

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Andrew Hartnell, Brent Helgeson, Larry Armstrong, Neil Ivall, Pat White and Martin Kreger. Also in attendance was press representative Anita Marcotte.

The minutes were recorded by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni.

Opening of Meeting

Mayor Deborah Ewald opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a salute to the Queen.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions were made to the agenda.

Motion #19-143 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Martin Kreger declared a conflict regarding the accounts payable and filed the applicable forms.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council October 15, 2019

Motion #19-144 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 15, 2019 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Mayor Ewald noted that she was not able to attend the Library Board meeting and that Councillor Larry Armstrong attended on her behalf.

Financials

Financials (as of October 31, 2019)

Motion #19-145 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of October 2019 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$424,412.07
Water	\$ 9,694.79
Sewer	\$ 641.91
Cemetery	\$ 0
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 350.35

Carried

Committees

Finance/Personnel – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Pat White (Chair), Larry Armstrong and Neil Ivall

Councillor Pat White reported that the committee had met on November 5, 2019. They decided to table some issues until CAO Veldron Vogan is back in the office.

The committee had a very good discussion regarding the curling club and how the town can help and support them via fundraising, etc. Councillors Neil Ivall and Larry Armstrong spoke with Melissa Jenson in regards to the siding on the building and other repairs that are needed.

Councillor White had nothing to report at this time regarding personnel.

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Neil Ivall

There was nothing to report at this time.

Public Works/Water & Sewer/Recycling – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong (Chair), Brent Helgeson and Martin Kreger

Councillor Larry Armstrong reported that some winter maintenance needed to take place as some complaints had been received regarding the sidewalks. This issue will be discussed at a Public Works Committee meeting on November 13, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Property/By-laws/AMBIS – Councillors Pat White (Chair), Andrew Hartnell and Brent Helgeson

Councillor Pat White reported that the Property Committee has not met for a while but they are still working on the Procedural By-law.

Economic Development/Tourism – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Pat White, Andrew Hartnell and Martin Kreger

Mayor Ewald reported that things seem to be going well with Economic Development and that the next Steering Committee meeting with EDO Gajith Jinadasa was scheduled for November 18, 2019. Councillor White noted that Gajith was doing really well.

Beautification/Cemetery/Hannam Park – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong and Martin Kreger

Mayor Ewald and Councillor Brent Helgeson attended the Hannam Park meeting last Tuesday. They had a good discussion at this meeting. Two pieces of exercise equipment arrived on Friday and will be stored at the town garage until spring.

Discussion took place about getting a section/span of the international bridge as a piece of history and the potential locations of where to put it (if it is possible to get a piece). This project is just in the preliminary stages right now – Melanie Murray is doing some research.

The committee also talked about future events at the park.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger

Councillor Brent Helgeson noted that Rainy River and Dawson had received some of the turnout gear.

Recreation Board/Curling Club – Councillors Brent Helgeson and Andrew Hartnell

Councillors Andrew Hartnell and Brent Helgeson attended the Recreation Board meeting. They reported that Recreation Director Danielle Smith is doing very well – the wreath making workshop sold out both days. She is considering events for Boxing Day and New Year's Eve.

The Christmas Extravaganza is the next event she is working on – possibly on November 24, 2019.

Danielle has reached out to New Gold for some funding.

Library Board – Councillor Andrew Hartnell

Councillor Andrew Hartnell reported that New Gold is bringing a truck to haul all the old books to the Salvation Army in Fort Frances. The library is looking for many boxes to put books in.

Rainy River House/Medical Centre – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Neil Ivall

There was nothing to report at this time.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

A DSSAB meeting is scheduled for November 21st. They will start working on the budget after their regular meeting. It is hoped that they will be able to come up with some solutions for social housing issues.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The RRDMA Annual General Meeting is on January 25th in Devlin. The cost will be \$40/delegate. Council members were asked to contact the office staff to let them know if they are available to attend.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Larry Armstrong met with MPP Greg Rickford for about an hour just to touch base. They had discussions regarding council's priorities for the Recreation Centre and water and sewer infrastructure. Councillor Armstrong noted that he tried to push these items in a positive way. Mr. Rickford is hoping to spend more time in this area and will make it a part of his routine schedule.

Kingsville & Lambton Health Care Resolutions

Motion #19-146 - Brent Helgeson – Pat White

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Kingsville and the County of Lambton in their resolutions to call upon the Ontario government to halt the closures of, mergers of, and cuts to our local health care services including Public Health Units, land ambulance services, hospitals and long-term care homes.”

Carried

Holiday Staff Appreciation

Motion #19-147 - Pat White – Brent Helgeson

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will hereby issue a \$50 Gift Certificate to each permanent employee of the Town of Rainy River as a Christmas gift.”

Carried

Christmas Donations

Motion #19-148 - Neil Ivall – Andrew Hartnell

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will contribute \$150.00 towards the Rainy River Public Library Board for their holiday celebrations.”

Carried

Councillors Brent Helgeson and Neil Ivall abstained from voting on the following motion as they are both members of the Fire Department.

Motion #19-149 - Andrew Hartnell – Neil Ivall

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will contribute \$150.00 towards the West Rainy River District Fire Department for their holiday celebrations.”

Carried

Motion #19-150 - Andrew Hartnell – Brent Helgeson

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will contribute \$150.00 towards the Rainy River Recreation Board for their holiday celebrations.”

Carried

Holiday Hours

Motion #19-151 - Neil Ivall – Pat White

“That municipal services will operate until 1:00 p.m. on December 24, 2019 and December 31, 2019.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #19-152 - Pat White – Neil Ivall

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:01 p.m.”

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer