

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

**997<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Present:	Mayor:	D. Robinson (7:55-8:46pm)
	Deputy Mayor:	G. Muir
	Councillors:	N. Gladun
		C. Brand
	Chief Administrative Officer:	M. Figliomeni
	Municipal Secretary:	W. Odahl
	Community Development Officer:	A. Davis
	Regrets:	M. Smith

**ONE: CLOSED SESSION**

Council did not begin the meeting with Closed Session.

**TWO: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

None

**THREE: PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**3.1 Call to Order**

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

**3.2 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement & Moment of Silence**

Deputy Mayor Muir 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 Brand

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

**CARRIED**

**3.4 Disclosures of Interest**

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

**FOUR: PRESENTATIONS OR DEPUTATIONS**

Patrick Couture from Ontario Clean Water Agency joined Council electronically to present the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Reports of the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plans for the Township of Red Rock. Council accepted the reports with the following resolution:

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor Gladun  
Seconded by: Councillor Brand

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Reports for Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment presented by OCWA, be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**FIVE: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

5.1 Minutes of the February 5, 2024 Meeting of Council (Open & Closed)

Council approved the Open and Closed Session Minutes for the February 5, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council with the following resolution:

Resolution #3

Moved by: Councillor Brand  
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Open & Closed Session Minutes of the February 5, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

**SIX: CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 Resolutions from other Municipalities

Resolution #4

Moved by: Councillor Brand  
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the correspondence from ROMA regarding the return of combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences.

**CARRIED**

Resolution #5

Moved by: Councillor Gladun  
Seconded by: Councillor Brand

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the correspondence from the County of Renfrew regarding Affordability of Water and Wastewater System.

**CARRIED**

6.2 NOMA – Letter to Premier & Minister Graydon Smith

Council discussed sending in an additional letter of support relating to the closure of the Terrace Bay Mill and decided to hold off until hearing a response from the government.

6.3 TBDSSAB – Update from the Board

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.4 NOMA – International Student Program with attachments

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

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

7.1 Red Rock Public Library Board – January 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Council posed no questions or discussions on the minutes.

Resolution #6

Moved by: Councillor Gladun  
Seconded by: Councillor Brand

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the Red Rock Public Library Board's meeting on January 17, 2024, be received.

**CARRIED**

**EIGHT: REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

8.1 Report from Community Development Officer

The CDO discussed her report with Council, highlighting the finalization of the Trout Creek Bridge repairs.

Resolution #7

Moved by: Councillor Brand  
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

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

**CARRIED**

8.2 Report from Fire Chief

Council briefly discussed the appointment of a new member to the fire department.

Resolution #8

Moved by: Councillor Gladun  
Seconded by: Councillor Brand

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the resignation of Liam Stenlund from the Red Rock Volunteer Fire Department, with regret; and

Appoints Larry Margarit to the Red Rock Volunteer Fire Department as a probationary fire fighter.

**CARRIED**

Resolution #9

Moved by: Councillor Gladun  
Seconded by: Councillor Brand

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the request for 2 members of the Red Rock Volunteer Fire Department to attend the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs Conference in Mississauga from May 1-4, 2024.

**CARRIED**

Resolution #10

Moved by: Councillor Gladun  
Seconded by: Councillor Brand

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

**CARRIED**

8.3 Report on Administrative Activity

The CAO reviewed his report with Council, noting that the Thunder Bay District Municipal League Conference is scheduled to begin February 29<sup>th</sup> in Nipigon. Council also discussed the possibility of running a youth hockey house league in the arena next season.

Resolution #11

Moved by: Councillor Brand  
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

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

**CARRIED**

8.4 Report on Removal of Declaration of Surplus Properties

The CAO updated Council on a current list of properties deemed surplus that are recommended to be removed due to various reasons. Council discussed the option to possibly re-declare in the future if certain improvements are made.

Resolution #12

Moved by: Councillor Brand  
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council removes the declaration of surplus for the following properties:

Roll Number 5841 000 000 00100 – 1 Rankin Street  
Roll Number 5841 000 000 09800 – 51 Salls Street  
Roll Number 5841 000 000 50900 – PCL 12300 HWY 628.

**CARRIED**

#### 8.5 Report on 2024 Water & Sewer Rates

The CAO reviewed his report with Council. The recommendation from Administration would result in a 5% increase across all water and sewer rates within the Township. This would be on par with the Water and Sewer Rate Structure Projection from a study done by OCWA in 2021. The 2024 rates will be brought back to the next meeting of Council for approval.

#### 8.6 Report on Arena Seasonal Closure

The CAO reviewed his report with Council advising that the Recreation Centre's last day of ice in the arena will be March 16, 2024.

#### NINE: BY-LAWS

None

#### TEN: NEW BUSINESS

None

#### ELEVEN: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no updates to give on items under Unfinished Business.

#### TWELVE: CLOSED SESSION

##### 12.1 Resolution to Close the Meeting

Resolution #13

Moved by: Councillor Brand  
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into Closed Session at 7:48pm under the authorities as printed in the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

Council entered Closed Session.

While in Closed Session, Mayor Robinson entered the meeting at 7:55pm. Councillor Brand declared a conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers at 8:18pm and returned at 8:44pm.

Resolution #14

Moved by: Mayor Robinson  
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 8:45pm and report in Open Session.

**CARRIED**

The open session re-convened at 8:45pm.

**THIRTEEN: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Council discussed items relating to employee negotiations, personnel matters, and matters under solicitor-client privilege in Closed Session.

**FOURTEEN: CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Resolution #15

Moved by: Councillor Gladun

Seconded by: Mayor Robinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-1348, 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, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business to conduct, Deputy Mayor Muir declared the meeting adjourned at 8:46p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk