

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, August 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, August 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 and Pat White. Also in attendance was press representative Nancy Gamache of The Westend Weekly.

Absent was Councillor Martin Kreger.

The minutes were recorded by Chief Administrative Officer Veldron Vogan.

**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**

**Motion #19-107** - Andrew Hartnell - Neil Ivall

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

**Carried**

**Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts were declared.

**Delegations**

No delegates were in attendance.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Special Council June 19, 2019

**Motion #19-108** - Andrew Hartnell - Brent Helgeson

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of June 19, 2019 as presented.”

**Carried**

Regular Council July 8, 2019

Changes will be made to the minutes as indicated.

**Motion #19-109** - Larry Armstrong – Andrew Hartnell

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 8, 2019 as amended.”

**Carried**

Special Council Meeting July 15, 2019

**Motion #19-110** - Andrew Hartnell - Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of July 15, 2019 as presented.”

**Carried**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

The location of the Fix-It Club train play structure was discussed. The location area will need to be marked out in order to know how much space is required. There were some questions regarding what was necessary for the surface around the structure.

A brief update was provided on the last People for Parks meeting; unfortunately, only a couple of members had showed up for the meeting. Another meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

**Financials**

Financials (as of July 31, 2019)

There was a question regarding the camping fee refund. It was noted that these fees were refunded to campers who had booked for the year and had to leave due to changes in their work schedules. It was not an indication of the state of the campground.

It was noted that the payment to Blue’s Painting was \$500 more than the original quote as agreed to by the Public Works Committee.

It was noted that the payment to AIG was for a claim that was made when we were still using the BFL insurance company and it relates to the adjuster’s fees.

**Motion #19-111** - Andrew Hartnell - Larry Armstrong

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

Town General	\$981,611.48
Water	\$ 35,183.18
Sewer	\$ 3,702.32
Cemetery	\$ 61.84
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 1,656.07

## **Carried**

## **Committees**

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

The Celerity agreement is ready to go.

The committee would like to look at policies for years of service and donations to events.

### **Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Neil Ivall**

There was nothing to report at this time but there are some items that will be coming forward upon review.

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

The committee members had indicated their desire to see the scheduled maintenance plans.

It was noted that some trees had died at the medical centre and the gutters need to be cleaned out. A work order will be issued for these projects.

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

A meeting will set up to work through the animal control by-law.

### RRWT Sponsorship Request

### **Motion #19-112 - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson**

“That approval be granted by the Town Council of the Town of Rainy River for the following items relating to the 2019 Rainy River Walleye Tournament:

- To waive building permit fees in regards to the Rainy River Walleye Tournament tent;
- To approve in-kind assistance from the town in setting up and taking down of the tent in the park;

- Access to Town equipment (i.e. forklift) to assist in setting up of tent;
- Use of Town’s picnic tables;
- Town fencing around the tent area;
- Event insurance through the Town’s Insurance (with the RRWT paying the premium);
- Assistance repairing docks (if required); and
- Moving of Rest Room Trailer and RRWT Storage Bus.”

**Carried**

The walleye committee will be asked if they have any parking needs that need to be addressed, as they had some items for change last year.

Solar Panel Proposal – Recreation Centre

**Motion #19-113** - Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong

"That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the estimate for solar panel installation for the Rainy River Recreation Centre from Powertec Solar in the amount of \$55,612 plus applicable taxes."

**Defeated**      **Recorded Vote:**

<b>Larry Armstrong</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Deb Ewald</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Brent Helgeson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Andrew Hartnell</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Neil Ival</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Martin Kreger</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Pat White</b>	<b>Nay</b>

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

Sunset Country Travel Association Annual Per Capita Marketing Contribution

**Motion #19-114** - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“To approve payment of the Annual Per Capita Marketing Contribution to the Sunset Country Travel Association in the amount of 27.5 cents per capita, based on a population of 807.”

**Carried**

It was noted that this ad will need a new picture and write up.

A committee meeting is scheduled on Wednesday to work on the Economic Development Officer employment contract.

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

Diana McGhee of MNRFB had sent some information to council regarding dry stream designs and a wet-type flower bed for the Heritage House.

The committee would like to have some trees replaced. Discussion took place as to whether it was more appropriate to plant trees in the spring or the fall. The CAO was instructed to find out from Jeffrey's which would be better for the longevity of the trees.

**Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger**

Equipment is on order and the next Fire Board meeting is on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Rainy River Fire Hall.

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

The discussion at tomorrow's Recreation Board meeting will focus on the Rainy River Walleye Tournament and the Recreation Director Internship. It is possible that they will also deal with some old business such as minutes and financials.

The Curling Club is looking into the gas line repairs.

**Library Board – Councillor Andrew Hartnell**

The Library Board has been on summer break so there have been no meetings.

Donations are coming in and it was reported that the horse race event during Railroad Daze had gone very well.

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

Repairs to the Rainy River House are in progress.

**DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald**

Mayor Ewald noted that she will be in Ottawa from August 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> for the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference on behalf of DSSAB, but will do her best to attend some of the other meetings.

It was noted that cameras have yet to be installed at the Heritage House.

**Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald**

A RRDMA general meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Councillors Neil Ivall, Brent Helgeson and Pat White will be attending.

### **Committee of Adjustment**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **Other Business**

#### Halton Hills – Deposit/Return Program Resolution

#### **Motion #19-115 - Brent Helgeson – Neil Ivall**

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Halton Hills in their resolution to call upon the Province of Ontario, through the discussion paper entitled “Reducing Litter and Waste in our Communities”, to review and implement a deposit/return program for all single use plastic, aluminum and metal drink containers; and review current producer requirements and look for extended producer responsibility for all packaging.”

#### **Carried**

#### International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board – Annual Meeting

#### **Motion #19-116 - Brent Helgeson – Andrew Hartnell**

“That Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Brent Helgeson attend the International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board Meeting in Baudette, MN on August 14, 2019 with expenses paid as per policy.”

#### **Carried**

#### Military Service Recognition Book

#### **Motion #19-117 - Pat White – Brent Helgeson**

“To support the Manitoba/NW Ontario Command Legion “Military Service Recognition Book” project, by approving the purchase of a half page, full colour ad, in the amount of \$625.00 (including taxes).”

#### **Carried**

Council would like to review the upcoming Legion ad.

### **In Camera Session**

**Verbal Motion #19-117A** – Neil Ivall – Andrew Hartnell

“To move the meeting in camera to discuss legal matters at 8:37 p.m.”

**Carried**

**Verbal Motion #19-117B** – Pat White – Brent Helgeson

“That the meeting returns to regular session at 8:45 p.m.”

**Carried**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #19-118** - Brent Helgeson – Andrew Hartnell

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:46 p.m.”

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer