



The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2020, IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, AT 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: D. Butterfield Chair
 W. Badiuk Councillor
 J. Hager Councillor
 J. Kristoff Councillor
 F. Mota Mayor

STAFF: M. Vermette CAO
 C. Goulet Clerk
 K. Grondin Executive Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Chair advised that anyone present may not record (video or audio) and/or leave any cell phone on without permission.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

a) For the agenda for this meeting; and

b) For minutes of a meeting at which a member was not in attendance.

None at this time.

3. **DELEGATIONS/DEPUTATIONS**

3.1 Reagan Breeze; re Honeybee Safe Community.

Mr. Breeze presented information on the importance of bees. He noted that there has been a drastic decline in honey bees and pollinators. He provided statistics on the role bees play in global economy. He reported that he has received national publicity regarding the positive movement on Honeybee Safe Communities.

Mr. Breeze requested that Council consider proclaiming the Municipality of Red Lake as a "Honeybee Safe Community" with the months of April and May as "Honeybee Appreciation" months, allowing yards to grow vegetation with no property standards enforcement.

The Committee directed that this item brought forward to the next Council meeting.

4. **MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

None at this time.

5. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

5.1 CAO.

a) Communication/Notices.

The CAO reported that text messages are an additional option for communicating important information (ie. road closures, boil water advisories, and removal of the ferry) to residents. He noted that these messages would be a separate system from the existing emergency alert. He advised that the cost is approximately \$28 per message.

The Committee concurred to include this item in the 2021 Municipal Budget.

b) Insurance Renewal.

The CAO advised that the cost of insurance will be increasing significantly starting February 2021. He reported that the increase is approximately \$145,000.00 and is not specific to the Municipality, but is being seen across all municipalities. He advised that there will also be a loss of approximately \$74,000.00 in OMPF funding. He noted that the Disaster Recovery claim regarding RED049 was submitted last week for approximately \$700,000.00.

c) Rural Ontario Municipal Association Virtual Conference - Registration.

The CAO advised that seven delegation requests were submitted for ROMA. The Committee directed that the Mayor and CAO be registered to participate in the ROMA Virtual Conference.

d) Ontario Good Roads Association Virtual Conference - Registration.

The Committee directed that 2 participants be registered to attend the OGRA Virtual Conference.

e) Draft Tariff of Fees & Charges By-Law.

The CAO advised that a majority of the amended fees averaged a 2% increase, with the exception of amended airport fees which averaged a 4% increase. He noted that the 2% increase for water consumption amounts to approximately \$21,000.00 and the 2% increase for sewage amounts to approximately \$12,500.00. He noted that a new planning fee is recommended for inquiries reviewed by the Planning Committees.

The Committee directed to bring forward the Tariff of Fees & Charges By-Law, as presented, to the next Council meeting.

5.2 Clerk.

a) Staff Report BL-11-20; re Accessibility Annual Report 2020.

The Clerk presented the report which identified the accessibility projects completed in 2020.

It was:

Moved by Councillor Hager
Seconded by Councillor Kristoff
(CW-50-20)

RESOLVED that the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council accepts Staff Report No. BL-11-20 regarding Accessibility Annual Report 2020.

CARRIED

b) Staff Report BL-12-20; re Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (2021-2026).

The Clerk advised that the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan was completed in consultation with the CAO, Infrastructure Development Coordinator and Facilities & Recreation Manager. She reported that a public survey was completed but there were no submissions. She noted that a public feedback form is now available online.

It was:

Moved by Councillor Badiuk
Seconded by Councillor Hager
(CW-51-20)

RESOLVED that the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council accepts Staff Report No. BL-12-20 regarding Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (2021-2026).

CARRIED

- c) Staff Report CLERK-2020-09; re Internet and Telephone Voting – 2022 Municipal Election.

The Clerk advised that the next municipal election will take place on Monday, October 24, 2022, and that a By-Law must be passed prior to May 1, 2021 to approve the voting method for the 2022 elections. She reported that with the growing popularity of online voting and the potential increase in remote voting options amidst the potential continuance of the pandemic, it is imperative that the voting method be determined early, in order to secure a vendor.

She recommended that Council approve internet and telephone voting for the 2022 Municipal Election; that a By-Law be adopted to approve internet and telephone voting method for the 2022 Municipal Election; and that the Clerk be provided the authority to secure a vendor.

It was:

Moved by Councillor Badiuk
Seconded by Councillor Kristoff
(CW-52-20)

RESOLVED that the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council accepts Staff Report No. CLERK-2020-09 regarding Internet and Telephone Voting – 2022 Municipal Election.

CARRIED

- d) Staff Report CLERK-2020-10; re Bill 218 – Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020 – Ranked Ballots/Nomination Day.

The Clerk reported that Bill 218 proposes amendments to the Municipal Elections Act, which removes a municipality's authority to choose ranked ballots for the 2022 election. She noted the Bill would also change the date of Nomination Day to the third Friday in August 2022. She advised that the Bill has received Third Reading and will become law once it receives Royal Assent by the Lieutenant Governor.

It was:

Moved by Councillor Hager
Seconded by Councillor Kristoff
(CW-53-20)

RESOLVED that the Committee of the Whole hereby recommends Council accepts Staff Report No. CLERK-2020-10 regarding Bill 218 – Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020 – Ranked Ballots/Nomination Day.

CARRIED

5.3 Treasurer.

None at this time.

6. REFERRED AND DEFERRED ITEMS

None at this time.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.1 Red Lake Police Services Board Request for Support; re International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Definition of Antisemitism.

The Committee directed that a motion supporting the request be brought forward to the next Council meeting.

8. **MOTIONS** (to be brought forward after applicable item)

None at this time.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

It was:

Moved by Councillor Badiuk
Seconded by Councillor Kristoff
(CW-54-20)

RESOLVED that the Committee of the Whole hereby adjourns to meet again at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Original Signed By:

Fred Mota, Mayor

Original Signed By:

Christine Goulet, Clerk