

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK**

**992<sup>nd</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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

**ONE: CLOSED SESSION**

**1.1 Resolution to Close the Meeting**

Resolution #1

Moved by: Councillor Gladun

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

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.

**1.2 Disclosures of Interest**

In response to Mayor Robinson's request, no members disclosed interest for items in Closed Session.

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Closed Session Minutes of the October 16, 2023 Meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

Resolution #3

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

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

**CARRIED**

The open session re-convened at 6:59pm.

**TWO: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Council approved the Closed Session Minutes for the October 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of Council in Closed Session. Council discussed legal and personnel matters, and employee negotiations in Closed Session. Mayor Robinson noted that Council did not finish their discussions and would be going back into Closed Session at the end of the meeting.

**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 #4

Moved by: Councillor Brand

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this Meeting of Council, be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 3.4 Disclosures of Interest

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

### **FOUR: PRESENTATIONS OR DEPUTATIONS**

None

### **FIVE: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

#### 5.1 Minutes of the October 16, 2023 Meeting of Council

Council approved the Open Session Minutes for the October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council with the following resolution:

Resolution #5

Moved by: Councillor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Open Session Minutes of the October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

### **SIX: CORRESPONDENCE**

#### 6.1 Resolutions from other Municipalities

Council motioned to support two resolutions from other Municipalities with the following resolutions:

Resolution #6

Moved by: Councillor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Red Rock supports the correspondence from the Municipality of West Grey regarding Childcare Availability in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

Resolution #7

Moved by: Councillor Brand

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Red Rock supports the correspondence from the Town of Rainy River regarding the Expanding of Water Treatment Training Opportunities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

6.2 Red Rock Legion Ladies Auxiliary – Christmas Cheer Fund

Resolution #8

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves a donation to the Red Rock Legion Ladies Auxiliary for the 2023 Christmas Cheer Fund in the amount of \$250.00

**CARRIED**

6.3 Red Rock Volunteer Fire Department – Holiday Kick-Off Gala

Resolution #9

Moved by: Councillor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves a donation to the Red Rock Volunteer Fire Department for the 2023 Holiday Kick-Off Gala in the form of a Recreation Centre Package.

**CARRIED**

6.4 MMAH – Northern Treasurer’s Forum

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.5 NOMA – September 27, 2023 Board Meeting Summary

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.6 NOMA – Resolution for Support

Resolution #10

Moved by: Councillor Gladun

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

WHEREAS the Township of Red Rock recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians;

AND WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years younger lower than the Ontario average, and that mental health and addictions are at a 4x higher rate;

AND WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor and many must travel long distances to access health-care services representing the failure of health care in Northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities;

AND WHEREAS NOSM University’s current base funding rates have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT with the announcement of unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University’s medical programs, the Township of Red Rock strongly request that the Provincial government grant NOSM University’s request for a permanent increase in annual base funding of \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that it was originally established by the Conservative Government in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, Geroge Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities Ontario, Northern School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.

**CARRIED**

6.7 Ministry of Finance – 2023 OMPF 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Allocation

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.8 Ministry of Finance – 2024 OMPF Allocation

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.9 News Release – Economic Development Opportunities in Red Rock

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.10 TBDML – September 16, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.11 Northern Policy Institute – Homelessness, Mental Health & Substance Use

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.12 SNEMS – 2023 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Levy

It was noted during this item that SNEMS had been at the City of Thunder Bay Council Meeting just prior to this meeting and had not had any mention of district communities during the meeting.

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

None

**EIGHT: REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

8.1 Report on Administrative Activity

The CAO reviewed his report with Council. Council discussed the new Recreation Centre Curling Club space lease and CAO Figliomeni reported that minor construction of the area has begun. Council discussed the FoodCycle Pilot Program and directed Administration to continue the survey and advertisements of the program. Council approved the program to go through in the new year with the new budget.

Resolution #11

Moved by: Councillor Gladun

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

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

**CARRIED**

**NINE: BY-LAWS**

None

**TEN: NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ELEVEN: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**TWELVE: CLOSED SESSION**

12.1 Resolution to Close the Meeting

Resolution #12

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into Closed Session at 7:31pm under the authorities as printed in the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

Council entered Closed Session.

Resolution #13

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 8:22pm and report in Open Session.

**THIRTEEN: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Council finished discussing personnel and legal matters, as well as employee negotiations in Closed Session.

**FOURTEEN: CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Resolution #14

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-1342, to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting be passed as circulated.

**CARRIED**


**FIFTEEN: ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Robinson reminded the public that the next meeting of Council will be held on Monday, November 20 at 7:00pm in the Marina Building.

Before closing the meeting, Mayor Robinson addressed concerns of Health and Safety from staff with regards to harassment and bullying. Mayor Robinson urged residents to not engage in such activity when witnessing it online.

With no further business to conduct, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk