

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong, Pat White, Susan Carpenter, Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost. Also in attendance was Editor Ken Johnston of the Rainy River Record.

Absent was Councillor Ashley Stamler.

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 By-law 1629-16 – Ontario Infrastructure Borrowing
Add Motion #16-003A – By-law 1629-16
Delete Brad and Angela Olson Delegation (they had called to cancel)

Motion #16-001 - Gordon Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflict declarations were made.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council December 14, 2015

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #16-002 - Gordon Prost – Gordon Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 14, 2015 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Financials

The street lighting power costs currently do not reflect the change over to LED’s. A reduction in power costs is expected in the near future.

Motion #16-003 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“That approval be granted for the attached financial statements (of December 31, 2015) along with the accounts payable for the month of December 2015 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$935,035.27
Water	\$145,423.90
Sewer	\$ 30,750.78
Cemetery	\$ 33,088.99
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 26,000.00
RRHCC	\$ 1,190.61

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of December 2015 was reviewed. It was noted that these letters were available at the town office if Council was interested in further information.

Committees

Finance/Personnel – Councillors Larry Armstrong (Chair), Pat White and Susan Carpenter

By-law – 1629-16 – Ontario Infrastructure Borrowing

By-law 1629-16 was given first reading by Councillors Pat White, Gordon Prost and Larry Armstrong.

Motion #16-003A – Susan Carpenter – Pat White

“That By-law 1629-16, for the borrowing of funds through Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Health and Safety – Councillors Susan Carpenter and Ashley Stamler

There was nothing further to report at this time.

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

It was noted that next committee meeting will need to be rescheduled in February.

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

This committee is also waiting for a meeting.

Economic Development/Tourism – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

Rainy River Future Development Corp. Strategic Planning Meeting

Motion #16-004 - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“That Councillor Pat White and Veldron Vogan attend the Rainy River Future Development Corp. Strategic Planning meeting in Fort Frances on January 19, 2016 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

It was noted that Councillor Gord Armstrong would already be attending this meeting as a RRFDC Board member.

Beautification/Cemetery/Hannam Park – Councillors Ashley Stamler, Gord Armstrong and Larry Armstrong

It was noted that there would be a Friends of the Park executive committee meeting on January 12th.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

A meeting of the Fire Board has been scheduled in Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Recreation Board/Curling Club – Councillors Ashley Stamler and Gord Armstrong

Their meeting of the previous week has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

The Library Board will meet on Tuesday, January 19th.

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

Council members have met with Dr. Singleton. It was noted that the clinic is advertising for a nurse practitioner.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

They are moving forward with budget discussions.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

Their annual meeting is coming up the end of January.

Councillor Gord Armstrong asked for council's support to sit on the NOMA Board again.

Office staff was instructed to contact Don Rusnak to meet with council regarding issues in our community.

Communities Relations Liaison/Chamber of Commerce – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong and Gord Armstrong

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Local Government Networking Group/REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost

The REDC Committee has met regarding items to put forward for the Rainy River Future Development Corporation's strategic plan.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Other Business

AMCTO MAFP #2 Course – Julie Tiboni

Motion #16-005 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“That approval be granted for Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Julie Tiboni, to register for the AMCTO Municipal Accounting and Finance #2 Course, in the amount of \$340.00 plus taxes.”

Carried

Montague Township – Liability and Trespass Provisions Resolution

Motion #16-006 - Gord Armstrong – Pat White

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Montague in their resolution to support the overall direction of Bill 100 supporting the *Ontario Trails Act* for stronger penalties for property damage and trespassing.”

Carried

Port Hope Townships – Waste Incineration Resolution

Motion #16-007 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Port Hope in requesting that the Ontario Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Ontario Minister of Energy prohibit incineration and related means of waste disposal, including “Energy From Waste” facilities, as these facilities result in significant release of toxic substances and greenhouse gases, and thus their use is in conflict with the Province’s goal of reducing greenhouse gases.”

Defeated

RRDSB Letter of Support

Motion #16-008 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby expresses an interest to explore a partnership with the Rainy River District School Board in moving forward with a proposal for shared facilities in the Town of Rainy River and a letter of support drafted accordingly.”

Carried

Council would like to review this support letter before it is mailed.

Adjournment

Motion #16-009 - Gordon Prost – Pat White

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

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer