

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, July 9, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong, Pat White, Gordon Prost, Ashley Stamler, Gord Armstrong and Susan Carpenter.

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

Add Fire Department Video Training Motion #18-099A

Motion #18-091 - Gord Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council June 11, 2018

Changes will be made to the minutes as indicated.

Motion #18-092 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 11, 2018 as amended.”

Carried

Special Council June 29, 2018

Motion #18-093 - Ashley Stamler – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of June 29, 2018 as presented.”

Carried

Public Budget Meeting June 29, 2018

Motion #18-094 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Public Budget Meeting of June 29, 2018 as presented.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

It was questioned whether the Pride flag had been displayed for Pride Week. It will be put up in the town office tomorrow morning.

Rainy River House – we are waiting for CBO Henry Van Ael to gain access to the building to inspect the roof issues.

Miller House – a report has been filed.

Financials

Financials (as of June 30, 2018)

A couple of items were discussed.

It was noted that the payment to USTI was for our annual software support fee.

The EMCON payment was for snowplowing and sanding of Atwood Avenue and a portion of Hwy. 600.

It was noted that Vendor #475 has a spelling error.

The ESA payment was for annual inspection services for the streetlights. It was further noted that the streetlight costs were very low in the current month.

Motion #18-095 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That approval be granted for the financial statements (as of June 30, 2018) along with the accounts payable for the month of June 2018 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$169,584.01
Water	\$ 32,701.48
Sewer	\$ 8,827.49
Cemetery	\$ 29.86
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 433.47

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of June 2018 was reviewed. It was noted that these letters were available at the town office if Council was interested in further information.

It was noted that a number of safety and streetlight inspections took place in the prior month and Council requested that any discrepancies in this regard should be noted (i.e. work needed to meet the standards).

Letter from Louise Grinstead – it was noted that one of the signs in question had been moved and the other straightened.

SPCA – This information will be put on the next Water and Sewer bill handouts. A copy will be given to Julie Tiboni for this purpose.

Committees

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

AMCTO MLP #3 Course – Julie Tiboni

Motion #18-096 - Pat White – Ashley Stamler

“That approval be granted for Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Julie Tiboni, to register for the AMCTO Municipal Law Program #3 Course, in the amount of \$355.00 plus taxes.”

Carried

Chairperson White noted that the Clerk-Typist is now on full-time for the summer months. This arrangement will be reviewed during the summer.

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

Railroad Daze Road Closure

Motion #18-097 - Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“The Town Council of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes the closure of the south block of Fourth Street (south entrance of the hospital to the marina) during the Railroad Daze celebrations from the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the north block of Fourth Street (from Atwood Avenue to Broadway Avenue) from the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, 2018.”

Carried

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

By-law 1688-18 – Property Standards

The first reading of By-law 1688-18 was given by Councillors Pat White, Gordon Prost, Ashley Stamler, Larry Armstrong, Gord Armstrong Susan Carpenter and Mayor Deb Ewald. Minor adjustments were made throughout the document.

Verbal Motion #18-097A – Gord Prost – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1688-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #18-098 - Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

"That By-law 1688-18, being a by-law for prescribing standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property within the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved."

Carried

Chairperson Prost questioned if the Fix-It Club had prepared their constitution. The Fix-It Club has asked for a copy of the information that council had discussed previously so they can work on this document.

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

Jeff O'Brian of FedNor has not forwarded any information regarding the Economic Development Officer as yet.

Final drafts of the banners are being completed.

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

Councillor Larry Armstrong noted that Shannon Hagarty had donated a Korean Maple to the park and it has been installed near the Hannam Park sign.

Councillor Prost has some indoor/outdoor carpet to put around the trees on Fourth Street. This will be done when the weather is cooler. The purpose of this is to prevent the grass and weeds growing up through it.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

By-law 1689-18 – 911 CERB Services Agreement

The first reading of By-law 1689-18 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

Verbal Motion #18-098A – Gord Prost – Pat White

“That By-law 1689-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #18-099 - Gord Prost – Pat White

"That By-law 1689-18, being a by-law to establish signing authority for the 911 CERB Services Agreement, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved."

Carried

Fire Department Video Training

Discussion took place regarding the new training item which the fire department is considering. Other townships in the area have already bought into this training. It was wondered if this would qualify for the firefighter training requirements. Deputy Fire Chief Ashley Stamler noted that she would like to look into this. At this time Motion #18-099A was withdrawn with further discussion to take place at the fire board meeting on July 18th in Bergland.

Motion #18-099A – Pat White – Gord Prost

“Be it hereby resolved that the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River wishes to participate in the purchase of a Digital Video Fire Training apparatus as part of the West Rainy River Fire

Service and in partnership with the Townships of Chapple, Emo and Alberton. The cost to the West Rainy River Fire Service being \$4,500 and shall be financed from the training budget.”

Withdrawn

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

Ice plant options have been considered. The Recreation Board needs some new members and they need to sit down and develop a business plan for the future. An assessment of the current ice plant needs to be done to determine if it will last a couple more years.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

There are no library board meetings scheduled in the summer. It was noted that the library has forwarded letters to Mr. Rickford (our MP) indicating the need for library funding to remain the same, if not improved.

Rainy River House/Medical Centre – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Pat White

It was noted that CBO Henry Van Ael would be looking at the roof. There are also some issues with the kitchen stove. It was suggested that someone speak to Green’s Furniture in Fort Frances or C-Tech Mechanical for repair items.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

A DSSAB board meeting will take place next week.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The RRDMA executive meeting is on August 15th.

REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost

The first board meeting will be in August.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

AMO NAFTA Resolution

Motion #18-100 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“WHEREAS, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) governs nearly every aspect of Canada and the United States economic relationship including manufacturing, agriculture, resources industries, and services;

WHEREAS, about 80% of all of Ontario’s exports go to the United States and Ontario is the top trading partner of half of all American States;

WHEREAS, even minor changes to the established trade relationship between Canada and the United States could have significant consequences for workers, consumers, and governments on both sides of the border;

WHEREAS, Canada’s and Ontario’s economic future and the continued well-being of communities and their local economies depend on free and fair trading relationships based in current future trade agreements;

THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that Ontario municipal governments, represented by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), stand together with the Federal and Ontario governments in their efforts to protect Canadian jobs and local economies;

RESOLVED that AMO will work with the Province of Ontario to support the interests of municipalities and communities affected by trade disputes and during ongoing trade agreement negotiations;

RESOLVED that AMO will work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to ensure that Canada understands the municipal impacts affected by trade disputes and during ongoing trade agreement negotiations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River supports AMO’s resolution.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #18-101 - Gord Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:00 p.m.”

Carried



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer