

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

974th REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 6th, 2023

Present:	Mayor:	D. Robinson
	Councillors:	N. Gladun
		G. Muir
		C. Brand
		M. Smith
	Chief Administrative Officer:	M. Figliomeni
	Municipal Secretary:	W. Odahl

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 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

3.3 Acceptance of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved with the following resolution:

Resolution #1

Moved by: Councillor Gladun

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council on February 6, 2023 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

3.4 Disclosures of Interest

In response to Mayor Robinson’s request, Councillor Smith declared a conflict on Item 8.6 regarding the water account at 4 Baker Road. Councillor Muir also declared a conflict on Item 6.1 relating to school board trustee elections.

FOUR: PRESENTATIONS OR DEPUTATIONS

None

FIVE: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

5.1 Minutes of the January 16, 2023 Meeting of Council (Open & Closed Session)

Council approved the Open & Closed Session minutes for the January 16, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council with the following resolution:

Resolution #2
Moved by: Councillor Gladun
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Open & Closed Session Minutes for the January 16, 2023 regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

SIX: CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Resolutions from other Municipalities

Councillor Muir did not participate in discussions or the motion to support the resolution due to a conflict of interest. Councillor Brand inquired how much money the school board elections cost the Township. CAO Figliomeni noted that the Township has not had to hold a school board election over the past few terms as all trustee candidates were acclaimed. Mayor Robinson noted that it can become a large cost and work load for larger communities.

Resolution #3
Moved by: Councillor Brand
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Red Rock support the correspondence from the Town of Petrolia regarding school board trustee elections.

CARRIED

6.2 Superior Country Newsletter

Councillor Brand asked where the hiking trails guides were available. Councillor Smith questioned if the Township took part in the Experience Fishing Program initiative. CAO Figliomeni took note of the questions and will seek further information.

6.3 TBDHU – November 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.4 TBDSSAB – Homelessness Prevention Program Food Security Fund

Councillor Gladun noted that the information has been forwarded on to local food banks.

6.5 NOMA – Meets with Government at 2023 ROMA

Council noted that the write up was very informative.

6.6 NOMA – 2023 ROMA Delegation Package

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.7 NOMA – 2023 Conference Agenda

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

SEVEN: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES

7.1 Red Rock Public Library Board – December 13, 2022 Minutes

Council posed no questions or discussions on the minutes.

Resolution #4
Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Red Rock Public Library Board's meeting on December 13, 2022, be received.

CARRIED

EIGHT: REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Report on Administrative Activity

Councillor Muir asked about the EMS discussion with MPP Lisa Vaugeois. CAO Figliomeni stated that he spoke with the MPP at her request to update her on the current state of the EMS consolidation and she would be following up on the situation. It was noted later during the report that the EMS consolidation is not a provincial issue and that it would have to be handled at the Thunder Bay City Council level.

The CAO will follow up with Council on possible dates for a team building or educational training session, as well as a facility tour for the water, waste water and public works facilities.

CAO Figliomeni noted that the AMO Conference is taking place in August and would be beneficial to attend. Mayor Robinson noted in the past that the CAO, Mayor and one other member of Council attending these conferences was favourable. The CAO asked members of Council to reach out if interested.

The CAO gave a brief summary of the ROMA Conference he attended in January.

CAO Figliomeni stated that due to the unseasonably warm weather, the natural ice would not be going into the arena. He noted that the Public works department has been directed to help with the outdoor rink if required. The arena surface is set to be prepared for indoor programming opportunities. Councillor Brand inquired about the outdoor rink at the lakefront. The CAO responded that there were many complications that went along with the marina ice rink and that the focus would be on the outdoor rink.

The CAO spoke on the possibility of liquored events in the Recreation Centre as discussions are ongoing with the Township's insurance broker. It was noted that events could be licensed and catered through the Red Pebbles Café located in the Recreation Centre as it requires a different type of licence.

Resolution #5

Moved by: Councillor Gladun

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

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

CARRIED

8.2 Report on Letter of Recommendation from JML

During discussions it was clarified that the second option from Ritson & Sons was the recommended route for the project, resulting in a total of \$33,787.00 including HST. This amount has been fully funded for and will not come out of the Township budget.

Resolution #6

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts JML Engineering's recommendation to award the contract for the Municipal Building Accessibility Project to Ritson and Sons in the amount of \$33,787.00, including HST.

CARRIED

8.3 Report on 2023 Water/Sewer Rates

The recommendation brought to Council was a 15% increase to water and sewer rates for 2023. CAO Figliomeni explained that attached to the recommendation is a rate study done by OCWA that was previously presented to Council. The rate study shows a steady increase of water/sewer rates by 5% each year, but does not account for the cost of operations for the new plant as at the time the study was done the Township was still operating the old plant. The CAO went on to explain that the cost of operating the new plant is significantly more than it was for the previous plant. He compared the Township's current rates with a community of similar size and situation, noting that Red Rock's rate is pointedly low. Councillor Brand voiced concern on the increase for seniors on a fixed income or low income people.

Resolution #7

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the water and sewer rates for 2023 be set as follows:

Base rate: \$56.60/month per household
Consumption rate: \$2.44/m³

CARRIED

8.4 Report on Community Budget Survey

Councillor Muir requested that the results be presented in pie charts to support Council's decision making process. It was noted that the survey will only be available online and paper copies will not be distributed.

Resolution #8

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves to publish the Community Budget Survey for public feedback on the 2023 Budget process.

CARRIED

8.5 Report on Backyard Chickens

Councillor Smith questioned if the adoption of chickens would cost the Township additional money to manage in comparison to the funds it would bring in. Discussion ensued regarding the enforcement of coop cleanliness, noise and other factors. Overall discussion led to the direction of not looking further into backyard chickens at this time.

8.6 Report on 4 Baker Road

Councillor Smith did not participate in discussions or the motion to support the resolution due to a conflict of interest. Councillor Brand questioned if fixing the issue of the pipe freezing all together was an option. CAO Figliomeni stated that the line had been repaired in the past year, although the shallowness of the line is the reason it freezes. He noted that having the water slowly run during the freezing months will be more cost effective than the construction of changing the depth of the line.

Resolution #9

Moved by: Councillor Gladun
Seconded by: Councillor Brand

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the adjustment of the Utility Bill for 4 Baker Road to compensate for running water in order to avoid freezing lines.

CARRIED

8.7 Report on Fee Schedule – Tents

Resolution #10

Moved by: Councillor Gladun
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fees, Charges and Rental Rates By-law 2023-1308 be amended to include a monthly tenting rate of \$300/tent for Marina camping.

CARRIED

NINE: BY-LAWS

9.1 By-law 2023-1310 – to Regulate Winter Parking

Councillor Brand asked if the by-law included the Escape Road as she noted a large vehicle has been parking on the road. CAO Figliomeni noted that he has not been notified of the vehicle or area as a concern from Public Works but will follow up with the department. He noted that the by-law would include all urban roads. Councillor Brand inquired about the times within the by-law that prohibit parking on the road. CAO Figliomeni noted that the

times consist with the times that the Public Works Department would be on the roads with the plows to clear snow. Mayor Robinson noted that these scenarios are subject to days where snowfall is in the forecast.

Resolution #11

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law number 2023-1310, to regulate winter parking in the Township of Red Rock, be passed.

CARRIED

TEN: NEW BUSINESS

None

ELEVEN: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councillor Muir asked for an update on the Council Committee discussion. CAO Figliomeni stated that the essential committees have been established. It was noted that an advertisement for community members to join a volunteer committee was posted and there was feedback from individuals in the community. Councillor Smith asked for future discussion on existing committees and their roles in order to move forward with a plan on which committees will be continued. The CAO was directed to bring back the existing list of committees and their responsibilities for Council's consideration.

TWELVE: CLOSED SESSION

Council did not go into Closed Session.

THIRTEEN: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

None

FOURTEEN: CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution #12
Moved by: Councillor Gladun
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-1311, to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting, be passed as circulated.

CARRIED

FIFTEEN: ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Robinson reminded Council and members of the public that the next meeting of Council would be held on Tuesday, February 21 as to not interfere with Family Day.

With no further business to conduct, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13p.m.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk