

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

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

**MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Present: Mayor: D. Robinson  
Councillors: G. Muir  
N. Gladun  
M. Smith

Chief Administrative Officer: M. Figliomeni  
Municipal Secretary: W. Odahl  
Community Development Officer: A. Davis (electronically)

Regrets: C. Brand

**ONE: CLOSED SESSION**

1.1 Resolution to Close the Meeting

Resolution #1

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

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 on Closed Session matters before Council this evening.

1.3 Minutes of March 4, 2024 Meeting of Council (Closed Session)

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor Gladun  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Closed Session Minutes of the March 4, 2024 Meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

Resolution #3

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 7:02pm and report in Open Session.

**CARRIED**

The open session re-convened at 7:02pm.

**TWO: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

While in Closed Session, Council approved the Closed Session Minutes from the March 4, 2024 meeting of Council. Council accepted a nominations for Senior of the Year and Ontario Honours Awards, as well discussed employee negotiations, legal matters, and possible acquisition/disposition of land.

### **THREE: PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

#### 3.1 Call to Order

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:04p.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 Gladun

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

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

**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**

Michael from Ontario Clean Water Agency presented a summary of the 2023 Section 11 Annual Report, 2023 Schedule 22 Annual Summary Report and 2023-2024 Inspection Reports for the Red Rock Drinking Water System. After a brief question and answer period, Council accepted each report with the following resolutions:

Resolution #5

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the 2023 Section 11 Annual Report for the Red Rock Drinking Water System presented by Ontario Clean Water Agency.

**CARRIED**

Resolution #6

Moved by: Councillor Gladun

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the 2023 Schedule 22 Annual Report for the Red Rock Drinking Water System presented by Ontario Clean Water Agency.

**CARRIED**

Resolution #7

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the 2023-2024 Red Rock Drinking Water System Inspection Report presented by Ontario Clean Water Agency.

**CARRIED**

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

### **5.1 Minutes of the March 4, 2024 Meeting of Council**

Council approved the Open Session Minutes for the March 4, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council with the following resolution:

Resolution #8

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Open Session Minutes of the March 4, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

## **SIX: CORRESPONDENCE**

### **6.1 Resolutions from other Municipalities**

Resolution #9

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the correspondence from the City of Greater Sudbury regarding amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of 'Employer'.

**CARRIED**

Resolution #10

Moved by: Councillor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the correspondence from the Town of Lincoln regarding urgent need for increased funding to libraries and museums in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

### **6.2 NOMA – February 28, 2024 Board Meeting Summary**

Council briefly discussed the summary report from NOMA, which included a resolution and letter of support in relation to the decision of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application.

Resolution #11

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

WHEREAS Access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability.

WHEREAS The Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Township of Red Rock.

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, and is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk.

NOW THEREBE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Township of Red Rock supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition.

AND THAT the Township of Red Rock recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification.

2. THAT Natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario.

3. THAT the Township of Red Rock supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy.

4. THAT this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Lise Vaugeois, Member of Provincial Parliament of Thunder Bay, all regional municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition, and submitted to [municipalaffairs@enbridge.com](mailto:municipalaffairs@enbridge.com).

**CARRIED**

### 6.3 We the Nuclear Free North – Transportation & Burial of Nuclear Waste in NWO

Council discussed the correspondence and approved a resolution to support We the Nuclear Free North's letter on the transportation of nuclear waste in Northwestern Ontario.

Resolution #12

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

WHEREAS The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has been in the process of investigating potential sites for a deep geological repository for high-level nuclear waste from all of Canada's nuclear power reactors since 2010; and

WHEREAS the NWMO project involves the transportation, processing, burial and abandonment of an estimated 100,000 tonnes of highly radioactive waste; and

WHEREAS there are scientific and public concerns about the risks of radioactive exposures along the transportation route and in the region of and downstream from the repository site under both normal operating and accident conditions; and

WHEREAS the roads infrastructure in Northwestern Ontario is already under strain from heavy truck and vehicle traffic and the NWMO project will add 2-3 trucks per day for more than fifty years thereby increasing the risks; and

AND WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario do not rely on nuclear power and should not be burdened with the risks of transportation, processing, burial and abandonment of the highly radioactive wastes the nuclear power reactors have produced.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Red Rock urges the Nuclear Waste Management Organization to find storage solutions for nuclear waste in the vicinity of the reactor stations where the waste is and not pursue the transport of these radioactive wastes to Northern Ontario.

**CARRIED**

### 6.4 Live From The Rock – 2024 Folk Festival Donation

Council reviewed the donation request and suggested reduced rates for local residents, as access to parts of the marina are not available during the weekend without a pass.

Resolution #13

Moved by: Councillor Gladun  
Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Red Rock approves an in-kind donation of the following items to the 2024 Live From the Rock Folk Festival:

- Use of the Marina Park, campground, and building

- Support from the Public Works Department

**CARRIED**

#### 6.5 Hydro One – Vegetation Maintenance

Council discussed the options brought forward by Hydro One for brush control on easements within Township of Red Rock property. Council considered both options and decided to go with the mechanical route over herb application.

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

None

### **EIGHT: REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

#### 8.1 Report from Community Development Officer

The CDO discussed her report with Council, giving an update on the final 2 options for the Township logo. The CDO reminded the public that upgrades will be starting at the Recreation Centre in April.

Resolution #14

Moved by: Councillor Gladun

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

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

**CARRIED**

#### 8.2 Report from Fire Chief

Council posed no questions or discussions on the report.

Resolution #15

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Roger McGuire as a Captain of the Red Rock Volunteer Fire Department; and

Council appoints Julia Sands as a fire fighter to the Red Rock Volunteer Fire Department.

**CARRIED**

Resolution #16

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

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

**CARRIED**

#### 8.3 Report on Administrative Activity

The CAO reviewed his report with Council. Council was informed that MP Patty Hajdu will be visiting Red Rock to discuss federal funding for Red Rock relating to the Trout Creek bridge and of the QUAD Council meeting with the Township of Nipigon, Dorion and Red Rock Indian Band in May.

Resolution #17

Moved by: Councillor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

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

**CARRIED**

#### 8.4 Report on Vesting of Property

The CAO gave a summary of the property history and tax sale process that has been completed on this property.

Resolution #18

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the vesting of 419 Highway 628.

**CARRIED**

#### **NINE: BY-LAWS**

##### 9.1 By-law 2024-1352 – to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief

Resolution #19

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-1352, to appoint Trevor Appelkvist as Deputy Fire Chief of the Red Rock Volunteer Fire Department, be passed

**CARRIED**

##### 9.2 By-law 2024-1353 – to adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Resolution #20

Moved by: Councillor Gladun  
Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-1353, to adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for the Township of Red Rock and surrounding communities, be passed.

**CARRIED**

#### **TEN: NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **ELEVEN: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The CAO gave Council an update on the Bruno's development and stance on the water/sewer options for the property. Council discussed the options of serviced lots and agreed to bring water and sewer services across the highway to the development, without the requirement for an additional lift station.

#### **TWELVE: CLOSED SESSION**

Council did not go back into Closed Session.

#### **THIRTEEN: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

None

#### **FOURTEEN: CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Resolution #21

Moved by: Councillor Gladun  
Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-1354, 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 Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

With no further business to conduct, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12p.m.



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Mayor



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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk