

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, May 14, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

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

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 Sapawe/Crossroute Forests Meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Property – Fix-it Club

**Motion #18-048** - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

**Carried**

**Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

Councillor Carpenter declared a conflict regarding the B & B Contract.

**Delegations**

No delegates were in attendance.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Regular Council April 9, 2018

**Motion #18-049** - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 9, 2018 as presented.”

**Carried**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

It was questioned if the water was off at the curling rink. It was unsure at this time.

Work was to start on the Water Treatment Plant roof this week – but as of today it has not.

The ion exchange unit at the Water Treatment Plant is working better. We are waiting on the lab samples to come back regarding the filter media.

## **Financials**

### Financials (as of March 31, 2018)

A question arose about the Fix-it Club labour costs. It was noted that the club had hired a contractor to do some work to scrape the floor.

#### **Motion #18-050 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler**

“That approval be granted for the attached accounts payable for the month of April 2018 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$265,604.89
Water	\$ 25,962.02
Sewer	\$ 855.10
Cemetery	\$ 30.10
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 414.77

## **Carried**

## **Correspondence**

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of April 2018 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**

#### 2017 Financials

#### **Motion #18-051 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong**

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby ratifies the verbal motion passed at the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 7, 2018 to approve the 2017 draft financials.”

**Carried**

RRDMA General Meeting

**Motion #18-052** - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Gord Armstrong, Susan Carpenter, Pat White, Gordon Prost and Ashley Stamler attend the RRDMA General Meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Fort Frances, with expenses paid as per policy.”

**Carried**

Cleaning Contract Renewal (No Changes)

Councillor Carpenter declared a conflict regarding this item.

**Motion #18-053** - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby renews the custodial contract with B & B Cleaners expiring in 2020.”

**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**

By-law 1676-18 – Connecting Links Program Contribution Agreement

The first reading of By-law 1676-18 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

**Verbal Motion #18-053A** – Gord Armstrong – Gord Prost

“That By-law 1676-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #18-054** - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1676-18, to designate signing officers for the Connecting Links Program Contribution Agreement, having been read the required number of times, is hereby approved.”

**Carried**

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

By-law 1677-18 – 2018 CIP

The first reading of By-law 1677-18 was given by Councillor Gordon Prost.

**Verbal Motion #18-054A** – Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1677-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #18-055** - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1677-18, to amend a Community Improvement Plan, having been read the required number of times, is hereby approved.”

**Carried**

Some changes need to be made as indicated on the by-law.

By-law 1678-18 – OPA Amendments #1 & #2 2018

The first reading of By-law 1678-18 was given by Councillor Pat White.

**Verbal Motion #18-055A** – Gord Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1678-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

Corrections will be made as indicated on the by-law.

**Motion #18-056** - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That By-law 1678-18, to amend the Official Plan with amendments 18-01 and 18-02, having been read the required number of times, is hereby approved.”

**Carried**

By-law 1679-18 – ZBA Amendments 1, 2 and 3

The first reading of By-law 1679-18 was given by Councillor Susan Carpenter.

**Verbal Motion #18-056A** – Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

“That By-law 1679-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #18-057** - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1679-18, to amend the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 1614-15 with amendments 18-01, 18-02 and 18-03, having been read the required number of times, is hereby approved.”

**Carried**

By-law 1680-18 – 2018 Integrity Commissioner

The first reading of By-law 1680-18 was given by Councillor Gord Armstrong.

**Verbal Motion #18-057A** – Larry Armstrong – Gord Prost

“That By-law 1680-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #18-058** - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That By-law 1680-18, to appoint persons as Integrity Commissioners and to authorize the execution of agreements with appointees, having been read the required number of times, is hereby approved.”

**Carried**

Corrections will be made as indicated on the by-law.

By-law 1681-18 – 2018 Integrity Commissioner Investigation

The first reading of By-law 1681-18 was given by Councillor Ashley Stamler.

**Verbal Motion #18-058A** – Gord Armstrong – Pat White

“That By-law 1681-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #18-059** - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1681-18, to adopt an investigation procedure policy for appointed Integrity Commissioners for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, is hereby approved.”

**Carried**

By-law 1682-18 – 2018 Delegation of Authority

The first reading of By-law 1682-18 was given by Mayor Ewald.

**Verbal Motion #18-059A** – Larry Armstrong – Gord Prost

“That By-law 1682-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #18-060** - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1682-18, to authorize the delegation of authority to the administrator for certain acts during a “Lame Duck” period after July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, nomination day to the swearing in of the newly appointed council, having been read the required number of times, is hereby approved.”

**Carried**

By-law 1683-18 – Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy

The first reading of By-law 1683-18 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

**Verbal Motion #18-060A** – Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1683-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #18-061** - Ashley Stamler – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1683-18, to establish a Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy for the Town of Rainy River, is hereby approved.”

**Carried**

Fix-It Club

Councillor Gord Armstrong noted that he had the opportunity to speak with Mayor Dennis Brown and Gary McKinnon of Atikokan regarding the Fix-It Club and arena ice plant in

Atikokan. He was invited to visit these facilities and will do so sometime when he is going through this area.

Councillor Prost met with CBO Henry Van Ael earlier today and the building permits issued to Carol Vanasse regarding the Gasthaus will be formally rescinded.

The committee would like to move forward in securing the Roadside Restaurant site and making sure it is safe as soon as possible.

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

The CAO noted that the main street funding would cover the cost of banners and signage.

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

Hanging Flower Basket Tender

**Motion #18-062 - Gord Armstrong – Ashley Stamler**

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby accepts the quote received from Loewen Greenhouses for flowering hanging baskets at a cost of \$2,277.52 annually including taxes for 2018 and 2019.”

**Carried**

**Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter**

The next Fire Board meeting will be in July. There will be a discussion at the RRDMA meeting with regard to the district fire services.

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

Soccer is running smoothly.

**Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost**

2018 Library Budget

**Motion #18-063 - Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong**

"That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the 2018 budget for The Rainy River Public Library, as attached."

**Carried**

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

The garage and the roof need to be taken care of.

**DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald**

The annual general meeting is on Thursday.

**Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald**

The attendance at the meeting has already been discussed.

**REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost**

REDC Meeting

**Motion #18-064** - Gord Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost attend the REDC Meeting on May 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in Emo, with expenses paid as per policy.”

**Carried**

It was noted that Councillor Gordon Prost did not attending this meeting. Planning for the next three years took place at this meeting.

**Committee of Adjustment**

There was nothing to report at this time.

**Other Business**

Railroad Daze Donation

**Motion #18-065** - Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes a contribution to the Rainy River Railroad Daze Committee in the amount of \$1,000.”

**Carried**

Halton – CN Truck-Rail Development Resolution

**Motion #18-066** - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong



“**WHEREAS** under the *Municipal Act*, Ontario municipalities have the authority and responsibility to advance and protect the “economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality” and the “health, safety and well-being of persons”;

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Government has designated Ontario municipalities to have responsibility to establish official plans that meet or exceed provincial standards for managing and directing physical change and effects on the social, economic, built and natural environment;

**WHEREAS** CN Rail has declared that the Province of Ontario and the Halton Municipalities (the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville) and Conservation Halton have no regulatory role whatsoever with respect to a proposed truck/rail development that will have a direct impact on the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality and health, safety and well-being of residents;

**WHEREAS** the Halton Municipalities and Conservation Halton recognize that railways are a matter of federal jurisdiction, but assert that truck-rail developments have non-rail aspects that engage multiple areas of provincial and municipal government regulatory responsibility;

**WHEREAS** the Halton Municipalities and Conservation Halton have commenced a Court Application to confirm their legitimate regulatory role in respect of the CN development;

**WHEREAS** CN’s position that its proposed truck-rail development falls exclusively under federal jurisdiction, if upheld, would create a regulatory gap that would prevent the Province of Ontario, the Halton Municipalities and Conservation Halton from discharging their statutory responsibilities, and leave CN Rail, a for-profit company, to self-regulate on matters that engage provincial and municipal responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS** irrespective of the merits of CN’s proposed development, CN’s interpretation of jurisdiction over this development, if upheld, would be detrimental to all provinces and municipalities that contain existing or proposed developments that engage matters of federal, provincial and municipal regulatory interest;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River endorse the principles that:
  - a. there must be a cooperative approach to all developments that engage federal, provincial and municipal regulatory matters.
  - b. the existence of federal regulation over a development does not preclude and may require provincial and municipal regulation of the proposed development to avoid regulatory gaps.

2. THAT the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River calls on the Government of Ontario to join the court Application of the Halton Municipalities.”

**Carried**

Madawaska Valley – Asset Management Planning Financial Resources Resolution

**Motion #18-067 - Pat White – Gordon Prost**

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Madawaska Valley in urging Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Province of Ontario to provide adequate financial resources for both staff and infrastructure to ensure successful compliance and implementation of the required municipal function for asset management planning in small, rural municipalities.”

**Carried**

Lakeshore – Renovation and/or Demolition of all Buildings Containing Hazardous Materials Resolution

**Motion #18-068 - Gordon Prost – Pat White**

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Lakeshore in urging the Government of Ontario to review and revise the laws regarding the alteration, renovation and/or demolition of all buildings containing hazardous materials, to ensure that proper steps and preventative measures are taken to protect the public from exposure to hazardous materials.”

**Carried**

Railway Tax

**Motion #18-069 - Pat White – Gordon Prost**

“**WHEREAS**, the Ministry of Finance has taken into consideration municipal concerns regarding taxation applicable to railway right-of-ways within the Province;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Ministry has increased the per acre tax rate for 2018 to \$110 per acre for the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Ministry has indicated it will consider a high-tonnage rate for individual railway right-of-way properties that meet the high-tonnage threshold of 70 million gross ton-miles per mile route annual;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River believes the railway right-of-way within the Corporation of the Town meets or exceeds the high-tonnage requirement as determined by the Province;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby request the Minister of Finance to take into consideration the tonnage volume within our municipality;

**AND THEREFORE**, implement, through regulation, the high-tonnage tax rate for the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River.”

**Carried**

By-law 1684-18 – Nexus Credit Agreement Letter

The first reading of By-law 1684-18 was given by Councillor Pat White.

**Verbal Motion #18-069A** – Gord Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That By-law 1684-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #18-070** - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“That By-law 1684-18, to designate the signing officers for the Nexus Community savings Credit Agreement Letter, having been read the required number of times, is hereby approved.”

**Carried**

Senior’s Month Proclamation

**Motion #18-071** - Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong

“**WHEREAS *Seniors’ Month*** is an annual province-wide celebration;

**WHEREAS** seniors have contributed and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this community;

**WHEREAS** seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community;

**WHEREAS** their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told;

**WHEREAS** the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to us continues to benefit all;

I, Mayor Deborah Ewald do hereby proclaim June 1-30, 2018 **Seniors' Month** in the Town of Rainy River and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.”

**Carried**

Sunset Museum Meeting

**Motion #18-072** - Gord Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni attend the Sunset Museum Meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Fort Frances, with expenses paid as per policy.”

**Carried**

Rainy River First Nations Annual Fish Fry

**Motion #18-073** - Susan Carpenter – Larry Armstrong

“That \_\_\_\_\_ attend the Rainy River First Nations Annual Fish Fry on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the Rainy River First Nations Pow Wow Grounds, with expenses paid as per policy.”

**Withdrawn**

Sapawe/Crossroute Forests Meeting

Councillor Gord Armstrong attended this meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> and provided a verbal report on how they will set up the new forest management process.

**Verbal Motion #18-073A** – Pat White – Susan Carpenter

“That Councillor Gord Armstrong’s expenses to attend the Sapawe/Crossroads follow up meeting be paid as per policy.”

**Carried**

Recycling

Discussion took place regarding recycling. There are some other avenues to investigate. A letter will be sent to Dave Haner, Dennis Robinson and Clarence Advent to determine their interest in providing recycling services (including bins and collection of items). If they are interested they will be asked to provide a proposal. A letter will also go to the town of Fort Frances to determine if there are any recycling partnership opportunities available.

**Adjournment**

**Motion #18-074 - Gord Armstrong – Susan Carpenter**

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:25 p.m.”

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer