

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Gord Armstrong, Larry Armstrong, Gordon Prost, Ashley Stamler, Susan Carpenter and Pat White and Councillors Elect Andrew Hartnell and Martin Kreger. Also in attendance were Haley Coleman of the NWHU and Lisa Barrett of the Hannam Park Committee.

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

Add Hospital Auxiliary Donation Request Letter

Motion #18-143 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Ashley Stamler declared a conflict with Motion #18-152 in regards to the fire department.

Delegations

Lisa Barrett – Hannam Park Committee & Haley Coleman – NWHU

Ms. Barrett noted that the park committee has started fundraising efforts. They have raised approximately \$8,000 to-date. The committee will be partnering with the Northwestern Health Unit to obtain grant funding.

Ms. Coleman noted that the NWHU can come in with resources and access to numerous grants. They have put together a vision for the park. This plan will not affect the water park or elephant play structure. She then listed three of the main things that need to be done in this regard:

- Need to show that money has been raised. This has been done.
- Need partners. This is done.
- Need the municipality as a silent partner in supporting this vision.

This is the new trend for parks to become natural spaces with bushes, shrubs and trees. This natural look will include sun huts, logs and plants. They will also partner with Cancer Free Ontario for a built environment that eliminates metal and rubber fixtures (as these are huge UV reflectors).

It is hoped that this vision for the park will include a stage, hills, built-in tables, sand and water play areas and a music section. The old volleyball court area will accommodate the weatherproof exercise equipment at a cost of approximately \$25,000 for six pieces (including delivery to Rainy River). They hope to create a park for all ages. The name of the envisioned theme will be Orchid Park within Hannam Park.

Ms. Coleman will need a supporting motion and letter from the town. This can be done at the next council meeting. She hopes to have a quote for a suggested plan themed ‘Orchid Park’ by the next council meeting date.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council October 9, 2018

Motion #18-144 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 9, 2018 as presented.”

Carried

Special Council October 24, 2018

Motion #18-145 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of October 24, 2018 as presented.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Financials

Financials (as of October 31, 2018)

Motion #18-146 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of October 2018 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$295,742.64
Water	\$ 25,377.45
Sewer	\$ 15,818.02
Cemetery	\$ 561.15
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 515.79

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of October 2018 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

When the CAO returns from vacation the committee is hoping to finalize her vacation days and will schedule meetings with Julie and Erika.

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

The committee had nothing further to report at this time.

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

By-law 1697-18 Policy for Unplugging Private Sanitary Sewer Services

The first reading of By-law 1697-18 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

Verbal Motion #18-147A – Gord Prost – Ashley Stamler

“That By-law 1697-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #18-147 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That By-law 1697-18, to establish a Policy for Unplugging Private Sanitary Sewer Services for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

It was noted that the work on the highway will be coming to an end soon and will resume in May 2019 (or as soon as the frost is out of the ground).

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

The committee had nothing further to report at this time.

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

MP Don Rusnak was in town for a presentation announcing the grant for a three year Economic Development Officer.

A committee meeting will take place on November 14th at 3:00 p.m.

The Christmas banners will be up before the extravaganza.

Fort Frances Times 2019 Vacation Guide Map Advertising

Motion #18-148 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“To approve purchase of advertising in the Fort Frances Times 2019 Vacation Guide Map in the amount of \$299.00 plus tax.”

Carried

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

The committee had nothing further to report at this time.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

A Fire Board meeting will take place on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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

It was noted that the new board chair was Anthony Smaha. There are also several new board members. Rick Bourre is getting the ice ready. On November 30th there will be an event

including a parade, bonfire and cookie decorating. Councillor Ashley Stamler volunteered to wear the beaver costume for the parade.

Ice time donation letters have been sent out. Councillor Larry Armstrong suggested that a table be set up at the extravaganza to give the donors their charitable receipts. The office staff will do this.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

The library board is trying to get a student representative from Rainy River High School to serve on the board. Taylor Neilson is not old enough to be on the board but will attend meetings as a representative of the student council.

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

The committee is waiting for a roof leak report from Greg Lundgren.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

There were no DSSAB meetings in November and December during the lame duck period. There is no budget yet. Mayor Ewald is trying to meet with Dan McCormick regarding some issues with the Heritage House.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

A RRDMA meeting took place last Thursday. The Annual General Meeting will take place on January 19th in Stratton. It was noted that the MMAH wants to come and do a presentation. Mayor Ewald has been approached to let her name stand for RRDMA President.

REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost

The committee had nothing further to report at this time.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

McKellar – Governance Models Resolution

Motion #18-149 - Gordon Prost – Ashley Stamler

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of McKellar in requesting that any discussions that AMO has with the Province be

preceded with an open meeting between AMO, all members of Council and members of the public to determine the desires of each municipality in regard to governance models.”

Carried

Holiday Staff Appreciation

Motion #18-150 - Ashley Stamler – Gordon Prost

“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 #18-151 - Gordon Prost – Ashley Stamler

“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

Motion #18-152 - Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“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 #18-153 - Gord Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“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 #18-154 - Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That municipal services will operate until 1:00 p.m. on December 24, 2018 and December 31, 2018.”

Carried

Hospital Auxiliary Donation Request Letter

The Hospital Auxiliary has requested a donation for their penny table for their December 2nd annual bazaar.

Motion #18-154A – Susan Carpenter – Gordon Prost

“Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will contribute a gift for their annual Christmas bazaar for the Rainy River Hospital Auxiliary.”

Carried

Mayor Ewald thanked everyone who is leaving council for their hard work and dedication and invited them to the December 3rd inaugural meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion #18-155 - Gordon Prost – Ashley Stamler

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:05 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

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Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer