

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

964th REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 19th, 2022

Present:	Mayor:	D. Robinson
	Councillors:	S. Park
		C. Todesco
		G. Muir
		M. McDonald
	Chief Administrative Officer:	M. Figliomeni
	Municipal Secretary:	W. Odahl
	Director of Operations:	B. Westerman
	Fire Chief:	R. Pitre (electronically)
	Community Development Officer:	A. Davis

ONE: CLOSED SESSION

None

TWO: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

None

THREE: PRELIMINARY MATTERS

3.1 Call to Order

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

3.2 Moment of Silence for Queen Elizabeth II

Mayor Robinson requested a moment of silence in honour of the Queen Elizabeth II's passing.

3.3 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.”

CARRIED

3.4 Acceptance of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved with the following resolution:

Resolution #1

Moved by: Councillor Todesco

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council on September 19, 2022 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

3.5 Disclosures of Interest

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

FOUR: PRESENTATIONS OR DEPUTATIONS

Erin Orr from PSD Citywide presented an overview of the draft Asset Management Plan to Council. The draft AMP is based on 2021 year-end data and information and gives insight to forecasted capital requirements for years to come. Erin answered questions from Council on the presentation.

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Red Rock hereby accepts the presentation from PSD Citywide regarding the Draft Asset Management Plan; and,

directs Administration to review the Draft Asset Management Plan to be brought back to Council for final approval.

CARRIED

FIVE: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

5.1 Minutes of the September 6, 2022 Meeting of Council (Open & Closed)

Council approved the Open and Closed Session minutes of the September 6, 2022 Council meeting with the following resolution:

Resolution #3

Moved by: Councillor Todesco

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Open and Closed Session Minutes for the September 6, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

SIX: CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 TBDSSAB – Update from the Board

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.2 TBDML – Conference Agenda

Mayor Robinson stated that the Conference has been postponed due to low registration numbers.

6.3 NOMA – Federal Electoral District Redistribution – Ontario Commission

Councillor Todesco voiced his concern for the reduction of ridings in the area.

6.4 Federal Electoral District Redistribution

Resolution #4

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT whereas the Constitution of Canada requires that federal electoral districts be reviewed every ten years; and,

Whereas the 2022 Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Ontario was established as an independent commission to reconfigure the boundaries of Ontario's electoral districts; and,

Whereas the Commission has proposed a new electoral map for consideration at public hearings commencing in September 2022; and,

Whereas the proposal would see the two largest ridings in the far north, Kenora and Timmins-James Bay, amended and combined into one massive riding called Kiiwetinoong-Mushkegowuk, spanning from the Manitoba border to Quebec, and Kenora's current riding boundary readjusted dramatically and combined with Thunder Bay-Rainy River, with further significant changes to the Thunder Bay-Superior North and Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing boundaries; and,

Whereas the legislation would in fact support, according to the population quota to be applied by the Commission, a reduction of two, but the commission has recommended one; and,

Whereas the Commission itself concluded any "further reduction in the number of districts in the north would imperil the principle of effective representation in this part of the province, considering its widely dispersed population and communities of interest"; and,

Whereas the Kenora district was deemed an "extraordinary circumstance" in 2012 during the last boundary review, and because of which it was not revised at that time; and,

Whereas the boundary proposal, if approved, would reduce the overall number of Northern Federal representatives in the House of Commons, further diluting the voice of Northern Ontario residents on federal matters, and in the Commission's own words, would "imperil the principle of effective representation"; and,

Whereas the voice of the North in the House of Commons is already imperiled and underrepresented by so few seats;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Township of Red Rock strongly opposes the proposed reduction of Northern ridings and representatives.

Further, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Eric Melillo, MP Kenora Riding, the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario, the Kenora District Municipal Association, the Rainy-River District Municipal Association and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, Patty Hajdu, MP Thunder Bay-Superior North, Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay-Superior North.

CARRIED

6.5 NDMH – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

SEVEN: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES

7.1 Red Rock Public Library Board – June 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Council posed no questions or discussions on the minutes.

Resolution #5

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Red Rock Public Library Board's meeting on June 14, 2022, be received.

CARRIED

EIGHT: REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Report from Director of Operations

Councillor Todesco asked for an update on the ESA compliance order, to which Mr. Westerman responded that all work on the order has been completed and is awaiting inspection.

Councillor Muir questioned the current state of fire hydrants throughout the municipality. The Director of Operations confirmed that all hydrants are in working order and a log of the hydrant flushes and checks is kept up to date.

Mayor Robinson noted that some residents have reached out to possibly get their driveways paved while the subcontractors are in the community working on the paving of Brompton Road. The Director of Operations noted that all arrangements will have to be made through the residents and the contractor.

Resolution #6

Moved by: Councillor Park
Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

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

CARRIED

8.2 Report from Fire Chief

Councillor Todesco questioned the Fire Chief regarding natural gas leaks.

The Fire Chief gave a brief overview of the 2022 Fire Con training that took place in Thunder Bay in September. He noted that 7 members of the department attended different courses while at the conference and will be bringing that information and training back to the department to share.

The Fire Chief spoke about receiving a grant from Enbridge, which will be used to purchase 72 carbon monoxide alarms for the community, free of charge to residents.

Resolution #7

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

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

CARRIED

8.3 Report from Community Development Officer

Councillor Muir asked for an update on the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. The Community Development Officer stated that Red Rock, Nipigon and Dorion have grouped together to develop a joint plant as all communities share the same resources.

Councillor McDonald requested an update on the engineering portion of the Recreation Rehabilitation Project. Ms. Davis noted that the project is behind schedule, as they are still in the engineering stage of the project and waiting on design reports.

Resolution #8

Moved by: Councillor Park
Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

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

CARRIED

8.4 Report on Administrative Activity

The Chief Administrative Officer gave a verbal update on the Administrative report. He noted that the NWMO will be speaking to Council in a delegation during the October 17, 2022 Council meeting.

Mr. Figliomeni noted that the MTO have committed to a temporary fix to the bump on the bridge on HWY 628. It was noted that the MTO is looking at completing a full repair of HWY 628 in the future.

The grand opening of the Water Pollution Control Plant has been postponed due to scheduling conflicts with local Ministers. The date will be pushed to sometime in October/November.

Resolution #9

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Park

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

CARRIED

8.5 Declaration of Surplus Property

Resolution #10

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council declares the following property as surplus:

PART 3 REFERENCE PLAN 55R10890 – BAKER ROAD, RED ROCK, ON P0T2P0

CARRIED

8.6 Report on Sale of Property

Resolution #11

Moved by: Councillor Todesco

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Red Rock approves the sale of the following property to Di Gregorio Developments Inc. in the amount of \$88,500.00 :

PART 3 REFERENCE PLAN 55R10890 – BAKER ROAD, RED ROCK, ON P0T2P0

CARRIED

8.7 Report on Press Release #1890717 Ontario Inc.

The CAO reported that all taxes have been paid in full by the owners of the mill property. The \$2,154,240.05 payment reflects all taxes owed to the end of the 2022 calendar year. Mr. Figliomeni also brought forward a request from the current owners of the mill property to present a delegation to Council at a future meeting. Council approved the request to have the delegation at the next meeting of Council on October 3, 2022.

NINE: BY-LAWS

None

TEN: NEW BUSINESS

None

ELEVEN: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

TWELVE: CLOSED SESSION

Council did not go into Closed Session.

THIRTEEN: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was no report from Closed Session.

FOURTEEN: CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution #12

Moved by: Councillor McDonald

Seconded by: Councillor Park

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-1295, 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 7:56p.m.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk