

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Andrew Hartnell, Larry Armstrong, Neil Ivall, Pat White and Martin Kreger.

Absent was Councillor Brent Helgeson.

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 CBO Request

Motion #20-008 - Neil Ivall – Larry Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council January 13, 2020

Motion #20-009 - Neil Ivall – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 13, 2020 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Celerity Agreement – it was noted that the agreement has been sent.

Financials

Financials (as of January 31, 2020)

Some of the financial items were discussed including the payment to the Township of Dawson for the fire department, the \$16,000 revised levy payment, the sewer department payment to the town and the Acklands payable.

Motion #20-010 - Pat White – Neil Ivall

“That approval be granted for the financial statements (as of January 31, 2020) along with the accounts payable for the month of January 2020 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$170,786.39
Water	\$ 17,418.44
Sewer	\$ 6,970.51
Cemetery	\$ 30.79
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 6,459.63

Carried

Committees

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

By-law 1734-20 Interim Tax Levy 2020

The first reading of By-law 1734-20 was given by Councillor Pat White.

Verbal Motion #20-010A – Neil Ivall – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1734-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #20-011 - Pat White – Neil Ivall

“That By-law 1734-20, being a by-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy and to provide

for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

By-law 1735-20 – Procedural By-law

The first reading of By-law 1735-20 was given by Councillor Pat White.

Verbal Motion #20-011A – Andrew Hartnell – Neil Ivall

“That By-law 1735-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #20-012 - Neil Ivall – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1735-20, being a by-law to govern the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River and the appointed Committees thereof, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1736-20 – Municipal Planning Services Contract for 2020

The first reading of By-law 1736-20 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

Verbal Motion #20-012A – Neil Ivall – Andrew Hartnell

“That By-law 1736-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #20-013 - Larry Armstrong – Andrew Hartnell

“That By-law 1736-20, being a by-law to establish signing authority for the Municipal Planning Services Contract with Robert Miller, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

CBO

Motion #20-013A – Neil Ivall – Andrew Hartnell

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes Henry Van Ael, CBO, to attend the April 2020 Chapter Chairs meeting and authorization to be appointed as future Sunset Chapter Chair.”

Carried

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

NOHFC Application – Greenhouse Project

Motion #20-014 - Larry Armstrong – Andrew Hartnell

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby commits to covering any cost overruns for the West End Rainy River Green House Feasibility Study NOHFC File No: 8210364.”

Carried

It was noted that if the project expenses were over \$22,000 the project costs would be fully covered.

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

Hanging Flower Basket Tender

Motion #20-015 - Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong

“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 \$2,305.20 including taxes for the 2020 growing season.”

Carried

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

Fishing Derby Sponsorship Request

Motion #20-016 - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“To approve sponsorship of the Rainy River Recreation Board’s Rick Bourre Memorial Ice Fishing Derby on February 22, 2020 to cover the expense for a porta potty.”

Carried

Update on Recent Break-in at the Curling Club

There was nothing further to report about the break-in at this time.

Library Board – Councillor Andrew Hartnell

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

There was nothing to report at this time.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

It was noted that the meeting today with the Federal Minister regarding Thunder Bay broadband services had been cancelled.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

By-law 1737-20 – Ornge Helipad Maintenance/Agreement

The first reading of By-law 1737-20 was given by Councillor Neil Ivall.

Verbal Motion #20-016A – Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That By-law 1737-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #20-017 - Andrew Hartnell – Neil Ivall

“That By-law 1737-20, being a by-law to authorize the municipality to enter into, and designate signing officers for, the Ornge Company-Approved Helipad Agreement, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Bill 156 Support Letter (*Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act*)

Resolution #20-004 - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“**WHEREAS** Ontario farms have increasingly come under threat of unwanted trespassers and activists who are illegally entering property, barns and buildings, seizing private property and threatening the health and safety of the farm, employees, livestock and crops;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government introduced Bill 156, *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019* to protect Ontario farm animals, farms, farmers and their families, and the safety of the entire food supply by addressing the ongoing threat of unwanted trespassing and from unauthorized interactions with farm animals;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of The Town of Rainy River hereby supports Bill 156 by sending a letter prepared by the Rainy River Federation of Agriculture to Ontario’s Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Honourable Ernie Hardeman.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #20-018 - Martin Kreger – Pat White

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:06 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer