

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2017

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

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Pat White, Larry Armstrong, Susan Carpenter, Gordon Prost and Gord Armstrong. OPP Inspector Steve Shouldice, OPP officers Andrew Grover and Darren Hyatt and Paul Caruso.

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

Motion #17-055 has been amended.

Motion #17-048 - Gord Armstrong – Pat White

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Mayor Ewald declared a conflict with Motion #17-051 regarding the Northwestern Health Unit Charitable Rebate of Taxes.

Delegations

Inspector Steve Shouldice – OPP

Inspector Shouldice introduced Officers Hyatt and Grover to Council. Darren Hyatt is a supervisor on duty for the entire Rainy River District Detachment. Officer Grover is a new officer who works out of the Rainy River Detachment. After this introduction Officers Grover and Hyatt left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Inspector Shouldice provided an overview of OPP incidences and how costs are computed for the municipality. He also answered many of the questions council had regarding these

incidences and how they are recorded. It was a very informative meeting and Mr. Shouldice left at 7:43 p.m.

Paul Caruso – Housing Project

Mr. Caruso has been in contact with a survey company and was provided with an estimate of approximately \$20,000 in survey costs for this project. It was noted that there would need to be allowance for some ditches and easements. They are working to keep costs down as he is only a facilitator and will not derive any personal income from the development of this property. There is already potential to sell part 1 of the plan and part 24 would be divided into 8 smaller lots. It is hoped that the sale of three lots would cover the costs of the survey. The cost to build a house slab on grade is estimated at \$130,000 without a garage.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Caruso left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

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Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #17-049 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 13, 2017 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Clinic Lease – no lease has been approved yet.

Vacation Carry Over – the approved carry over vacation hours for Foreman Jenson and Leroy Hancharyk have been used.

DSSAB – they are in the process of obtaining a lock box for the fire department.

Small Business Lighting Program – some issues were experienced with the ballasts in Rainy River. The CAO will be working with the small business lighting program to defer some of the costs in this regard.

Don Rusnak – Mayor Ewald noted that Mr. Rusnak will be making an announcement regarding bridge funding on May 24th.

Financials

A question arose regarding the Hydro One payment for the park kiosk building. It was noted that this was for dock lighting.

Motion #17-050 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That approval be granted for the attached financial statements (of March 31, 2017) along with the accounts payable for the month of March 2017 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$161,353.21
Water	\$ 29,829.97
Sewer	\$ 884.00
Cemetery	\$ 30.86
Cemetery Perpetual	\$
RRHCC	\$ 1,033.50

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of March 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

Mayor Ewald removed herself as Chair of the meeting for this item of business. Deputy Mayor Pat White assumed the Chair.

NWHU Charitable Rebate of Taxes

Motion #17-051 - Gord Armstrong – Pat White

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the 2016 Charitable Rebate of Property Taxes application as submitted by the Northwestern Health Unit.”

Carried

Mayor Ewald resumed her duties as meeting Chair and thanked Deputy Mayor White for her assistance.

NOMA Annual Conference and AGM

Motion #17-052 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That Councillor Gord Armstrong attends the NOMA Annual Conference and AGM on Wednesday, April 26 to Friday, April 28 in Thunder Bay with expenses paid by the Rainy River District Municipal Association.”

Carried

Transfer of Banking Services

Motion #17-053 - Pat White – Gord Armstrong

“**WHEREAS** the Town of Rainy River has a general working fund currently held at CIBC; and
WHEREAS CIBC has chosen to close their Rainy River branch;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Town Council for the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the transfer of most banking services to the Nexus Community Savings a division of Alterna Savings and Credit Union Limited.”

Carried

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

By-Law 1655-17 – Health and Safety Policies

The first reading of By-law 1655-17 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

A typo will be corrected in the Health and Safety Inspections Policy of Schedule D of the bylaw.

Verbal Motion #17-053A – Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That By-law 1655-17 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #17-054 - Pat White – Gord Armstrong

“That By-law 1655-17, to define Health and Safety policies for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times be hereby approved.”

Carried

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

A committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday. It was noted that the dock caps are almost completed.

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

AMBIS – CBO Contract Negotiations

Motion #17-055 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That Councillor Gordon Prost be appointed to negotiate the Chief Building Official contract on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River and that the Council acknowledges that the agreement reached by the negotiating committee will be binding on the Town.”

Carried

Councillor Prost reported that he had met with the CBO on Monday to discuss the town garage in relation to possible use by the Fix-It Club. As the town garage is considered a public space, current drawings of the building will need to be drafted and engineered drawings done for any exterior changes and construction of a fire wall. The CBO also noted that the fire wall would have to extend all the way to the ceiling. He also expressed some concerns regarding dust collection.

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

Mayor Ewald reported that the committee met last week. They are waiting for some quotes on banners.

The flower baskets have been ordered with red and white flowers.

July 1st activities are being planned – balloons, tattoos and cupcakes will be handed out.

They would like to have birthday cake float available at Railroad Days in celebration of Canada 150. There will also be a lineup of cars for council to ride in during the parade.

The job description for the economic development officer is just about finalized. No word has been received yet on the grant for this position.

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

A meeting of the People for Hannam Park Committee had taken place last week. Their next meeting will take place April 19th. Councillor Larry Armstrong will Chair this committee.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

By-Law 1656-17 – PTSD Policy

The first reading of By-law 1656-17 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

Verbal Motion #17-055A – Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1656-17 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #17-056 - Susan Carpenter – Pat White

“That By-law 1656-17, to establish a Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Prevention Plan to outline our approach to managing PTSD within the Town of Rainy River Fire Department, having been read the required number of times be hereby approved.”

Carried

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

A meeting took place last week to discuss the Recreation Director job description and to finalize a contract. It was noted that Jenna Yeo had been hired as the Recreation Director.

At this point there have been 120 registrations for the soccer program. This is a return to where the numbers used to be.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

A board meeting will take place on April 25th.

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

A walk through inspection of the locum house will take place on Wednesday, April 12th at 11:00 a.m. The tenants have been notified of the inspection. Once this inspection is completed a meeting will be scheduled in May.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The next executive meeting will take place on April 20th. A letter has been forwarded to CAO Dan McCormick regarding the concerns raised by some of the residents at the Heritage House. No response has been received from Mr. McCormick to set up a meeting.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The next RRDMA meeting is April 19th. Their general meeting is being planned for June.

Communities Relations Liaison – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gord Armstrong

Councillor Gord Armstrong noted that he is working with the Railroad Daze Committee to finalize events for this celebration.

REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost

The next REDC meeting is April 20th in Emo at 6:30 p.m.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

NEMI Hydro One Delivery Charge Resolution

Motion #17-057 - Gord Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Council for the Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands in requesting that the Province of Ontario treat all of Ontario Hydro’s customers equally and eliminate the delivery fees for residents of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands and, in the interest of transparency, Ontario Hydro explain to the municipalities which cost costing measures or alternative revenue sources will be put in place to replace the revenue losses it experiences from the elimination of the delivery charge to its customers.”

Carried

Rainy River Hydro One Delivery Charge Resolution

Motion #17-058 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“**WHEREAS** the Premier has announced that Ontario Hydro will be waiving delivery fees for customers who reside on First Nation reserves and settlements in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the many families in the Town of Rainy River are having trouble meeting their financial commitments because of the exorbitant delivery fees charged by Ontario Hydro;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River requests that the Province of Ontario treat all of Ontario Hydro’s customers equally and eliminate the delivery fees for residents of the Town of Rainy River;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in the interest of transparency, Ontario Hydro explain to the municipalities which cost costing measures or alternative revenue sources will be put in place

to replace the revenue losses it experiences from the elimination of the delivery charge to its customers;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Wynne, Minister Thibeault, and the other municipalities in the Province of Ontario.”

Carried

Letter of Support - Abattoir

Motion #17-059 - Susan Carpenter – Pat White

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Rainy River Cattlemen’s Association in their efforts to save the District Abattoir.”

WITHDRAWN

Council would like a letter of support drafted to the Rainy River Cattlemen’s Association.

Port Hope Incinerators Resolution

Motion #17-060 - Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Port Hope in requesting the Ontario Minister of the Environment and Climate Change to revise existing legislation to explicitly ban construction of incinerators and phase out use of existing incinerators in Ontario.”

TABLED

This motion will be forwarded to Committee of the Whole.

In Camera Session to Discuss Property and Legal Matters

Motion #17-061 - Pat White – Gord Armstrong

“That Council enters into an in camera session at 9:04 p.m. to discuss property and legal matters.”

Motion #17-062 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That Council returns to regular session at 9:45 p.m.”

Adjournment

Motion #17-063 - Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:46 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer