

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

944th REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 15th, 2021

Present:

Mayor:
Councillors:

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

Chief Administrative Officer:
Director of Operations:
Fire Chief (electronically):
Community Development Officer:

M. Figliomeni
B. Westerman
R. Pitre
A. Davis

Regrets:

S. Park

ONE: CLOSED SESSION

1.1 Resolution to Close the Meeting

No additions were presented to Council.

Resolution #1

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into Closed Session at 6:30pm under the authorities as printed in the Agenda.

CARRIED

Council entered Closed Session. During the Closed Session, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor Todesco
Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 6:59pm and report in Open Session.

CARRIED

The open session re-convened at 7:00pm.

TWO: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

During Closed Session, Council discussed rewarding the Township Bursary, personnel matters and potential litigation.

THREE: PRELIMINARY MATTERS

3.1 Call to Order

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

3.2 Acceptance of the Agenda

No additions were presented to Council.

Resolution #3

Moved by: Councillor Todesco
Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council on November 15, 2021 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

3.3 Disclosures of Interest

In response to Mayor Robinson's request, no members disclosed interests in matters before council this evening.

FOUR: PRESENTATIONS OR DEPUTATIONS

No presentations or deputations were scheduled for the meeting.

FIVE: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councillor McDonald noted a difference of wording for Item 8.2 of the presented Council Minutes of November 2, 2021.

Resolution #4

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the minutes for the November 2, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

SIX: CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Superior Country Newsletter

Council posed no questions or discussions regarding the correspondence.

6.2 CUPE Ontario – OMERS Review

CAO Figliomeni recommended deferring the item until the next meeting, as further information had come into the CAO's office preceding the meeting.

6.3 John Smith – Tree Concern

During a preliminary investigation of the tree, Mr. Figliomeni noted that the tree does appear to be on the resident's property and not on the Township's property.

6.4 Debbie O'Connor – Water Concern

Councillor Muir asked if the problem had been rectified. CAO Figliomeni mentioned that flushing of hydrants had been performed during the time the letter was received and that the Water Main Relining Project set to start in the spring should fix the problem. Council decided to defer the item so that an internal investigation into the water and usage could be conducted.

SEVEN: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES

No minutes of Committees or Boards were presented to Council.

EIGHT: REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Report from Director of Operations

Councillor Muir asked if the water lines on Newton Avenue could be flushed in the winter to improve the quality of the water for those residents. Mr. Westerman answered that it can be done; and that he would flush the service and take a meter reading to see how long it takes to clear the water next time the problem arises.

Resolution #5

Moved by:

Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

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

CARRIED

8.2 Report from Fire Chief

Councillor Muir asked about the status of the compressor. The Fire Chief stated that the compressor has been serviced by Superior Air Compressors in Thunder Bay, and that A.J. Stone will no longer be servicing the compressor.

Resolution #6

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Fire Chief be received and that the resignation of Desmond Maidment be accepted, with regret.

CARRIED

8.3 Report from Community Development Officer

Councillor Todesco asked if Council will be a part of the Community Strategic Plan. The CDO responded that there will be Council, Administration and Staff consultation and workshops throughout the process.

Resolution #7

Moved by: Councillor Todesco

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Development Officer be received, as presented.

CARRIED

8.4 Report on Administrative Activity

Councillor Todesco asked for an update on the discussions with Bruno's Contracting. The CAO stated that after discussions with Mr. Di Gregorio, the Township would reach out to the Municipality of Shuniah in regards to the CN Rail property. Upon further discussions, he learnt that the Municipality of Shuniah is not pursuing the property of land between Shuniah and Nipigon, as they are solely focused on the Shuniah portion. Mr. Figliomeni mentioned that has also been in touch with a CN Rail representative and will be discussing the possible purchase of the property with them as well.

Resolution #8

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report on Administrative Activity be received, as presented.

CARRIED

8.5 Report on Payment Vouchers

Councillor Todesco commented that he had recently spoken with Fred Dean, a municipal solicitor, regarding the payment voucher process. He noted that it was outdated, and that he would prefer to see Council receive variance reports instead.

Resolution #9

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following payments be approved:

**GENERAL
PAYMENT**

DATE	CHEQUE NOS.	AMOUNT
10/29 – 11/05	4582 - 4629	\$ 37,805.30
		\$ 37,805.30
ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS		
DATE	CHEQUE NOS.	AMOUNT
10/29 – 11/05	124 – 140	\$ 12,831.15
		\$ 12,831.15
MANUAL		
DATE	CHEQUE NOS.	AMOUNT
9/24 – 10/26	6144 – 6159	\$ 52,748.95
		\$ 52,748.95
PAYROLL		
DATE	CHEQUE NOS.	AMOUNT
11/04	465 – 490	\$ 26,157.77
		\$ 26,157.77
TOTAL PAYMENTS		\$ 129,543.17

CARRIED

8.6 Report on Holiday Schedule

Councillor Todesco voiced his concerns regarding the closure and services that would not be provided during the period. Mr. Figliomeni mentioned that the closure would reflect 2 business days.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Office be closed for the holiday season beginning December 24, 2021 until January 3, 2022; and that any late payment penalties be held off until Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

CARRIED

8.7 Report on Council Meeting Holiday Schedule

Councillor Todesco suggested reducing Council's honorarium by half for the month of January.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular scheduled Council Meeting on January 3, 2022 be cancelled.

CARRIED

Resolution #12
 Moved by: Councillor Muir
 Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council reduce their honorarium to 50% in the month of January 2022.

CARRIED

8.8 Report on Recreation Advisory Committee

Councillor Muir suggested to dissolve the Recreation Advisory Committee, and initiate a Town Events Committee that focuses on a broader spectrum of events. Mayor Robinson voiced concern over the proposal, noting that the Recreation Centre is set to receive a large upgrade in the near future. Council directed Administration to look at changing the scope of the Recreation Advisory Committee to include a larger range of events.

8.9 Report on Business Recognition

Councillor Todesco proposed the idea of having businesses come to Council before their meetings to present and promote their local businesses to the community. Councillor McDonald suggested promoting the business online or producing a flyer for the residents. Councillor Muir suggested a business spotlight on the Township's Facebook page.

NINE: BY-LAWS

No by-laws were presented at this meeting.

TEN: NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Council Recognition Program

Councillor Muir presented a potential Council Recognition Program for staff and volunteers throughout the year based on nominations by community members, other staff or volunteers. Mayor Robinson noted that some volunteers are more visible with their work in the community while others are doing work behind the scenes.

ELEVEN: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11.1 Council Meeting Land Recognition

CAO Figliomeni presented a Traditional Territory Acknowledgement to start the Council Meetings in the future. The following resolution was passed.

Resolution #13

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all Council Meetings begin with a Traditional Territory Acknowledgement, beginning December 6, 2021.

CARRIED

TWELVE: CLOSED SESSION

Council did not go back into Closed Session.

THIRTEEN: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was no report from Closed Session.

FOURTEEN: CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution #14

Moved by: Councillor McDonald

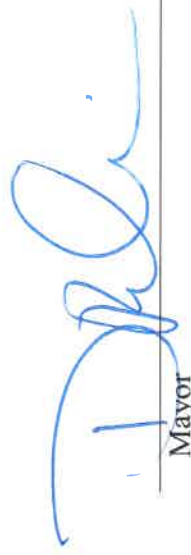
Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-1260, to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting, be passed as circulated.

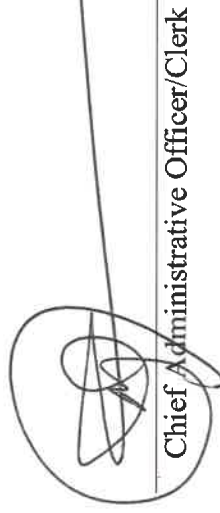
CARRIED

FIFTEEN: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk