

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

952nd REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MARCH 21th, 2022

Electronically Present:	Mayor:	D. Robinson
	Councillors:	S. Park
		C. Todesco
		G. Muir
		M. McDonald
	Chief Administrative Officer:	M. Figliomeni
	Director of Operations:	B. Westerman
	Fire Chief:	R. Pitre
	Community Development Officer:	A. Davis

ONE: CLOSED SESSION

1.1 Resolution to Close the Meeting

Resolution #1

Moved by: Councillor Todesco
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.

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor Park

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

In Closed Session, Council discussed personnel matters and some potential litigation.

THREE: PRELIMINARY MATTERS

3.1 Call to Order

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

Following the moment of silence, Mayor Robinson took a moment to send thoughts out to the people of Ukraine and all affected by the current ongoing attacks.

3.3 Volunteer Service Award Presentation – Gary Nelson

Mayor Robinson called up former Mayor, Gary Nelson, to present the Ontario Volunteer Service Award for 50 years of volunteering in Red Rock. Mayor Robinson also presented him a letter and certificate from MPP Michael Gravelle, thanking Gary for his dedication over the years.

3.4 Acceptance of the Agenda

Mayor Robinson noted of an error to the Agenda for the minutes of the previous Council meeting. Council accepted the amended Agenda with the following resolution:

Resolution #3

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council on March 21, 2022 be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

3.5 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 made to Council at this meeting.

FIVE: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council approved the minutes of the March 7, 2022 Council meeting with the following resolution:

Resolution #4

Moved by: Councillor Park
Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the minutes for the March 7, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

SIX: CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Resolutions from other Municipalities

Councillor Muir agreed of the importance of mental health services in small communities and asked to have the correspondence brought back to the next meeting for passing.

6.2 NOMA – Joint and Several Liability

Council posed no questions on the correspondence that was brought back from the previous meeting for approval.

Resolution #5

Moved by: Councillor Park
Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from the Northern Ontario Municipal Association regarding Joint and Several Liability.

CARRIED

6.3 Red Rock Golden Club – Basket Draw Donation

Council agreed to a donation from the Township for the Golden Club.

Resolution #6

Moved by: Councillor Park
Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves to donate \$250.00 to the Red Rock Golden Club for their Basket Draw.

CARRIED

6.4 Municipality of Greenstone – Firefighter Certification

Council discussed the proposed mandatory certification for firefighters, noting that the training requirements will be contingent on the levels of service that the Municipality establishes.

6.5 NOMA – Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force

Councillor Muir asked if the municipality has local representation on the Board. The CAO stated that the closest local would be Wendy Landry, Mayor of Shuniah and President of NOMA.

6.6 TBDSSAB – Update from the Board

Council posed no questions on the correspondence.

6.7 TBDSSAB – Advocacy for Federal Rapid Housing Initiative Funding

After some discussion on the correspondence, Council voted in favour of supporting TBDSSAB's resolution.

Resolution #7

Moved by: Councillor McDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board regarding advocacy for Federal Rapid Housing Initiative Funding.

CARRIED

6.8 NDMNRF – 2022-2023 Work Schedules

Council posed no questions on the correspondence.

6.9 Ministry of Infrastructure – Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022

Council posed no questions on the correspondence.

6.10 NOSM – Expansion Announcement

Council posed no questions on the correspondence.

6.11 Letter to Hon. Greg Rickford

Council posed no questions on the correspondence.

6.12 Township of Hornepayne – Railway Crossing Expenses

Councillor Todesco asked what costs the Township encounters for this issue. The CAO responded that unlike the Townships of Hornepayne and Nipigon, Red Rock's railway crossing is actually located on HWY 28, a provincially owned highway. Therefore, we do not incur the same costs for maintenance.

Resolution #8

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution from the Township of Hornepayne regarding Railway Crossing Maintenance/Construction Expenses.

CARRIED

SEVEN: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES

7.1 Red Rock Public Library Board – February 8, 2022 Minutes

Council posed no questions regarding the minutes.

Resolution #9

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the Red Rock Public Library Board's meeting on February 8, 2022, be received.

CARRIED

EIGHT: REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Report from Director of Operations

Councillor Todesco asked for an update on the search for a backhoe. Councillor Muir noted that he was pleased with the Safety Meeting held with the public works crew.

Resolution #10

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

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

CARRIED

8.2 Report from Fire Chief

The Fire Chief elaborated on the proposed firefighter certification requirements being mandated by the Province. The Fire Chief stated that he agrees with the training that is being required, but feels that the Province did not give an ample amount of time to make sure members are meeting the requirements.

Resolution #11

Moved by: Councillor Todesco

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Fire Chief be received.

CARRIED

8.3 Report from Community Development Officer

The CDO gave a brief summary of the workshops that were to take place on March 22nd for the Community Strategic Plan at the Recreation Centre. The CDO requested Council's support for an application to the Rural Transit Solutions Fund on behalf of the Golden Club for a new Seniors Van. Council approved a letter of support for the application.

Resolution #12

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

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

CARRIED

8.4 Report on Administrative Activity

Council posed no questions or discussions regarding the report.

Resolution #13

Moved by: Councillor Park
Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

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

CARRIED

NINE: BY-LAWS

9.1 By-law 2022-1272

Resolution #14

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor Park

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law number 2022-1272, to set facilities rental rates and specified fees and charges for services, be passed.

CARRIED

TEN: NEW BUSINESS

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

ELEVEN: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council posed no questions on the Unfinished Business.

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 #15

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-1273, 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 7:48p.m.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk