

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

**1,010<sup>th</sup> TOWN HALL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**JULY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

**ONE: PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

1.1 Call to Order

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

1.2 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**

1.3 Acceptance of the Agenda

No additions to the agenda were made.

Resolution #1

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

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

**CARRIED**

1.4 Mayor’s Announcement

Good evening everyone and welcome to our Town Hall Meeting. This Town Hall Meeting is an opportunity for community members and Mayor and Council to discuss Red Rock's future, receive updates on Municipal Projects and operations and to voice questions or concerns.

I’d like to welcome Denis Nault, who is in the audience tonight, as the new Councillor for the Township who was appointed at the last Council Meeting. Denis will be sworn into Council during the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council where he will officially join the table.

I’d like to remind everyone here tonight that this meeting will be held in proper decorum, following our procedural by-law that governs the proceedings of Council. All questions are held under a deputation format according to the by-law. There will be no yelling, shouting or inappropriate language during the meeting. This behaviour will not be tolerated and you will be asked to leave if continued.

Following the CAO’s report, Council will open the floor to anyone who wishes to have their questions addressed regarding topics related to the Municipal Update only. Council will not take any questions that are not related to the CAO’s report, nor will we enter into a debate and/or tolerate abusive conduct.

Our responses to your questions during the meeting will be as comprehensive as possible however, there may be instances where Council or Management may not have the answer at hand, therefore we will make every attempt to provide you with a response within the next few days.

We thank those who pre-submitted questions and look forward to an informative session.

## **TWO: REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

### **2.1 Report from Chief Administrative Officer on Municipal Update**

The CAO provided the public with a general municipal update on Council past and current projects and initiatives.

## **THREE: OPEN MEETING**

### **3.1 Questions from the Floor on Municipal Update Items**

Mayor Robinson opened the floor to community members to voice questions/concerns regarding the municipal update report from the CAO.

Cindy Poulin

- Elimination of passing of accounts at council meetings
- Timelines for MPAC assessments of properties

Steve Carruthers

- Building permits submitted for renovations captured my MPAC
- Requesting forensic audit of Township financials for missing funds

Merlin Bulmer

- BMI/Rock Tech site update and Township involvement
- BMI/Rock Tech site timeline
- Bruno's Development update on plans

Shirley Jean

- Camping services at marina
- Fish & Game Club Fish Derby left out of Municipal Update report

Susan Auld

- Timeline for Marina Café opening
- Noise levels of rock crushers from Rock Tech site

Kathy Chappell

- Changes in access and procedure to formalize camping at marina

Jennifer Brown

- MPAC statements on assessment

Theresa Sloan

- Council consideration for forensic audit

Nikki Seagris-Demers

- Public meetings on a regular basis
- Fully serviced lots at Marina

Erin Smith

- Council investigate comment regarding missing funds inquiry

Paul Langevin

- Application for provincial park status at Marina

CAO and Council answered and discussed the questions received pertaining to the Municipal Update with the above persons. Mayor Robinson closed the open question portion of the meeting after 40 minutes of discussion.

### 3.2 Question Submissions

Mayor Robinson called upon the citizens who pre-submitted questions for the meeting.

Michael Dixon

- With the accessible kayak/canoe launch being previously funded and built, why does the township block vehicle access to the launch with large rocks thus preventing accessibility?

Sonja Stephenson

- Since the property has been cleared to the lake for Bruno's development, will any other lake front be cleared for a swimming beach for residents?

Percy Stephenson

- Are there plans for an RV park on or near the marina?

Mitch Zuk

- What are the present and future infrastructure developments that will be addressed and how will they be paid for?
- Are there initiatives to attract a work force to Red Rock? If so, what are the initiatives and who will be paying for them?

Nikki Seagris-Demers

- What are the projected economic benefits of the RockTech project and how will they be distributed throughout the community? Some residents are concerned about potential further increases to taxes. Can you assure us that the construction and operation of the RockTech project will not lead to an increase in residential property taxes?
- Can you explain the reasoning behind the reduction in the dump hours? Are there plans to increase the dumps capacity or efficiency to offset this reduction in hours?
- Based on the last two winters, it appears as though there has been a reduction in Public Works hours as I have noticed a difference in timely snow removal of streets, sidewalks etc. I am concerned about the impact this may have on the towns maintenance. Will there be any additional measures put in place to ensure that these services are still delivered efficiently and effectively?

Julie Kelly

- How was the decision to put speed bumps on white came to? Were people especially those who have to listen them all day and night notified or given an opportunity to voice their opinion? Was a traffic study done? Was the injury to our elderly, sick, injured considered? Was the effect on emergency services considered?

Marilyn Young

- Thank you for making Council Meetings available to the public online! Wondering what the status of the RV Park Project is? Is it still on the books or has It been shelved?

Jennifer Brown

- Unable to access zoom on these dates: July 15, 2024, June 26, 2024 & May 2024. Minutes of Council meetings are not being made available to the public on the Town's website - not being updated regularly.
- Why wasn't the OPP contacted regarding the offenders (speeders in Red Rock causing the problems in the first place -obviously people knows who these people are) to get them to either set up down by the catholic church etc. with radar etc. and/or speak with the offenders? The OPP is already on Red Rock's payroll. I'm sure I'm not the only resident who has serious back problems that driving over speed bumps is going to exacerbate . I have to drive to my rural property a minimum of 3-4 times daily year round. No matter how slow you drive over a speed bump, it still jars your back.

CAO and Council answered and discussed the pre-submitted questions with members of the public and thanked all who pre-submitted questions.

### **FOUR: CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-1368, to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting, be passed.

**CARRIED**

**FIVE: 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 7:12p.m.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk