

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

935th REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

AUGUST 16th, 2021

Present:

Mayor:
Councillors:

D. Robinson
G. Muir
C. Todesco
M. McDonald

Chief Administrative Officer:
Director of Operations:
Community Development
Officer:

M. Figliomeni
B. Westerman

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 McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda 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

No presentations or deputations had been scheduled for this meeting.

THREE: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Items 3.1 and 10.2 were dealt with in a single resolution. No errors or omissions in any of the minutes were raised.

3.1 Minutes of the July 19th, 2021 Regular meeting of Council (Open Session)
10.2 Minutes of the July 19th, 2021 Regular meeting of Council (Closed Session)

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor McDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Open and Closed Session minutes for the July 19, 2021 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

FOUR: CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Resolutions from other Municipalities for Approval/Consideration

Councillor Muir voiced interest in a resolution from the Town of Albertson regarding the drought impact on the Rainy River District and Northwestern Ontario area. The resolution will be brought back to the next meeting for further review.

4.2 Red Rock Historical Society Newsletter

Council had no questions regarding this correspondence.

4.3 Letter from Kathy Chappell

Council discussed the letter written in regards to the Recreation Centre rental rates. Council instructed Administration to bring a report back to Council at the next meeting with new rates to be discussed.

FIVE: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES

5.1 Minutes of the July 6, 2021 Committee of Adjustment Meeting

Council posed no questions to Administration on this matter.

Resolution #4

Moved by: Councillor McDonald

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Adjustment held on July 6, 2021, be received.

CARRIED

5.2 Minutes of the June 17, 2021 Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board Meeting

Council posed no questions to Administration on this matter.

Resolution #5

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board held on June 17, 2021, be received.

CARRIED

SIX: REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

6.1 Report from Director of Operations

Mr. Westerman responded to questions from members of Council, including the maintenance of Trout Bridge and the Freightliner Garbage Truck. Administration was instructed to bring costing options and possible funding sources on the bridge maintenance back to Council.

Resolution #3

Moved by: Councillor McDonald

Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from Director of Operations be received.

CARRIED

6.2 Report on Administrative Activity

Mr. Figliomeni responded to questions from members of Council, including the Municipal and Federal Gas Tax audits.

Resolution #6

Moved by: Councillor McDonald

Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from Administration be received.

CARRIED

6.3 Report on Non-Union Wage Increase

Mr. Figliomeni submitted the report for Council's information and approval. Council moved to be removed from the increase, but approved a 1.5% wage increase to all other applicable employees.

Resolution #7

Moved by: Councillor Todesco

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves a 1.5% wage increase for all applicable non-union employees retro-active to January 1, 2021, but withhold pay increase to members of Council for 2021 year.

CARRIED

6.4 Report on Limestone Partners Inc.

Mr. Figliomeni submitted the report for Council's information and approval. Mr. Figliomeni explained that there had been turnover within the company and that the contract was not financially beneficial to the Township at this time. The CAO stated that he does not have any plans on advertising for an EDO at this time, as the Interim CDO is taking on a large part of that roll.

Resolution #8

Moved by: Councillor McDonald

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the termination of the contract between the Corporation of the Township of Red Rock and Limestone Partners Inc. effective July 31, 2021.

CARRIED

6.5 Report on Signature Financial Services

Mr. Figliomeni submitted the report for Council's information and approval. Mr. Figliomeni explained that there was trouble with communication and reporting, and that he has a temporary solution to the Treasurer position in place. Councillor Muir and Councillor Todesco voiced that they were in disagreement with the report and did not support the resolution. The resolution did not pass and will be brought back to the next meeting.

6.6 Report on Sale of Municipal Property

Mr. Figliomeni submitted the report for Council's information. A map of the properties was attached to the report. Council directed Administration to move forward in negotiating a sale of the properties.

6.7 Report on Bowling Alley & Restaurant Agreements

Mr. Figliomeni submitted the report for Council's information. Council directed Administration to advertise for a Bowling Lane Operator and renew the contract for the Recreation Centre Snack Bar.

6.8 Report on Closed Session Agenda Position

Mr. Figliomeni submitted the report for Council's information. Council agreed to move the Closed Session portion of the meeting to 6:30pm on a trial basis. A resolution for this change will be brought back at the next meeting.

6.9 Report on Water & Sewer Quarterly Billing

Mr. Figliomeni submitted the report for Council's information. Council agreed to the change from monthly utility billings to quarterly utility billings. A resolution for this change will be brought back at the next meeting.

6.10 Report regarding Environmental Committee Requests

Mr. Figliomeni submitted the report for Council's information. Councillor Muir inquired about the timeline for the wrapping of the trees at the Marina. Mr. Figliomeni explained that they are monitoring the trees, but are not recommending the tree wrapping at this moment.

6.11 Report on Councillor Agenda Requests

Mr. Figliomeni submitted the report for Council's information. Councillor Muir questioned the Property Standards process within the Township. He mentioned that community members feel uncomfortable writing letters about their neighbour's yards. Mr. Figliomeni explained that Property Standards have always been handled on a complaint basis. Council directed Administration to review the procedures of Property Standards.

Council discussed having an internal education session sometime in the fall to discuss the Sage Report and a future town hall meeting.

Council discussed the possibility of resuming the regular meeting schedule during the summer months. As the summer month meetings have concluded, Administration will bring the topic back to Council next June for reconsideration.

Council asked for an update on the new subdivision set to take place on the other side of Trout Creek. Mr. Figliomeni stated that a survey of the property has been completed and the project that was previously presented to Council cannot be constructed as the elevated land that was needed in order to even out the project site is not owned by the Municipality. Mr. Figliomeni mentioned that Bruno's contracting is willing to move forward with Council's direction. Council requested a meeting with Sylvio Di Gregorio at the next meeting.

SEVEN: BY-LAWS

7.1 Number 2021-1244 Deeming By-Law

By-law 2021-1244 as presented for Council's consideration. The Management Consultant recommended this by-law in reference to a property within the Township that is located on 3 lots.

Resolution #9

Moved by: Councillor Todesco

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law number 2021-1244, to deem certain lots in Subdivision Plan M183 not to be lots on a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of subsection 50(3) of the Planning Act, be passed.

CARRIED

7.2 Number 2021-1245 Budget By-Law

By-law 2021-1245 as presented for Council's consideration, to amend by-law 2021-1237 to adopt the 2021 budget.

Resolution #10

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law number 2021-1245, amending by-law 2021-1237 to adopt the 2021 budget, be passed.

CARRIED

7.3 Number 2021-1246 Tax Rates By-Law

By-law 2021-1246 as presented for Council's consideration, to amend by-law 2021-1241 to set and levy the 2021 tax rates.

Resolution #11

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law number 2021-1246, amending by-law 2021-1241 to set and levy the 2021 tax rates, be passed.

CARRIED

7.4 Number 2021-1247 Acting Treasurer/Tax Collector By-Laws

By-law 2021-1247 as presented for Council's consideration, to appoint an acting Treasurer.

Resolution #12

Moved by: Councillor McDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law number 2021-1247, to appoint Mark Figliomeni as Acting Treasurer and Tax Collector, be passed.

CARRIED

EIGHT: NEW BUSINESS

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

NINE: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items of unfinished business were discussed.

TEN: CLOSED SESSION

10.1 Resolution to Close the Meeting

Resolution #13

Moved by: Councillor Todesco
Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into Closed Session at 9:04pm under the authorities as printed in the Agenda.

CARRIED

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

Resolution #14

Moved by: Councillor McDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 9:59 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED

The open session re-convened at 10:01 p.m.

ELEVEN: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Item 10.2, the Closed Session minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on July 19th, 2021, had been dealt with earlier in the meeting (Resolution #2).

TWELVE: CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution #15

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-1248, to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting, be passed as circulated.


CARRIED

THIRTEEN: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk