

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Martin Kreger, Andrew Hartnell, Brent Helgeson and Pat White. Also in attendance was press representative Nancy Gamache of The Westend Weekly.

Absent were Councillors Larry Armstrong and Neil Ivall.

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

No additions or deletions were made to the agenda.

Motion #19-079 - Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Martin Kreger declared a conflict in regards to the accounts payable.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council May 13, 2019

Changes will be made to the minutes as indicated.

Motion #19-080 - Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 13, 2019 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Fire Department – at the last board meeting the Fire Chief was instructed to purchase turn-out gear. It was unsure if it had been ordered yet.

Financials

Financials (as of May 31, 2019)

It was noted that BFL had not returned the extra premium yet.

It was explained that the Stratton Equipment freight liner bill was for one of the fire department trucks.

Motion #19-081 - Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of May 2019 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$265,961.76
Water	\$ 43,501.30
Sewer	\$ 5,504.06
Cemetery	\$ 2,030.91
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 672.70

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of May 2019 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 Neil Ivall

Originally the Finance Committee had set a public budget meeting for Thursday, June 20th; however, this date has been changed to June 19th at 6:00 p.m.

It was also noted that six summer student grant positions were available and that the Economic Development and Tourism Committee would be holding interviews shortly.

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Neil Ivall

There was nothing to report at this time.

Public Works/Water & Sewer/Recycling – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong (Chair), Brent Helgeson and Martin Kreger

There was nothing to report at this time.

Property/By-laws/AMBIS – Councillors Pat White (Chair), Andrew Hartnell and Brent Helgeson

The committee is working on some by-laws. The priority will be an animal control by-law – sample by-laws have been forwarded to the committee for their review.

Economic Development/Tourism – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Pat White, Andrew Hartnell and Martin Kreger

Frustration was expressed with the interviews for the Economic Development Officer position. The committee would like to review all of the applications (there were approximately 40).

It was noted that the town entrance signs have been ordered.

Beautification/Cemetery/Hannam Park – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong and Martin Kreger

The committee will have a meeting to specifically deal with re-planting of the trees at the park. A package from Diana McGhee of MNR had been forwarded to each member of the committee for their review.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger

There was nothing further to report from what was discussed under business arising.

Recreation Board/Curling Club – Councillors Brent Helgeson and Andrew Hartnell

The Recreation Board is trying to get some members together. It was noted that the liquor license for Railroad Daze needs to be finalized.

The curling club will be issuing a request letter for some major repair items. They are also hosting the fish fry for the Rainy River Walleye Tournament.

Library Board – Councillor Andrew Hartnell

The Library Board is focusing on fundraising. Their next meeting is June 21st.

Rainy River House/Medical Centre – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Neil Ivall

The compromised materials in the garage have been removed and solutions are being explored to alleviate the moisture issues.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

Mayor Ewald will be attending the AMO meeting in August on behalf of the DSSAB Board.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The general meeting had gone well and the RRDMA has pledged \$10,000 towards the heart centre in Thunder Bay.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

Bill 108 Resolution

Motion #19-082 - Martin Kreger – Andrew Hartnell

“**WHEREAS** the legislation that abolished the OMB and replaced it with LPAT received unanimous - all party support;

WHEREAS all parties recognized that local governments should have the authority to uphold their provincially approved Official Plans; to uphold their community driven planning;

WHEREAS Bill 108 will once again allow an unelected, unaccountable body to make decisions on how our communities evolve and grow;

WHEREAS on August 21, 2018 Minister Clark once again signed the MOU with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and entered into "...a legally binding agreement recognizing Ontario Municipalities as a mature, accountable order of government.";

WHEREAS this MOU is "enshrined in law as part of the Municipal Act". And recognizes that as "...public policy issues are complex and thus require coordinated responses... the Province endorses the principle of regular consultation between Ontario and municipalities in relation to matters of mutual interest";

WHEREAS by signing this agreement, the Province made "...a commitment to cooperating with its municipal governments in considering new legislation or regulations that will have a municipal impact";

WHEREAS Bill 108 will impact 15 different Acts - Cannabis Control Act, 2017, Conservation Authorities Act, Development Charges Act, Education Act, Endangered Species Act, 2007, Environmental Assessment Act, Environmental Protection Act, Labour Relations Act, 1995, Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017, Municipal Act, 2001, Occupational Health and Safety Act, Ontario Heritage Act, Ontario Water Resources Act, Planning Act, Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Rainy River opposes Bill 108 which in its current state will have negative consequences on community building and proper planning; and

THAT the Town of Rainy River calls upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 108 to enable fulsome consultation with Municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved; and

THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Andrea Horvath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and

THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.”

Carried

Kenora Legal Aid Resolution

Motion #19-083 - Pat White – Andrew Hartnell

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Kenora in their resolution to call upon Premier Doug Ford and Attorney General Caroline Mulroney to make a commitment to access to justice; to respect the commitment of their government to not decrease front line services; and to confirm that funding for community legal clinics will not be decreased.”

Carried

Petrolia OGRA & ROMA Conference Resolution

Motion #19-084 - Andrew Hartnell – Pat White

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Petrolia in their resolution to support the original resolution passed at the OGRA AGM to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA Conference.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #19-085 - Andrew Hartnell – Pat White

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:55 p.m.”

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer