

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, June 11, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, June 11, 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 and Ashley Stamler.

Absent were Councillors 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**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**Motion #18-075** - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

**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 May 14, 2018

Changes will be made to the minutes as indicated.

**Motion #18-076** - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 14, 2018 as amended.”

**Carried**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

It was questioned if the water was off at the curling rink. It was noted that this was done.

It was also asked if any work had been done on the roof of the Rainy River House. It was suggested that CBO Henry Van Ael have a look at this.

**Financials**

Financials (as of May 31, 2018)

Questions were asked about the payments to Sunlife on May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that these payments were most likely for two different months.

There were questions about the Beaver Mills bill and the bill for ads in the Fort Frances Times and The Westend Weekly.

The refund of camping fees was questioned. It was noted that this payment was for someone who had booked for the season and was given a partial refund when they were unable to come.

There was a short discussion regarding the AIG payment. It was explained that this was for the adjuster fees that we pay (even when a claim is noted as unfounded).

**Motion #18-077 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost**

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

Town General	\$159,584.60
Water	\$ 32,844.32
Sewer	\$ 11,784.05
Cemetery	\$ 60.03
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 606.30

**Carried**

**Correspondence**

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of May 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**

Summer Students

**Motion #18-078** - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“**THAT** the following individuals be hired for the 2018 summer student positions for the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>RATE OF PAY</b>	<b>START DATE</b>
Dakota Kreger	Summer Student	minimum wage	TBA
Aubree McQuaker	Summer Student	minimum wage	TBA
Paige Stamler	Summer Student	minimum wage	TBA
Lynelle Westover	Summer Student	minimum wage	TBA
Morgan McDermid	Summer Student	minimum wage	TBA”

**Carried**

By-law 1685-18 AMO Main Street Funding MFA Signing Authority

The first reading of By-law 1685-18 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

**Verbal Motion #18-078A** – Gord Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1685-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #18-079** - Ashley Stamler – Gordon Prost

“That By-law 1685-18, being a by-law to authorize the municipality to enter into an agreement and to designate signing officers for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Ontario’s Main Street Revitalization Initiative Municipal Funding Agreement (MFA), having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

**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**

A committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

A Sixth Street deficiency meeting had been held and a number of items were discussed.

It was questioned whether repair work could be done on Fourth Street while the pavers were in town doing Sixth Street. The CAO noted that the foreman was waiting to discuss repair options with a paving company about the best way to fix this damage without having to cut it out and repave. The Deputy Clerk is working with our insurer to deal with this matter.

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

OBOA Conference Expenses

**Motion #18-080 - Gordon Prost – Ashley Stamler**

“That Chief Building Official Henry Van Ael attends the OBOA Annual Meeting and Training Sessions on Sunday, September 30 to Wednesday, October 2, 2018 in Kingston, Ontario, with expenses paid as per policy.”

**Carried**

The committee would like to make sure that the dog and cat by-laws are up to date. It was noted that one of the major issues is that we don't have a dog catcher or anyone to enforce this by-law.

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

The committee meeting had been cancelled as they were waiting for some price quotes. It was noted that they would be using \$10,000 of the main street funding to purchase signs and banners.

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

Jason Peterson has ground down the stumps at the park. He had done 10 trees for \$730 + tax.

The flower baskets aren't here yet but should be coming shortly.

There will be a Hannam Park meeting on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the park. Lisa Barrett is working on the Art in the Park Festival.

Rochelle Jenson is coordinating the yard sale for July 1<sup>st</sup>. The art festival will take place during Railroad Daze.

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

The next Fire Board meeting will be July 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

The next Recreation Board meeting is June 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m.

**Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost**

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

**DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald**

The childcare committee has had its final meeting with recommendations going to the DSSAB board. Their next meeting is June 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

The RRDMA executive meeting is on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

**Committee of Adjustment**

There was nothing to report at this time.

**Other Business**

Baldwin – Bill C-71

**Motion #18-081 - Gordon Prost – Pat White**

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Baldwin in urging the Government of Canada to quash Bill C-71 without further ado, as it is not necessary.”

**Carried**

RRWT Sponsorship Request

**Motion #18-082 - Pat White – Gordon Prost**

“That approval be granted by the Town Council of the Town of Rainy River for the following items relating to the 2018 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**

There was quite a discussion regarding fiscal accountability when the town is providing in-kind services and/or funds to an organization.

Borderland Pride – Pride Week Proclamation

**Motion #18-083 - Pat White – Gordon Prost**

“**WHEREAS**, Borderland Pride is the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and two-spirit (“LGBTQ2”) Pride organization for the Borderland region;

**WHEREAS**, Pride events across the United States and Canada and around the world promote diversity and inclusion and take a positive stance against discrimination and violence towards LGBTQ2 people;

**WHEREAS**, Pride is necessary to show community support and belonging for LGBTQ2 individuals and families, and LGBTQ2-identifying youth in particular;

**WHEREAS**, acknowledging and participating in Pride underscores and affirms our respect for the dignity, equality, and visibility of LGBTQ2 people and families;

**WHEREAS**, diversity of sexual orientation and gender identity represents a positive contribution to society and is a matter in which to take pride and celebrate;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Fort Frances, Ontario and the City of International Falls, Minnesota proclaimed the dates of July 9 through 15, 2018 as Pride Week;

**WHEREAS**, the same community values of diversity and inclusion, and support for LGBTQ2 people is common to all people and knows no border;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Deborah Ewald do hereby proclaim the week beginning July 9, 2018, Pride Week;

**AND FURTHER**, the Town of Rainy River will publicly display a Pride flag throughout Pride Week;

**AND FURTHER**, I encourage all citizens to take part in Pride Week and work together on equality, acceptance, and inclusion for all people throughout the year;

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

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Mayor Deborah Ewald”

**Carried**

Housing Conference in Sioux Lookout

**Motion #18-084** - Ashley Stamler – Pat White

“That \_\_\_\_\_ attends the Northern Housing Summit on June 26-28, 2018 in Sioux Lookout, Ontario, with expenses paid as per policy.”

**Withdrawn**

We would like to let this organization know that we won't be participating at this time but would be interested in any reports or findings that come out of this conference, as it may be beneficial to us in the future.

Polling Station

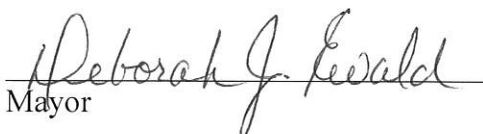
Questions arose regarding the location of the polling stations for the provincial election. It was felt that it was inappropriate for voting to take place in a church. A letter has been sent to the Returning Officer and Elections Ontario requesting consideration in the future. It was noted that previous elections had taken place in the recreation centre.

**Adjournment**

**Motion #18-085** - Pat White – Ashley Stamler

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:11 p.m.”

**Carried**

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer

