

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

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

Absent was Councillor Pat White.

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 #17-125 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations were made.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council August 14, 2017

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #17-126 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 14, 2017 as amended.”

Carried

Regular Council September 11, 2017

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #17-127 - Ashley Stamler – Gordon Prost

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 11, 2017 as amended.”

Carried

Special Council – October 10, 2017

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #17-128 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of September 26, 2017 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Financials

Financials (as of August 31, 2017)

A question arose whether the USTI maintenance was an annual expense. It was confirmed that this was an annual expense item.

Motion #17-129 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That approval be granted for the attached accounts payable for the month of August 2017 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$138,415.12
Water	\$ 29,076.73
Sewer	\$ 38,427.99
Cemetery	\$ 220.00
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 480.13

Carried

Financials (as of September 30, 2017)

It was noted that the miscellaneous vendor for the tires purchase was B & K Repair in Stratton to fix the loader tire.

Motion #17-130 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That approval be granted for the attached financial statements (of September 30, 2017) along with the accounts payable for the month of September 2017 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$644,792.55
Water	\$ 50,197.16
Sewer	\$ 7,711.74
Cemetery	\$ 2,030.86
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 819.53

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of August 2017 and September 2017 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

AMCTO Elections Workshop/Zone 9 Conference/NWORC

Motion #17-131 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That CAO Veldron Vogan is authorized to attend the AMCTO Elections Workshop, Zone 9 Fall Meeting and Conference and Information Privacy Information Session to be held in Thunder Bay on September 18-20, 2017, with expenses paid as per policy.”

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 on Thursday.

A Sixth Street project meeting has taken place. Things are going well with this project and it was being completed within the anticipated time frames.

It was asked that a recycling meeting be arranged.

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

The fence by-law has been distributed as a draft copy.

Some discussion took place regarding a temporary snow fence at Railway Avenue Park. This will be looked into further.

Fix-It Club Building Permit Fees

Motion #17-132 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves waiving the building permit fees for the Fix-it Club renovations of the public works garage.”

Carried

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

Christmas Decorations

Motion #17-133 - Susan Carpenter – Larry Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the purchase of Christmas banners and decorations in the amount of \$5,000.”

Carried

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The main items for discussion will be the purchase of a new truck.

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

A board meeting is taking place on October 16th. There are some issues to be raised again that the board needs to discuss.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

It was noted that the roof of the locum house garage had leaked. This was brought forward to the committee and will be forwarded to Saulteaux.

The programmable thermostats at the medical centre have all been installed except for the one in the dental suite. This will be completed shortly.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

A meeting was held last Thursday. There will be a regular board meeting October 19th and a Committee of the Whole to continue with the DSSAB building condition audits. Mayor Ewald noted that she is pushing for installation of cameras in the public areas. The board is also looking at a code of conduct for tenants.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The date of the annual general meeting has been moved to January 13th.

Communities Relations Liaison – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gord Armstrong

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

TESL – English as a Second Language Week

Motion #17-134 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has welcomed many peoples from around the world who have chosen this province as the place to start a new life in Canada, now as much as any other time in its history, and many of these immigrants undertake to learn English in order to communicate with their fellow Ontarians, allowing them to start the process of building productive and rewarding lives in their new country;

AND WHEREAS this diverse and multifaceted group of learners of English as a Second Language can be found throughout all levels of society in Ontario, whether they are students in school, at any level, teachers, researchers, caregivers, volunteers and workers, business owners and employees, professionals and labourers, all benefit from instruction in English as a Second Language and use that new knowledge to contribute to this province on an ongoing basis;

AND WHEREAS our professional organization, TESL (Teachers of English as a Second Language) Ontario, hosts a conference each fall in downtown Toronto that features professional development in the form of workshops, keynote speakers and diverse presentations for teachers of English as a Second Language to develop, update and expand their knowledge base, skills and abilities to aid newcomers to our province in their efforts to acquire English language skills.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Deborah Ewald on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River Council, do hereby proclaim October 29th to November 4th, 2017 as “English as a Second Language Week” in the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

Judge Vacancy – Letters to Attorney General

Motion #17-135 - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby writes to the Attorney General regarding the resident judge vacancy in the Rainy River District.”

Carried

Oro Medonte – Ontario’s Wildlife Damage Compensation Program

Motion #17-136 - Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Oro Medonte in their resolution to request the Province of Ontario to expand the Ontario’s Wildlife Damage Compensation Program to include evidence of partial carcasses to allow eligible producers to process legitimate claims; and rely more heavily on the opinions of the Municipal Investigator,

as they are experienced, familiar and knowledgeable with the Municipality's producers, as they continue to process genuine and valid applications."

Carried

Figure Skating Club Donation Request

Motion #17-137 - Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong

"To sponsor the Rainy River Figure Skating Club by donating items for their 2017 Rainy River Walleye Tournament Penny Table Raffle."

Carried

Georgian Bay – Invasive Plant Species

Motion #17-138 - Gord Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

"The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Georgian Bay in their resolution to request the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and the Ministry of Transportation to work collaboratively to eradicate invasive species on provincially owned lands."

Carried

Waste Reduction Week Proclamation

Motion #17-139 - Susan Carpenter – Ashley Stamler

"The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby recognizes Waste Reduction Week in Canada from Oct. 16 - 22, 2017.

As a municipality, we are committed to reducing our waste, conserving resources, and educating our community about sustainable living.

We recognize the generation of solid waste and the needless waste of resources as global environmental problems and endeavor to take the lead in our community toward environmental sustainability.

We declare Oct. 16 - 22, 2017 as Waste Reduction Week in Rainy River."

Carried

Pumpkin Festival Support Request

Motion #17-140 - Gord Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Rainy River Giant Pumpkin Festival with in-kind support and copies as requested.”

Carried

Military Service Recognition Book

Motion #17-141 - Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

“To support the Manitoba/NW Ontario Command Legion “Military Service Recognition Book” project, by approving the purchase of a half page, full colour ad, in the amount of \$625.00 (including taxes).”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #17-142 - Ashley Stamler – Susan Carpenter

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:40 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer