

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, July 8, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, July 8, 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, Larry Armstrong, Neil Ivall and Pat White. Also in attendance was press representative Nancy Gamache of The Westend Weekly.

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

The minutes for the July 19th Special Council meeting will be tabled, as one of the pages was missing from the agenda.

Motion #19-091 - Martin Kreger – Andrew Hartnell

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Brent Helgeson declared a conflict with Motion #19-098 as this pertained to his property and Councillor Martin Kreger declared a conflict in regards to the accounts payable as his business is one of the payables.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council June 10, 2019

Changes will be made to the minutes as indicated.

Motion #19-092 - Andrew Hartnell – Martin Kreger

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 10, 2019 as amended.”

Carried

Public Meeting June 19, 2019

Motion #19-093 - Martin Kreger – Andrew Hartnell

“To approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of June 19, 2019 as presented.”

Carried

Special Council June 19, 2019

This motion will be tabled as a page is missing from the minutes in the agenda.

Motion #19-094 - Andrew Hartnell – Martin Kreger

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of June 19, 2019 as presented/amended.”

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Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Financials

Financials (as of June 30, 2019)

Motion #19-095 - Andrew Hartnell – Brent Helgeson

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

Town General	\$384,195.26
Water	\$ 45,841.11
Sewer	\$ 4,339.28
Cemetery	\$ 0
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 626.05

Carried

Committees

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

Thunder Bay Cardiovascular Surgery Program

Motion #19-096 - Martin Kreger – Andrew Hartnell

“The Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves a \$5,000 pledge towards the cardiovascular surgery upgrades at the Thunder Bay Regional Hospital over a five year period in the amount of \$1,000 per year.”

Carried

It was noted that the Celerity agreement will be ready to send off.

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

A good progress meeting was held with the engineers and the contractor for the Fifth Street and Atwood Avenue project. Some concerns were expressed regarding the drainage of Broadway Avenue – it is hoped that these issues can be addressed. Previously this road had no ditches and now there are ditches to drain the road.

The town also wanted to commend the town crew on a job well done on the culvert on River Avenue.

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

Some property items will be brought forward from the committee meeting at the in camera session at the end of this meeting.

It is hoped that the cat and dog by-law will be ready for review shortly. Councillor White noted that she had put a lot of information in the by-law in the hopes of covering all the bases and that council was more than welcome to remove any redundant or unnecessary items.

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

An offer was made to the Economic Development Officer candidate with a hopeful start date of August 15th. They would now like to set up a full committee meeting in this regard.

It was noted that the entrance signs for the town have arrived and they are looking to get them installed.

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

Diana McGhee of MNRFB will be in town on July 9th to do a walk-through of the accessible part of the trail in order to look at the drainage ditch and to discuss what kind of options may be available to make this municipal drain more appealing.

The Hannam Park Committee has met and it was reported that they made just under \$600 at the rummage sale. They are struggling to get performers for the August 25th art festival but it is still over a month away and they are hoping more will come forward.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger

A fire board meeting will take place on July 16th in Bergland. Mayor Ewald noted that she would not be able to attend but Councillor Kreger indicated that he would attend.

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

The Recreation Board had a meeting on July 9th with the new board members. Some of the outcomes of this meeting will include the Railroad Daze dance and ball tournament.

A meeting has been scheduled with the curling club for the afternoon of July 9th to go over some of the facility concerns they have brought forward.

Library Board – Councillor Andrew Hartnell

The Library Board has done a lot of fundraising. They will do an event during Railroad Daze but are close to meeting their fundraising goals. The board will not be having a meeting until the fall.

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

The repairs to the Rainy River House garage are going forward as a fill-in project for the contractor.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The DSSAB is meeting on Wednesday to discuss housing as they are planning some new projects throughout the district.

Councillor Brent Helgeson asked if council was interested in a Habitat for Humanity house project. He has spoken to a representative of this organization recently and will obtain some more information for council.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

There was nothing to report at this time.

Committee of Adjustment

By-law 1725-19 - Application Consolidation Parcels – Rothwell

The first reading of By-law 1725-19 was given by Councillor Pat White.

Verbal Motion #19-096A – Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1725-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #19-097 - Andrew Hartnell – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1725-19, being a by-law to deem certain lands not to be within a registered plan of subdivision, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1726-19 - Application Consolidation Parcels – Helgeson

The first reading of By-law 1726-19 was given by Councillor Neil Ivall.

Verbal Motion #19-097A – Andrew Hartnell – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1726-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #19-098 - Martin Kreger – Andrew Hartnell

“That By-law 1726-19, being a by-law to deem certain lands not to be within a registered plan of subdivision, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Other Business

St. Catharines Free Menstrual Products Resolution

Motion #19-099 - Andrew Hartnell – Martin Kreger

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of St. Catharines in their resolution to work towards providing free menstrual products (pads and tampons) in all public-facing municipally-run facilities in the following ways:

1. That staff report back to Council outlining options and costs for a pilot project that would offer menstrual products in select recreation centres and library locations;
2. That the evaluation of the pilot project also include qualitative data from people using the products;
3. That the results of the pilot project inform the feasibility of expanding the provision of free menstrual products in all public-facing municipal buildings;
4. That if passed, the Clerk’s Office notifies all school boards and municipalities in Ontario of the City of St. Catharines’ initiative and encourage them to do the same.”

Carried

Warwick Enforcement for Safety on Family Farms Resolution

Motion #19-100 - Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Warwick in their resolution to request that Hon. Doug Downey work with his fellow MPP’s and agricultural leaders to find a better way forward to ensure stronger enforcement of existing laws – or new legislation – to ensure the safety of Ontario’s farm families, employees and animals.”

Carried

In Camera Session

Verbal Motion #19-100A – Larry Armstrong – Neil Ivall

“To move the meeting in camera to discuss property and legal matters.”

Carried

Verbal Motion #19-100B – Pat White – Brent Helgeson

“That the meeting returns to regular session at 8:06 p.m.”

Carried

Motion #19-100C – Pat White – Brent Helgeson

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby vest the property located at 316 Second Street which was the subject of an unsuccessful tax sale.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #19-101 - Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:08 p.m.”

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer