalities who experience bullying and harassment based on their sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-respectful events and activities celebrated throughout Pride 2021 will provide family entertainment, community education and an improvement in the overall quality of life in all Thunder Bay District municipalities:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Darquise Robinson, Mayor of the Township of Red Rock, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as Pride month in the Township of Red Rock.

THREE: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Items 3.1, 3.2 and 10.2 were dealt with in a single resolution. The following error was noted in the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council (Open Session) held on May 17th (Item 3.2):

In Item 6.6, with respect to appointments to committees, it is Councillor McDonald who was appointed to the Environmental Committee; not Councillor Park. Administration will correct the minutes. No other errors or omissions in any of the minutes were raised.

- 3.1 Minutes of the May 17th, 2021 Regular meeting of Council (Open Session)
- 3.2 Minutes of the June 1st, 2021 Special Council Meeting
- 10.2 Minutes of the May 17th, 2021 Regular meeting of Council (Closed Session)

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the open session of the Regular meeting of Council held on May 17th, 2021 be approved, as amended, and the minutes of the closed session of the Regular meeting of Council held on May 17th, 2021, as well as the minutes for the Special meeting of Council held on June 1st, 2021, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

FOUR: CORRESPONDENCE

No items of correspondence were placed before Council at this meeting.

FIVE: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES

- 5.1 Minutes of the April 15, 2021 TBDSSAB Meeting, Open session

Resolution #3

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board held on April 15, 2021, be received.

CARRIED

- 5.2 Minutes of the May 25, 2021 Environmental Committee meeting

Resolution #3

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Committee meeting held on May 25, 2021, be received.

CARRIED

Councillor Muir requested that Administration post the committee's report on the website. It was noted that the recommendations in the Committee's report would be passed to the Director of Operations for consideration and follow up.

SIX: REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**6.1 Report on Administrative Activity**

Resolution #4
 Moved by: Councillor Park
 Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from Administration be received. **CARRIED**

6.2 Report Regarding Award of Bursary

Members present discussed the report. It was acknowledged that choosing a recipient from amongst all of the eligible applicants was an extremely difficult task. Every applicant appeared worthy of the award.

Resolution #5
 Moved by: Councillor Muir
 Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to award the bursary on a "lottery" basis. **CARRIED**

6.3 Report Regarding State of Emergency

Mr. Figliomeni overviewed the report and responded to questions.

Resolution #6
 Moved by: Councillor Muir
 Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the declaration of emergency made by prior Mayor Gary Nelson on March 27, 2020, be rescinded;
 AND, FURTHER, THAT Administration be directed to so notify the Province. **CARRIED**

6.4 Report Regarding Penalty/Interest Write-off

Mrs. Evans overviewed the report for Council and responded to questions.

Resolution #7
 Moved by: Councillor Todesco
 Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, due to an error made by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, resulting in the actual owner of the property not having received any tax bills, penalty and interest (but not principal), in the amount of \$9,096.06 relating to assessment roll number 58-41-000-000-41010-0000, be written off. **CARRIED**

6.5 Report Regarding Scheduling a Special Meeting of Council (Budget for 2021)

Members present discussed available dates and times to meet.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a special meeting of Council be scheduled for Thursday, June 10th, at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering the 2021 budget. **CARRIED**

6.6 Report Regarding the Impact of Various Tax Scenarios

Mrs. Kukkee overviewed the report and responded to questions.

Resolution #9

Moved by: Mayor Robinson
Seconded by: Councillor Park

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is directed to move forward with “Scenario #5 – a tax increase of 1.5% AND a change to the commercial tax ratio from 1 to 1.1” in the report with respect to preparation of the 2021 budget.

CARRIED

SEVEN: BY-LAWS

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

EIGHT: NEW BUSINESS

No items of new business were raised by members of Council.

Mrs. Evans advised that work continues relating to the new regimen of police service board structures in Ontario, and the requirement to propose, collectively with other municipalities and with First Nations served by a board, for a board structure and representation.

NINE: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items of unfinished business were presented for consideration at this meeting.

TEN: CLOSED SESSION

10.1 Resolution to Close the Meeting

Resolution #10

Moved by: Councillor Todesco
Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:15 p.m., Council resolve into Closed Session, as authorized by the Municipal Act, 2001: Paragraphs 239(2)(e) and (f) (litigation and advice subject to solicitor-client privilege) regarding Item 10.3; and Paragraph 239(2)(d) (pending disposition of property), regarding Item 10.4.

CARRIED

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

Resolution #11

Moved by: Councillor Park
Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:37 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED

There was a brief delay as members reverted to the open session virtual meeting. Councillor Todesco was unable to re-connect. The open session re-convened at 8:40 p.m.

ELEVEN: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Resolution #12

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Park

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Items 10.3 and 10.4 on this evening's agenda, Administration be authorized to proceed as directed in closed session.

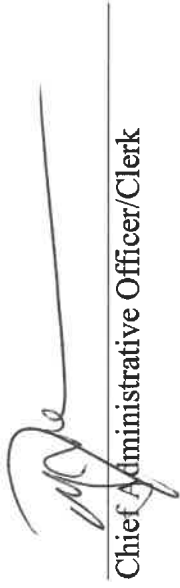
CARRIED

ELEVEN: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk