

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

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

Absent was Councillor Gordon Prost.

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 Meeting with Don Rusnak – Other Business

Motion #16-114 - Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

Delegations

James Eastman – Bear Clan Patrols to Rainy River

The delegate was not present at this time so Council proceeded with other agenda items.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council August 8, 2016

Motion #16-115 - Gord Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 8, 2016 as amended.”

Carried

Delegations

James Eastman – Bear Clan Patrols to Rainy River

Mr. Eastman introduced himself as a project coordinator for the Bear Clan Patrol program. He explained that this was a volunteer community policing group that survives on donations. This organization was founded in Winnipeg in the 1990s, however, due to financial constraints the group folded. This group was reestablished two years ago to target some of the crimes that were taking place.

Mr. Eastman noted that this was not a vigilante group but were there to help people and provide support for those who are in trouble. When necessary they will call the police to handle the situation. Overall decisions for this group are made by the women’s council using a consensus model.

Each patrol member goes out with a flash light and vest. They receive training on how to handle bio hazards such as needle disposal, drug paraphernalia and condom disposal. Each patrol group is supplied with a first aid kit and many members have First Aid/CPR training.

Although the member volunteers are given criminal background checks this group is seen as a means of rehabilitation – so the criminal background of volunteers are taken into consideration. Volunteers are not offered a position with this group if the background check reveals sexual offences and offences against women or children. They consider themselves a rehabilitation group rather than a policing group.

If this patrol group is invited to Rainy River the town would need to provide funding for a supply of vests and crests and set up a volunteer office space that the group could access at any time. Patrols would mainly take place on Friday and Saturday nights. Each patrol consists of three members of mixed gender. The volunteers all sign liability waivers. The Bear Clan Patrols can be contacted on Facebook or by e-mail at bearclanpatrol@hotmail.com.

With no further business Mr. Eastman left the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Council thanked him for his work and presentation and indicated that they would get back to him in this regard.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Recycling

Battery recycling is only for dry cells.

Asset Management Plan

Saulteaux will be contacted for a price quote as BDO only completes the financial portion of this plan and does not perform the condition assessments. Some displeasure was expressed with Infrastructure Solutions (which had prepared our previous plan).

Financials

Councillor Pat White noted that she had questioned the Busy Beaver Fuels bill being so low at the last meeting; however, the current month's bills are closer to what is expected.

Motion #16-116 - Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

“That approval be granted for the attached financial statements (of August 31, 2016) along with the accounts payable for the month of August 2016 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$193,151.59
Water	\$ 47,395.87
Sewer	\$ 10,067.05
Cemetery	\$ 496.79
Cemetery Perpetual	\$
RRHCC	\$ 816.02

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of August 2016 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

AMCTO Zone 9 Conference and ADOA Training – September 19-21, 2016

Motion #16-117 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That CAO Veldron Vogan be authorized to attend the AMCTO Zone 9 Conference and ADOA Training to be held in Thunder Bay on September 19-21, 2016, with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Emergency Management Sector Meeting – September 7, 2017

Motion #16-118 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“That CAO Veldron Vogan be authorized to attend the Emergency Management Sector Meeting to be held in Thunder Bay on September 7, 2016, with expenses paid as per policy.”

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

NWHU Road Closure Request

Motion #16-119 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“The Town Council of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes the closure of River Avenue from the corner of Fourth Street to the corner of Third Street during the Rainy River Giant Valley Pumpkin Festival from the hours of 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2016.”

Carried

Sixth Street Engineering Tender

Motion #16-120 - Gord Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“The Town Council of the corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the Engineering Services Proposal from KGS for the Sixth Street Watermain Replacement in the amount of \$113,000 excluding HST.”

Carried

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

By-law 1640-16 – Deeming - Allan and Madeline Hartnell

The first reading of By-law 1640-16 was read by Councillor Pat White.

Verbal Motion #16-120A – Gordon Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1640-16 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #16-121 - Gord Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1640-16, to deem 308 and 310 First Street as being a single lot, having been read the required number of times be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1641-16 – Stop Up and Close of Sixth Avenue

The first reading of By-law 1641-16 was read by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

Verbal Motion #16-121A – Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

“That By-law 1641-16 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #16-122 - Pat White – Gord Armstrong

“That By-law 1641-16, to stop up and close the unopened road allowance known as a portion of Sixth Avenue, having been read the required number of times be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1642-16 – To Amend Property Sale/Distribution Policy

The first reading of By-law 1642-16 was read by Councillor Susan Carpenter.

Verbal Motion #16-122A – Gordon Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1642-16 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #16-123 - Gord Armstrong – Pat White

“That By-law 1642-16, to amend By-law 1635-16 to define a policy for the sale/disposition of municipal property, having been read the required number of times be hereby approved.”

Carried

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

It was noted that FedNor representative Mike Belliveau will be in town the week of September 26th. Once a firm date has been established for a meeting invitations will be go out to the economic development committee.

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

It was noted that the old decking had been removed from the Hannam Park dock and the new decking was being installed.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

Celerity Telecom Tower Installation

Motion #16-124 - Pat White – Ashley Stamler

“That approval be granted to Celerity Telecom for the installation of a communications tower at the Rainy River Fire Department.”

Carried

Recreation Board/Curling Club – Councillors Ashley Stamler and Gord Armstrong with Councillor Susan Carpenter as alternate

A meeting will take place at the end of the month.

Library Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gordon Prost

Their next meeting is September 20th. It was noted that the library did bow out of the E-book Consortium due to logistical problems; however, they are still lending their support to the consortium.

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

Council would like to schedule a meeting in the future with Ted Scholten and Todd Hamilton of Riverside Healthcare Facilities. These delegates will be attending the Rainy River District Municipal Association meeting on September 28th in Chapple. The main purpose of this meeting is to discuss doctor recruitment for the district.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

A meeting is scheduled for Thursday.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

Meeting Expenses

Motion #16-125 - Ashley Stamler – Pat White

“That Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Gord Armstrong, Larry Armstrong and Pat White be authorized to attend the Rainy River District Municipal meeting to be held in Barwick on September 28, 2016, with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost

A meeting is scheduled for October 6th.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

Pumpkin Festival Support Request

Motion #16-126 - Pat White – Ashley Stamler

“That approval be granted for use of the town forklift as requested by the Rainy River Valley Giant Pumpkin Festival.”

Carried

Support for RRWT

Motion #16-127 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That approval be granted by the Town Council of the Town of Rainy River for the following items relating to the 2016 Rainy River Walleye Tournament:

- To waive building permit fees in regards to the Rainy River Walleye Tournament tent;
- To approve in-kind assistance from the town in setting up and taking down of the tent in park;
- Access to Town equipment (i.e. forklift) to assist in setting up of tent;
- Use of Town’s picnic tables;

- Town fencing around the tent area;
- Event insurance through the Town's Insurance (with the RRWT paying the premium);
- Assistance repairing docks (if required); and
- Moving of Rest Room Trailer and RRWT Storage Bus.”

Carried

Carlow/Mayo Bill 171 Support Resolution

Motion #16-128 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Carlow/Mayo in requesting support from the Minister of Transportation regarding Bill 171, *Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Waste Collection Vehicles and Snow Plows), 2016* that will save lives and ensure that workers whose jobs take place in roadways are made safer from the increased risk from careless and distracted drivers and rear end collisions; and bring Ontario in line with other jurisdictions that have already protected similar workers such as the OPP, EMS and Firefighters.”

Carried

Meeting with Don Rusnak

Mayor Ewald had received a call from Don Rusnak's office – he will be in Rainy River during the walleye tournament and has requested a meeting with council on September 23rd at 3:30 p.m. All those who can attend are encouraged to do so.

Rainy River Record

It was noted that Ken Johnston has resigned from his long-time position with the Rainy River Record. He was thanked for all his efforts over the years reporting on community events. He was wished luck for his future endeavors.

In Camera Session

Motion #16-128A - Pat White – Susan Carpenter

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River move into an In-Camera Session at 8:25 p.m. for legal matters.”

Carried

Motion #16-128B - Susan Carpenter – Pat White

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River returns to regular session at 8:40 p.m.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #16-129 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:42 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer