

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, May 8, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Pat White, Larry Armstrong, Susan Carpenter, Gordon Prost, Ashley Stamler and Gord Armstrong. A member of the public, Paul Caruso, was also in attendance.

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 #17-064** - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

**Carried**

**Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

No declarations were made.

**Delegations**

No delegates were in attendance.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Regular Council April 10, 2017

Corrections will be made as indicated.

**Motion #17-065** - Gord Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 10, 2017 as amended.”

**Carried**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

Banking service changes will be delayed, following the actual account set up at the credit union, until the new cheques have been printed.

## **Financials**

Questions arose regarding the payable to Brokerlink. It was noted that this payment was for half of the insurance policy renewal. The invoice was incorrect so only half was paid until a corrected invoice could be issued.

### **Motion #17-066 - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter**

“That approval be granted for the attached accounts payable for the month of April 2017 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$138,671.45
Water	\$ 13,942.98
Sewer	\$ 1,077.13
Cemetery	\$
Cemetery Perpetual	\$
RRHCC	\$ 541.46

## **Carried**

## **Correspondence**

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of April 2017 was reviewed. It was noted that these letters were available at the town office if Council was interested in further information.

## **Committees**

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

#### Vet Assistance Trust Fund Fees

### **Motion #17-067 - Pat White – Susan Carpenter**

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves contribution to the Rainy River Vet Services Committee in the amount \$150.00 for the Vet Assistance Trust Fund; and that this contribution be approved for automatic payment annually until the rate increases beyond \$150.00.”

## **Carried**

Union negotiations begin on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The committee is working towards completion of the annual budget.

**Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter**

The committee met last Wednesday. A walk through of Heritage Square was done and they will continue to complete walkthroughs for the other municipal buildings.

**Public Works/Water & Sewer/Recycling – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong (Chair), Gordon Prost and Ashley Stamler**

Three tenders have been received from contractors regarding the Sixth Street project. Approximate amounts were: \$1.7 million from Makkinga, \$1.8 million from Bay City and \$3.2 million from Tom Veert. These amounts include HST. We are waiting for a report from KGS regarding a tally of the tenders. A special meeting will be scheduled once this report is received.

**Property/By-laws/AMBIS – Councillors Gordon Prost (Chair), Susan Carpenter and Pat White**

Some information has been gathered for a meeting but nothing has been scheduled yet.

**Economic Development/Tourism – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Gord Armstrong, Pat White and Susan Carpenter**

The previous committee meeting was canceled as there was no quorum. Councillor Gord Armstrong reported that FedNor representatives had not attended the NOMA meeting due to the weather. He did speak, however, to MP Don Rusnak who had requested information on the economic development officer grant. Mr. Rusnak will check into it.

**Beautification/Cemetery/Hannam Park – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Ashley Stamler, Gord Armstrong, Pat White and Larry Armstrong**

The People for Hannam Park Committee has had a couple of productive meetings.

Pool Repairs

**Motion #17-068 - Gordon Prost – Pat White**

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the cost of materials for repair of the pool in the amount of \$5,500 (including HST).”

**Carried**

**Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter**

It was noted that the fire department's pumper truck will be purchased by the board and located in Lake of the Woods. Deputy Chief Dennis Jodoin will look into truck prices for a possible auction – he was given a budget amount of \$150,000 to work with.

It was noted that there is still no lock box at the Heritage House for access to the building.

**Recreation Board/Curling Club – Mayor Deb Ewald with Councillor Susan Carpenter as alternate**

The board meeting last month was cancelled. The soccer program is going well.

Recreation Board Building Permit Application

**Motion #17-069 - Pat White – Gordon Prost**

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby waives the building permit fee in the amount of \$90 for the Rainy River Recreation Board baseball dugout addition.”

**Carried**

**Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost**

The board has completed their budget. Discussions have taken place regarding the per capita amounts for the different participating municipalities and a report was circulated. A note was made of how much higher Rainy River's contributions were compared to the other municipalities receiving these services. Councillor Gordon Prost noted that they may ask Mayor Ewald to participate in their discussions with the various councils in order to obtain more funding.

**Locum House/Medical Centre – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Pat White**

An inspection of the locum house took place on April 12<sup>th</sup>. A request was made to the staff to provide the 2016 income and expenses for the house. The committee would like to call a meeting in the near future. Councillor Gord Armstrong noted that there was pitch leaking around the window frames that needed to be removed and the window panes repainted. This will be brought forward at the committee meeting.

**DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald**

The DSSAB annual meeting will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. They would like an RSVP by May 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

The RRDMA general meeting is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> in Fort Frances at 7:00 p.m. A couple of council members have indicated their desire to attend with Mayor Ewald.

## **Communities Relations Liaison – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gord Armstrong**

Councillor Gord Armstrong noted that the council would like to welcome the Rainy River Current in the community that Paul Caruso had brought forward. Mr. Caruso noted that the newsletter is going well.

Mr. Caruso asked a question about local job seekers (as there is no one around to take smaller jobs). He spoke of the possibility of sponsoring families to come to town. Council responded that they are seeking funding for an Economic Development Officer. Once this position is in place this individual can look into this issue.

## **REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost**

A REDC meeting will take place on the evening of May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Emo Inn.

## **Committee of Adjustment**

There was nothing to report at this time.

## **Other Business**

### Seniors' Month Proclamation

**Motion #17-070** - Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong

**“WHEREAS *Seniors' Month*** is an annual province-wide celebration;

**WHEREAS** seniors have contributed and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this community;

**WHEREAS** seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community;

**WHEREAS** their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told;

**WHEREAS** the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to us continues to benefit all;

I, Mayor Deborah Ewald do hereby proclaim June 1-30, 2017 **Seniors' Month** in the Town of Rainy River and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.”

## **Carried**

This announcement will be placed on the town website and Facebook page.

June Council Meeting

**Motion #17-071** - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That the starting time of the next regular council meeting be changed to 5:30 p.m. on June 12, 2017.”

**Carried**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #17-072** - Susan Carpenter – Pat White

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:42 p.m.”

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer