

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

1,005th REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MAY 21st, 2024

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

ONE: CLOSED SESSION

1.1 Resolution to Close the Meeting

Resolution #1

Moved by: Councillor Muir
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, Councillor Brand disclosed interest for Item 1.6 of the agenda in Closed Session. Councillor Brand left the Council Chambers at 6:40pm and returned at 7:01pm.

1.3 Minutes of the May 6, 2024 Meeting of Council (Closed Session)

Council approved the Closed Session Minutes for the May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council with the following resolution:

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Minutes of the May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Resolution #3

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 7:01pm and report in Open Session.

CARRIED

The open session re-convened at 7:01pm.

TWO: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council approved the Closed Session Minutes of the May 6th Regular Meeting of Council and discussed acquisition/disposition of land, items regarding identifiable individuals and legal matters during Closed Session.

THREE: PRELIMINARY MATTERS

3.1 Call to Order

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:03p.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.

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

4.1 Top of Lake Superior Chamber of Commerce – Chamber Awards

Levina Collins from the Top of Lake Superior Chamber of Commerce presented an overview of the Chamber’s awards and events happening this year. She provided Council with information on a free Team Intelligence Workshop being held in Nipigon in June and how to nominate people, businesses and organizations for Chamber awards. Nomination papers were distributed and will be available to the public at the municipal office and library.

FIVE: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

5.1 Minutes of the May 6, 2024 Meeting of Council (Open Session)

Council approved the Open Session Minutes for the May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council.

Resolution #5

Moved by: Councillor Gladun

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Open Session Minutes of the May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

5.1 Minutes of the May 6, 2024 Meeting of Council

Mayor Robinson noted an error in the date and that the change has been reflected in the minutes. Council approved the Minutes of the May 14, 2024 Special Meeting of Council.

Resolution #6

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Minutes of the May 14, 2024 Special Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

SIX: CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Resolutions from other Municipalities

Resolution #7

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor Brand

Council supports the correspondence from the Municipality of East Ferris regarding the implementation of sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities.

CARRIED

6.2 TBDSSAB – Update from the Board

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.3 TBDHU – April 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.4 CBC News – NOW Health Units Vote to Reject Proposed Merger

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.5 Ministry of Transportation – Highway 628 Preliminary Design

Discussions on future projects that may impact the paving of Highway 628 were discussed and the CAO confirmed that they have been disclosed to the Ministry of Transportation. It was noted that conversations regarding shoulder paving and possible bike/walking lanes are also ongoing.

6.6 Top of Lake Superior Chamber of Commerce – April 16, 2024 Minutes

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.7 TBDSSAB – April 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes (Open & Closed)

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

SEVEN: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES

7.1 Red Rock Public Library Board – April 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Library staff were mentioned for their continued efforts on programming in the community.

Resolution #8

Moved by: Councillor Muir
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Red Rock Public Library Board meeting on April 9, 2024 be received.

CARRIED

EIGHT: REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Report from Community Development Officer

The Community Development Officer reviewed her report with Council. An update on the progress of the Bowling Alley upgrades was provided. A letter from the Superior Sailing Sunora was presented as they requested the use of a bbq and free showers for members

during their stay in July. Council discussed the Township's tree canopy concerns surrounding rotting wood and infrastructure damage. Quotes from 2 companies for a tree assessment and maintenance plan were included in the report.

Resolution #9

Moved by: Councillor Gladun

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves to waive the shower fees for members of the Superior Sailing Sunora during their layover in July.

CARRIED

Resolution #10

Moved by: Councillor Brand

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

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

CARRIED

8.2 Report on Administrative Activity

The CAO reviewed his report with Council. A date has been secured for the NWMO Mobile Learn Centre to visit Red Rock on September 13th. Council discussed the AMO Conference happening in Ottawa in August and potential Town Hall dates in July.

Council discussed an idea for an annual community event 'Beer Fest' that would happen next July 2025 for the first time. This would include a blocked off street for music, local breweries, food vendors, children's activities, and more. The event will require many volunteers and fundraising.

Resolution #11

Moved by: Councillor Gladun

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

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

CARRIED

8.3 Report on Office Hours

The CAO submitted a report to Council requesting a permanent change of hours for the Municipal Office to reflect the recent lunch closure from 12:30-1:30pm. Council discussed the union agreement, and it was noted that administration had already advised and agreed with the union on the change.

Resolution #12

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the permanent change of an office closure from 12:30-1:30pm for lunch at the Red Rock Municipal Building.

CARRIED

8.3 Report on Tax Reduction on Commercial/Industrial Vacant & Excess Land

CAO Figliomeni reviewed his report with Council regarding the current tax reduction for commercial/industrial vacant and excess land subclasses. It was noted that many communities have eliminated the reduction as well.

Resolution #13

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the elimination of the 30% tax reductions applied to the commercial/industrial vacant and excess land subclasses.

NINE: BY-LAWS

None

TEN: NEW BUSINESS

None

ELEVEN: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The CAO reviewed each item under Unfinished Business, noting only a few updates on the 2024 budget, landfill ownership and speeding on White Boulevard. Council discussed options for slowing down traffic and decided to move forward with portable speed bumps.

TWELVE: CLOSED SESSION

Council did not go back into Closed Session

THIRTEEN: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

None

FOURTEEN: CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution #14

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-1360, 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, June 3rd.

With no further business to conduct, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21p.m.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk