

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Rainy River Activity Depot.

In attendance were Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Andrew Hartnell, Neil Ivall, Larry Armstrong, Martin Kreger, Brent Helgeson and Pat White.

The minutes were recorded by Chief Administrative Officer Veldron Vogan.

Opening Ceremonies, Moment of Silence and Salute to the Queen

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

Additions, Deletions or Amendments

Add Committee Chair Discussion (under Committee Reports)

Motion #20-087 - Larry Armstrong – Neil Ivall

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Disclosure of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council September 14, 2020

Motion #20-088 - Brent Helgeson – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 14, 2020 as presented.”

Carried

Financials (as of September 30, 2020)

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of distilled water. It was noted that this was required to recalibrate the equipment at the water treatment plant for testing.

Council would like to see a final report for the Hannam Park Canteen.

Motion #20-089 - Andrew Hartnell – Martin Kreger

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of September 2020 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$178,315.45
Water	\$ 17,187.44
Sewer	\$ 444.11
Cemetery	\$ 28.96
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 478.48

Carried

Presentations/Delegations

No delegations were in attendance.

Reports from Unfinished Business

A letter will be sent to Allan Olson regarding his drainage request. There was some miscommunication between the CAO and the Foreman but this has been clarified and the matter will be taken care of.

New Business – Committee Reports (as needed)

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

Safe Restart Funding

Resolution #20-019 - Neil Ivall – Pat White

“**WHEREAS** The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River acknowledges it has been affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality has incurred additional costs due to COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality has realized fewer user fee revenues;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Rainy River applies to the Province of Ontario for Phase 2 of the Municipal Restart Funding in order to alleviate financial hardship experienced by the Municipality due to COVID-19.”

Carried

Committee Chair Discussion

Some discussion took place regarding the Committee Chairs. It was noted that the more experienced Council members had taken on Chairing the Committees, however, Council would like to see some of the newer members take on these roles for the remainder of the term.

Councillor White noted that discussion had taken place within her committee and it was decided that she and Councillor Ivall would act as Co-Chairs (with her remaining in Personnel and Neil with Finance).

Councillor Hartnell indicated that he would like to step back from the Curling Rink Committee as this was a conflict.

Other discussion took place regarding committee shuffling and some economic development opportunities. Ideas for marketing of the community for development were brought to light.

Amherstburg – Ontario Heritage Act Resolution

Resolution #20-020 - Larry Armstrong – Andrew Hartnell

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Amherstburg in their resolution to recommend that Schedule 11 of Bill 108 be amended to remove the powers provided to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, retaining authority for hearing certain appeals by the Conservation Review Board and to return the authority for final decisions to municipal councils (as the elected representative of the communities wherein the property and its features of cultural heritage value exist).”

Carried

Amherstburg – AODA Website Resolution

Resolution #20-021 - Brent Helgeson – Neil Ivall

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Amherstburg in their resolution to request that the Province of Ontario extend the compliance deadline stated in Section 14(4) of O. Reg. 191/11 to require designated public sector organizations to meet the compliance standards, by a minimum of one (1) year to at least January 1, 2022 and to consider providing funding support and training resources to meet these compliance standards.”

Carried

Wollaston – 2018 Municipal Election Resolution

Resolution #20-022 - Pat White – Martin Kreger

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Wollaston in their resolution to ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to review the *Municipal Elections Act* and provide amendments to ensure that loopholes are closed on any pay to play schemes in rural communities where non-resident electors are permitted to participate in elections so that \$100.00 leases do not turn into ballots for garden sheds; and that the *Municipal Elections Act* be reviewed and amendments made to provide clearer, stronger wording to assist municipal Clerks in addressing issues to allow for a more definitive decision to be made when adding names to the voters’ list; and ensure that there is a clear and accessible way to report election fraud; and that the rules described in the *Municipal Elections Act* are actually enforceable even if there is not current case law.”

Carried

Loyalist – Ferry Funding Resolution

Resolution #20-023 - Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Loyalist in their resolution to request that the Ministry of Transportation support the Canadian Ferry Association’s request that ferries be considered part of the local transit system; and that lost revenue be eligible for reimbursement; and that a portion of the Federal pandemic funds be allocated towards municipal transportation ferry revenue loss and ferry expenditures resulting from the pandemic.”

Carried

Tbaytel – Existing Tower Marking and Lighting Augment

Resolution #20-024 - Pat White – Andrew Hartnell

“**WHEREAS** Tbaytel has an existing 109.5m guyed tower in Rainy River; and

WHEREAS Tbaytel was advised that the current painting of the tower for aeronautical safety does not comply with current regulations and Tbaytel has determined that re-painting of the tower is commercially impractical; and

WHEREAS Tbaytel can install medium intensity white beacons for day lighting that minimizes the amount of light ground scatter with a patented design, thereby, mitigating any concerns from residents about the type of beacon that will be installed; and

WHEREAS Tbaytel will also be upgrading their existing lighting from incandescent to LED and remove some lighting which is intended to reduce the possibility of bird fatalities; and

WHEREAS Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) has advised Tbaytel that they need to consult the LUA prior to switching from painting to lighting for day time and to receive a letter of concurrence before proceeding; and

WHEREAS the LUA could require public consultation if they are not in agreement or believes there may be concerns from the public; and

WHEREAS Tbaytel typically welcomes and encourages public consultation for new towers or modifications of existing lighting; however, re-painting the tower is commercially impractical and Tbaytel is pre-emptively mitigating any concern by installing beacons that minimize the amount of light ground scatter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby concurs with Tbaytel's planned marking/lighting augment and mitigation effort and will provide a letter of concurrence without requiring public consultation."

Carried

North Glengarry – Safe Restart Resolution

Resolution #20-025 - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

"That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of North Glengarry in their resolution to urge Ontario to allow capital expenditures under the Safe Restart Agreement."

Carried

Confirming By-law

By-law 1755-20 – to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

The first reading of By-law 1755-20 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

Verbal Motion #20-089A – Brent Helgeson – Larry Armstrong

"That By-law 1755-20 be taken as read a second and third time."

Carried

Motion #20-090 - Neil Ivall – Larry Armstrong

"That By-law 1755-20, being a by-law of the Town of Rainy River to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on the 13th day of October, 2020, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved."

Carried

Next Meeting – Monday, November 9, 2020

Adjournment

Motion #20-091 - Brent Helgeson

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:53 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer