

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

945<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Present:

Mayor:

D. Robinson  
S. Park

Councillors:

C. Todesco  
G. Muir  
M. McDonald

Chief Administrative Officer: M. Figliomeni

**ONE: CLOSED SESSION**

1.1 Resolution to Close the Meeting

Resolution #1

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

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.

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Closed Session minutes for the November 15, 2021 regular Meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

Resolution #3

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 7:02pm and report in Open Session.

**CARRIED**

The open session re-convened at 7:03pm.

**TWO: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

During Closed Session, Council discussed personnel matters and potential litigation. Mayor Robinson stated that Council would be going back into Closed Session at the end of the meeting to finish discussions.

**THREE: PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

3.1 Call to Order

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

3.2 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement & Moment of Silence

Mayor Robinson read aloud the following land recognition and then proceeded in a moment of silence:

*“Council of the Township of Red Rock hereby acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Robinson-Superior Treaty and that the land we gather on is home to the Red Rock Indian Band, the Anishnaabek and the Metis People”.*

3.3 Acceptance of the Agenda

No additions were presented to Council.

Resolution #4

Moved by: Councillor McDonald

Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council on December 6, 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**

Mayor and Council welcomed Suzanne Kukko from Superior Country to the meeting to present on the Lake Superior Tourism Project. Suzanne went into detail on many projects that Superior Country has been involved with and that are ongoing. She stressed on the importance of tourism throughout the north shore communities and emphasized on the attraction of tourists that Northern Ontario brings to the Province.

Council thanked Suzanne for her presentation.

**FIVE: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Councillor Todesco noted that he was opposed to the vote on Payment Vouchers at Item 8.5 of the presented Council Minutes of November 15, 2021.

Resolution #5

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the minutes for the November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

**SIX: CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 Resolutions from other Municipalities

A motion to support the Municipality of Durham’s resolution on Bus Stop Dead End Roads was moved by Councillor Todesco, but was not seconded by another member of Council. The following endorsing resolution to the City of St. Catherine’s was passed:

Resolution #6

Moved by: Councillor Todesco

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Red Rock support the correspondence from the City of St. Catherine’s regarding National Childcare.

**CARRIED**

6.2 TBDSSAB – Update from the Board

Council posed no questions or discussions regarding the correspondence.

6.3 Red Rock, Nipigon & Dorion Public Libraries- Thank You

Council posed no questions or discussions regarding the correspondence.

6.4 Boots on the Ground – Peer Support for First Responders

Councillor Todesco questioned if the Township financially contributed to this group in the past. The CAO responded that no financial support was requested to the Municipality.

6.5 NOMA – November 24, 2021 Board Meeting Report

Council posed no questions or discussions regarding the correspondence.

6.6 FONOM – Highway Safety Concerns

Councillor Muir stated that he was pleased to see the topic as a concern and inquired about sending a letter of support from the Township, or communities inclusive with Quad Council.

6.7 Wall of Remembrance – Ad Space

Council passed the following resolution to submit a ¼ page ad in the Remembrance Magazine, partnering with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 226:

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Red Rock place a ¼ page ad in the Remembrance Magazine to support the National Wall of Remembrance Association in the amount of &699.99 plus HST, to be split with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 226. **CARRIED**

6.8 Ministry of Northern Development & Mines – NORDS Fund

Councillor Muir questioned if the funding could be used on projects with other grants. CAO Figliomeni stated that the funding is stackable on other projects, and that it is a 5 year fund based on infrastructure.

6.9 Recreation Advisory Committee – Resignation

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Red Rock accepts Kristin Maenpaa’s resignation from the Recreation Advisory Committee, with regret.

**CARRIED**

**SEVEN: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES**

7.1 TBDSSAB – November 15, 2021 Open & Closed Session Minutes

Council posed no questions or discussions regarding the minutes.

7.2 Environmental Committee Meeting – October 12, 2021 Meeting

Councillor McDonald questioned when the committee would get a response on the recommendations included with the minutes. CAO Figliomeni answered that most of the recommendations had been already covered in a meeting with the Chair and Council Representative on the Committee.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Environmental Committee's October 12, 2021 meeting be received.

**CARRIED**

**EIGHT: REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

8.1 Report on Administrative Activity

Councillor Todesco asked if the insurance rates were going to continue to rise. CAO Figliomeni responded that overall insurance rates are increasing and after speaking with other Municipalities, has come to the conclusion that the Municipal rates will continue to grow as well.

Resolution #10

Moved by: Councillor Todesco

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

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

**CARRIED**

8.2 Report on Ontario Ice Fishing Challenge

Councillor Muir & Councillor Todesco voiced their support of the Challenge and included ideas in making an event out of the program including prizes and other activities.

Resolution #11

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Red Rock take part in the Ontario Ice Fishing Challenge for 2022 in the amount of \$1,000.00 plus HST.

**CARRIED**

8.3 Report on NOMA Conference

Councillor Muir stated he would be interested in participating in the conference. At the moment, the conference is set to take place in person in Fort Frances.

**NINE: BY-LAWS**

9.1 By-law 2021-1261 -- To formulate an Emergency Management Program

Councillor Muir questioned if the By-law would have to be re-passed when the CAO takes on the position of the C.E.M.C in the future. CAO Figliomeni responded that he would have to verify what the policies regarding updates to the Plan would be. CAO Figliomeni also stated that the Field Officer from the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshall has reviewed and approved the plan.

Resolution #12

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-1261, to formulate an Emergency Management Program be passed.

**CARRIED**

**TEN: NEW BUSINESS**

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

**ELEVEN: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

11.1 CUPE – Omers Review

Councillor Muir asked for an update on the situation. CAO Figliomeni stated that he has not heard an update from any of the Unions associated with the Township. He also mentioned

that after speaking with other municipalities, he recommended to not take any action at this point.

11.2 John Smith – Tree Concern

Council posed no questions or discussions regarding the concern.

11.3 Debbie O'Connor – Water Concern

Council posed no questions or discussions regarding the concern.

11.4 Recreation Advisory Committee

Councillor Muir inquired on the best route going forward with the committee. The CAO stated that he would like to look at the committee structure and direction in the New Year.

11.5 Business Recognition Program

CAO Figliomeni mentioned that he would like to put a list of local businesses together and start promoting them on social media in the New Year.

11.6 Council Recognition Program

Councillor Todesco asked if the recognition would be open for all community members. CAO Figliomeni responded that he would like to look further into the details on the program in the New Year.

**TWELVE: CLOSED SESSION**

12.1 Resolution to Close the Meeting

Resolution #13

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Park

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into Closed Session under the authorities as printed in the Agenda. **CARRIED**

Council passed the following resolution in Closed Session:

Resolution #14

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 8:29pm and report in Open Session. **CARRIED**

The open session re-convened at 8:29pm.

**THIRTEEN: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Council resumed discussions on personnel matters and potential litigation.

**FOURTEEN: CONFIRMING BY-LAW**


Resolution #15

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Park

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-1262, 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 8:30p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk