

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Andrew Hartnell, Brent Helgeson, Larry Armstrong, Neil Ivall and Martin Kreger.

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

Add A closed session will be added at the end of the meeting.

Motion #19-131 - Neil Ivall – Andrew Hartnell

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Martin Kreger declared a conflict regarding the accounts payable and filed the applicable forms.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council September 9, 2019

Motion #19-132 - Neil Ivall – Andrew Hartnell

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 9, 2019 as presented.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

It was noted that Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni had not attended the AMCTO sessions.

Councillor Martin Kreger indicated that he did not attend the Whitefish Bay Homelessness, Addictions and Wellbeing meeting on September 19th.

Financials

Financials (as of September 30, 2019)

It was questioned why two modems had been purchased. It was noted that one was for the Tourist Information Centre (to extend the range) and one was for the office (to replace one that quit working). Councillor Kreger had a conflict of interest and therefore did not participate in any of the discussions regarding the accounts.

Motion #19-133 - Andrew Hartnell – Neil Ivall

“That approval be granted for the financial statements (as of September 30, 2019) along with the accounts payable for the month of September 2019 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$941,995.19
Water	\$ 61,032.65
Sewer	\$ 5,335.60
Cemetery	\$ 36.83
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 737.08

Carried

Committees

Finance/Personnel – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Pat White (Chair), Larry Armstrong and Neil Ivall

MMAH 2019 Treasurers’ Forum & Planning Conference

Motion #19-134 - Andrew Hartnell – Neil Ivall

“That CAO Veldron Vogan is authorized to attend the MMAH 2019 Treasurers’ Forum & Planning Conference to be held in Thunder Bay on October 23 – 24, 2019 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

MPAC Minutes of Settlement

Motion #19-135 - Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River objects to the Minutes of Settlement, as presented by MPAC, regarding Roll Number 59-42-000-000-04610-0000 for 2019.

Further, Council instructs the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Minutes of Settlement on behalf of the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

Councillor White, in her absence, had prepared a report for Council that relayed some of their discussions from the various committee meetings. It was noted that Realtax will be approached to do our tax sale processes. This will be forwarded to the next agenda.

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Neil Ivall

A walkthrough of municipal buildings will take place on October 29th.

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

It was noted that the construction company will begin paving on Thursday this week for Atwood Avenue and Fifth Street.

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

The above noted report from Councillor White also referred to this committee. It was noted that two derelict homes had been demolished and the committee is working through the procedural by-law.

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

The Economic Development Officer agreement is being finalized. Jeff O’Brien of FedNor will attend the committee meeting on Wednesday, October 16th at 9:30 a.m. to answer any questions the committee may have.

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

Tree planting will be taken care of in the spring.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger

A fire board meeting took place on October 8th. All the equipment has been ordered and should be in next week.

Fire Truck Sale

Motion #19-136 - Larry Armstrong – Andrew Hartnell

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the sale of the 1981 GMC C7D Fire Truck (V.I.N. 1GDL7D1E4BV583104) in exchange for used SCBA equipment from Reliant Action Ltd. valued at \$4,725.00 including taxes.”

Carried

It was also noted that Rainy River is in need of a rescue vehicle. Avenues for obtaining one will be pursued in the near future.

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

The curling club gas problems have been fixed and the bathroom repaired. They don't have a startup date as of yet but they are aiming for the first part of November.

A Recreation Director was hired (Danielle Smith). Two applications for the caretaker position have been received and are being reviewed.

Library Board – Councillor Andrew Hartnell

Trustee Applications

Motion #19-137 - Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong

“That Sandra Wiffin and Robert Sinding be appointed as Library Board Trustees for the Rainy River Public Library Board effective immediately.”

Carried

Mayor Ewald noted that Councillor Larry Armstrong will be attending the first meeting on her behalf with the new trustees and will also be attending the service recognition meeting of the library.

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The next DSSAB meeting will take place on Thursday.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The January General Meeting is coming up. The Lake of the Woods Control Board phosphorus monitoring may be a topic on the agenda for this meeting. Mayor Ewald will look into this.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

Kitchener Single-Use Disposable Wipes Resolution

Motion #19-138 - Brent Helgeson – Andrew Hartnell

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Kitchener in their resolution to lobby the Federal Government, to review regulations related to consumer packaging on single-use wipes to remove the word flushable.”

Carried

Waste Reduction Week in Canada

Motion #19-139 - Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby recognizes Waste Reduction Week in Canada from Oct. 21 - 27, 2019.

As a community, 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 have declared Oct. 21 - 27, 2019 as Waste Reduction Week in Rainy River.”

Carried

Larder Lake Electronic Delegations Resolution

Motion #19-140 - Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Larder Lake in their resolution to request that the Ministers and the Premier offer electronic delegations to small and rural Municipalities that do not have sufficient budget to attend conferences.”

Carried

AMO Liability and Insurance Costs

Motion #19-141 - Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in their submission to the Attorney General of Ontario entitled “*Towards a Reasonable Balance: Addressing growing municipal liability and insurance costs*”.”

Carried

Closed Session

Verbal Motion #141A – Neil Ivall – Andrew Hartnell

“That council move into a closed session to deal with a potential property sale at 7:52 p.m.”

Carried

Verbal Motion #141B – Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson

“That council move back into regular session at 7:57 p.m.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #19-142 - Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:58 p.m.”

Carried

Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer