

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, November 14, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

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

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        CIBC Bank Closure

**Motion #16-149** - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

**Carried**

**Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

Councillor Ashley Stamler declared a conflict with Motion#16-155 regarding the West Rainy River District Fire Department holiday contribution.

Councillors Ashley Stamler and Gord Armstrong declared a conflict with Motion#16-156 regarding the Rainy River Recreation Board holiday contribution.

Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gordon Prost declared a conflict with Motion#16-154 regarding the Rainy River Public Library holiday contribution.

**Delegations**

No delegates were in attendance.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Regular Council October 11, 2016

**Motion #16-150 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong**

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 11, 2016 as amended.”

**Carried**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**Financials**

**Motion #16-151 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong**

“That approval be granted for the attached accounts payable for the month of October 2016 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$336,884.32
Water	\$ 9,739.00
Sewer	\$ 3,026.86
Cemetery	\$ 34.18
Cemetery Perpetual	\$
RRHCC	\$ 333.66

**Carried**

**Correspondence**

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of October 2016 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**

Chair Pat White noted that the committee was waiting until CAO Veldron Vogan returned from vacation to continue work on their tax arrears letters.

**Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter**

Councillor Larry Armstrong reported that a monthly committee meeting had taken place to review policies and procedures.

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

Chair Larry Armstrong reported that the dock restoration project was coming along, that the ditching projects would be taking place soon and that filling potholes was part of the town crew's daily maintenance routine.

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

Chair Gordon Prost reported that the next AMBIS meeting would take place on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> in Barwick at 10:00 a.m.

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

CIBC Bank Closure

Mayor Ewald reported that the town office had received notice from CIBC that they would be closing their doors in Rainy River on May 5, 2017. Council would like to send a letter to CIBC opposing this closure with copies sent to local political representatives. Mayor Ewald and Councillors Gord Armstrong, Larry Armstrong, and Pat White will meet on Thursday at noon to draft a letter.

The Committee is working on job descriptions for the new Economic Development Officer.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni was instructed to send an email to schedule a meeting of the Economic Development Committee for November 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

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

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni will speak to Rochelle Jenson regarding an application for a donation from CIBC regarding Hannam Park.

A price from Shear Display is expected soon for Christmas garland for the Fourth Street streetlights.

Councillor Larry Armstrong reported that PDR (dock restoration) is waiting for cement sections to complete this project. It was noted that the cement may not be done before winter but will be fixed in the spring.

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

Mayor Ewald reported that the next board meeting is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>. The Fire Chief will be bringing the 2017 budget for review.

**Recreation Board/Curling Club – Councillors Ashley Stamler and Gord Armstrong with Councillor Susan Carpenter as alternate**

Councillor Gord Armstrong reported that a discussion had taken place with Brittany Bowman of the Best Start Hub about a possible partnership with the Recreation Board. The Hub would use the upstairs area for their program. They would share the cleaning responsibilities for the areas that they utilize (upstairs, bathrooms and stairways). Rent was set at \$500/month.

The Rec. Board also approved a job description and six month employment contract for the Recreation Director. They are waiting to see if he will accept this offer.

**Library Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gordon Prost**

Councillor Gordon Prost reported that the next board meeting would take place on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Friesen Five (the new building owners) have asked for a rental increase for 2018 based on cost of living.

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

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni was instructed to find out if the clinic lease has been forwarded to the clinic for review.

The locum house floor is still not repaired but contractor John Sinninghe had been there to take a look at it.

**DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald**

Mayor Ewald reported that a meeting will be taking place on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The CEO evaluation will be discussed. Their finance/audit committee met last week to start work on the budget.

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

An executive meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 16, 2016. Committees will be set up at the annual general meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni was asked to confirm that the Legion has been booked for this event and that the luncheon has been ordered. Councillor Larry Armstrong will speak to Garry Halverson regarding the \$200 door prize.

**Communities Relations Liaison – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gord Armstrong**

The annual Chamber of Commerce supper will take place on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Councillor Pat White will attend with expenses paid.

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni was instructed to contact Kevin Cunningham about wearing the beaver costume in the parade (as Councillor Stamler will be unavailable for that event).

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

Their next meeting is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> with district entrepreneurs in attendance.

### **Committee of Adjustment**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **Other Business**

It was noted that the motion numbers needed to be corrected as some were listed as “14” instead of “16”.

### Appointment of Deputy Mayor

**Motion #16-152** - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That Councillor Pat White acts as Deputy Mayor in the absence of Mayor Deborah Ewald beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 2017.”

**Carried**

### Holiday Staff Appreciation

**Motion #16-153** - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“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 #16-154** - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“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 #16-155** - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“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 #16-156** - Susan Carpenter – 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**

Madawaska Valley Parole System Changes Resolution

**Motion #16-157** - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Madawaska Valley in their resolution to support changes to the parole system proposed in the Private Member’s Bill put forward by the Honourable John Takabuski, MPP for Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke, and submitted as Bill 21.”

**Carried**

Best Start Hub Request for Support

**Motion #16-158** - Pat White – Susan Carpenter

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will contribute \$100.00 towards the Best Start Hub community appreciation event on January 14, 2017.”

**Carried**

Ontario Lung Association Lung Month

**Motion #16-159** - Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter

“WHEREAS, in the Town of Rainy River and throughout Ontario, one in five residents lives with lung disease; and

WHEREAS, lung disease is one of the most prevalent, deadly and costly chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rainy River supports all measures designed to advance and protect the health of its citizens and of Ontarians; and

WHEREAS, to increase awareness of lung health issues and to inform Ontarians about the importance of their lung health, the Ontario Lung Association has designated the month of November *Lung Month*,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Debbie Ewald, Mayor of the Town of Rainy River,

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM November, 2016 as "LUNG MONTH" in the Town of Rainy River."

**Carried**

Charlton and Dack Election Requirement Resolution

**Motion #16-160** - Susan Carpenter – Pat White

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Charlton and Dack in their resolution to request that the Province re-evaluate this requirement and allow it to be an optional local decision to avoid negative consequences to many municipalities.”

**Carried**

Alzheimer Society – National Alzheimer Awareness Month

**Motion #16-161** - Susan Carpenter – Gordon Prost

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby proclaims January 2017 as “National Alzheimer Awareness Month” and that the Alzheimer Society flag be displayed at the municipal office in commemoration of this event.”

**Carried**

Grey County Hydro One Cost Reduction Resolution

**Motion #16-162** - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports Grey Council in their resolution to request that the Province re-evaluate the structure of hydro in terms of access and delivery and implement structural changes to address the unfair practice of charging more for delivery for rural residents.”

**Carried**

Grey Highlands Accommodation Review Process Resolution

**Motion #16-163** - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Grey Highlands in their resolution to request the Minister of Education to initiate an immediate moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process until such time as a review of the above mentioned impacts on small rural communities be studied, completed and the results and recommendations be considered.”

**Carried**

AMO “What’s Next?” Ontario Resolution

**Motion #16-164** - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“**WHEREAS** recent polling, conducted on behalf of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario indicates 76% of Ontarians are concerned or somewhat concerned property taxes will not cover the cost of infrastructure while maintaining municipal services, and 90% agree maintaining safe infrastructure is an important priority for their communities;

**AND WHEREAS** infrastructure and transit are identified by Ontarians as the biggest problems facing their municipal government;

**AND WHEREAS** a ten-year projection (2016-2025) of municipal expenditures against inflationary property tax and user fee increases, shows there to be an unfunded average annual need of \$3.6 billion to fix local infrastructure and provide for municipal operating needs;

**AND WHEREAS** the \$3.6 billion average annual need would equate to annual increases of 4.6% (including inflation) to province-wide property tax revenue for the next ten years;

**AND WHEREAS** this gap calculation also presumes all existing and multi-year planned federal and provincial transfers to municipal governments are fulfilled;

**AND WHEREAS** if future federal and provincial transfers are unfulfilled beyond 2015 levels, it would require annual province-wide property tax revenue increases of up to 8.35% for ten years;

**AND WHEREAS** Ontarians already pay the highest property taxes in the country;

**AND WHEREAS** each municipal government in Ontario faces unique issues, the fiscal health and needs are a challenge which unites all municipal governments, regardless of size;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this Council supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its work to close the fiscal gap; so that all municipalities can benefit from predictable and sustainable revenue, to finance the pressing infrastructure and municipal service needs faced by all municipal governments.”

**Carried**

Fort Frances Times 2017 Vacation Guide Map Advertising



**Motion #16-165 - Gordon Prost – Pat White**

“To approve purchase of advertising in the Fort Frances Times 2017 Vacation Guide Map in the amount of \$350.00 plus tax.”

**Carried**

Expenses – Meeting with Minister Mauro

**Motion #16-166 - Pat White – Gordon Prost**

“That Mayor Deborah Ewald be authorized to attend the meeting with Minister Mauro in Emo on November 7, 2016 with expenses paid as per policy.”

**Carried**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #16-167 - Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter**

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:30 p.m.”

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer