

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

**1,009<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**JULY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Present:	Mayor:	D. Robinson
	Councillors:	G. Muir
		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 Brand

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

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 1.7 of the agenda in Closed Session.

**1.3 Minutes of the June 17, 2024 Meeting of Council (Closed Session)**

Council approved the Closed Session Minutes for the June 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council with the following resolution:

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Closed Session Minutes of the June 17, 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 June 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of Council. Council discussed the Councillor vacancy applications during Closed Session and selected 3 individuals to move on to public voting.

**THREE: PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

### 3.1 Call to Order

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:02p.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

Mayor Robinson noted an addition to the Agenda regarding a tree assessment recommendation from the Community Development Officer. The amended 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, Councillor Smith declared a conflict of interest relating to Item 8.4.

## **FOUR: PRESENTATIONS OR DEPUTATIONS**

### 4.1 Superior Country – Cruise Report

Members of Superior Country were not able to make the meeting, therefore the presentation was not discussed and received as information.

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

### 5.1 Minutes of the June 17, 2024 Meeting of Council (Open Session)

Council approved the Open Session Minutes for the June 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council.

Resolution #5

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Open Session Minutes of the June 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

## **SIX: CORRESPONDENCE**

### 6.1 Resolutions from other Municipalities

Resolution #6

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the correspondence from the Town of Cobalt regarding the request to the Province to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO (Asset Retirement Program).

6.2 TBDSSAB – May 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.3 TBDHU – May 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.4 SNCDSSB – Before & After School Programs

Council discussed the surprising lack of interest received by Red Rock residents on the program.

6.5 AMO – Policy Update

Council discussed the motion and moved to support with the following resolution:

Resolution #7

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Brand

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Red Rock urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

**CARRIED**

6.6 Red Rock Fish & Game Club – Thank You

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.7 AMO – Advocacy on Homeless Encampments

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.8 Chamber of Commerce – 2024 Chamber Awards

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.9 Letter of Support – Northern Emergency Manager’s Delegation at AMO

Council briefly discussed the Emergency Manager's delegation and approved a letter of support.

Resolution #8

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves a letter of support to MPP Caroline Mulroney and MPP Trevor Jones with regards to the Emergency Manager's Delegation at AMO.

**CARRIED**

#### 6.10 SEIU Healthcare – Purple Day Donations

Council discussed the request and approved the suggestion for an in-kind donation to the Red Rock Marina.

Resolution #9

Moved by: Councillor Smith  
Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves an in-kind donation of \$30 marina camping/overnight docking to the Thunder Bay Regional Hospital in support of Purple Day.

**CARRIED**

#### 6.11 Chamber of Commerce – June 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

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

#### 7.1 Red Rock Public Library Board – May 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Council posed no questions or discussions on the minutes.

Resolution #10

Moved by: Councillor Brand  
Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Red Rock Public Library Board's meeting on May 14, 2024, be received.

**CARRIED**

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

#### 8.1 Report from Community Development Officer

The CDO answered questions of Council regarding the report. Council discussed the memorial banners program and approved the new tree assessment recommendation from Rutter Urban Forestry.

Resolution #11

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the recommendation to accept Rutter Urban Forestry's tender for a Tree Assessment and Maintenance Plan for the Township of Red Rock in the amount of \$7,700.00, plus HST.

**CARRIED**

Resolution #12

Moved by: Councillor Brand  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

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. Council discussed the Town Hall meeting and pre-submitted questions from unidentifiable individuals not being considered. Council approved opening the floor to questions based on a municipal update by the CAO. Council addressed an ongoing issue with lift station #2 regarding large towels/cloths in the system and discussed the rescheduling of the August Council Meeting to Monday August, 12, to accommodate the CAO who will be at the AMO Conference during the regularly scheduled meeting. Council discussed items brought forward by Councillor Brand and the CAO responded to questions regarding correspondence addressed to Mayor and Council.

Resolution #13

Moved by: Councillor Brand

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

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

**CARRIED**

8.3 Report on Councillor Vacancy Appointment

Council voted on the 3 applicants brought forward from Closed Session.

Resolution #14

Moved by: Councillor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council selects Denis Nault as the successful applicant to fill the vacant Councillor seat position for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council term.

**CARRIED**

8.4 Report on Café Proposal

Councillor Smith declared a conflict of interest on the item and left the Council Chambers during discussion and voting. Council discussed the unsolicited offer to lease the Marina Restaurant space and approved the agreement of a café proposal.

Resolution #15

Moved by: Councillor Brand

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the leasing of the Marina Restaurant Space to Courtney Van Horne for the Log Driver Café.

**CARRIED**

**NINE: BY-LAWS**

9.1 By-law 2024-1366 – to enter into an agreement with CCBF

Council posed no questions or discussions on the by-law.

Resolution #16

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-1366, to enter into an agreement for the Canada Community Building Fund through the Association of Municipalities Ontario, be passed as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**TEN: NEW BUSINESS**

None



**ELEVEN: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No updates were given on any items under Unfinished Business.

**TWELVE: CLOSED SESSION**

12.1 Resolution to Close the Meeting

Resolution #17

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into Closed Session at 9:00pm under the authorities as printed in the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

Council entered Closed Session.

The Municipal Secretary left the Council Chambers for Item 1.6 at 9:38pm and returned at 9:58pm.

Councillor Brand left Closed Session for Item 1.7 at 9:58pm and returned at 9:59pm.

Resolution #18

Moved by: Councillor Muir  
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 9:59pm and report in Open Session.

**CARRIED**

The open session re-convened at 10:00pm.

**THIRTEEN: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Council continued discussions regarding acquisition and disposition of land, an identifiable individual, employee negotiations and legal matters while in Closed Session.

**FOURTEEN: CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Resolution #19

Moved by: Councillor Brand  
Seconded by: Councillor Muir

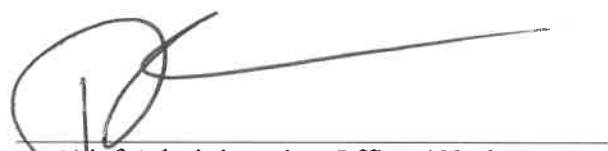
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-1367, to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting, be passed.

**CARRIED**

**FIFTEEN: ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Robinson reminded the public that the next scheduled meeting of Council will be held on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business to conduct, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00p.m.

  
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Mayor  
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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk