

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, March 12, 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 By-law 1674-18 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Agreement - Personnel

Motion #18-024 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations were made.

Delegations

Inspector Nathan Schmidt, OPP

Inspector Schmidt noted that he has been on the job in Fort Frances since January 1, 2018. He provided an overview of the set-up of the Rainy River Detachment. He noted that there are 45 constables – 12 of which are off the road (either being accommodated or on sick leave). Unfortunately for Rainy River, two of their six complement fall into the accommodated category. The inspector noted that there is also a sergeant in addition to the constables.

Some discussion took place regarding the number of incidences in Rainy River and the fact that we are on the low end of the scale for the province. Some of the billing numbers were discussed and the fact that a number of service calls are billable to the province and not the municipality.

Concerns were expressed for the library staff member who works evenings and the amount of time it takes for constables to attend should they be needed. A request has been made that the

OPP stop by the library when they are in the community in the evenings. It was suggested that the library be open on Wednesdays as the liquor store is closed and many of the library's issues are liquor related.

It was noted that there would be a new detachment built in Fort Frances, which is scheduled to be completed in 2020.

Inspector Schmidt was thanked for all his information. He expressed a desire to keep in contact with Council. With no further business Inspector Schmidt left the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council February 12, 2018

Motion #18-025 - Gord Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 12, 2018 as presented.”

Carried

Special Council March 5, 2018

Motion #18-026 - Pat White – Gord Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of March 5, 2018 as presented.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Safe Communities Surplus

It was asked if the office had heard anything regarding the Safe Communities' surplus. It was reported that nothing had been received yet.

Financials

Financials (as of February 28, 2018)

Discussions took place regarding the Makkinga payment, the OHRP accounts and the recent tax sales.

Motion #18-027 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

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

Town General	\$440,297.30
Water	\$ 38,972.67
Sewer	\$ 1,446.53
Cemetery	\$ 62.15
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 1,009.10

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of February 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

By-law 1674-18 to Re-Appoint Julie Tiboni as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

The first reading of By-law 1674-18 was given by Councillor Pat White.

Verbal Motion #18-027A-1 – Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1674-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #18-027A-2 – Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1674-18, being a by-law to re-appoint Julie Tiboni as the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

AMCTO Zone 9 Spring Meeting and Conference and Elections Training

Motion #18-028 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That CAO Veldron Vogan attends the AMCTO Zone 9 Spring Meeting and Conference and Elections Training in Thunder Bay on April 23-25, 2018 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Residential Tenancies Act Training Session

An explanation was given as to the necessity of this training. The province has downloaded the ability of individuals who rent to ask that their building be up to the local property standards and that this will be administered by the municipalities.

Motion #18-029 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That CAO Veldron Vogan attends the Residential Tenancies Act Training Session in Thunder Bay on April 5-6, 2018 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

BGIS Vacancy Rebate of Taxes

Motion #18-030 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the 2017 Vacancy Rebate of Property Taxes application as submitted by the BGIS.”

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

Municipal Water System Summary Report

Motion #18-031 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River has received and reviewed the Municipal Water System Report for the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 as prepared by Overall Responsible Operator Bob Jenson.”

Carried

RFP for Engineering Services for Atwood Avenue and Fifth Street

Motion #18-032 - Susan Carpenter – Ashley Stamler

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby awards Tender 18-01 for the 2018 Water and Wastewater Extension and Replacement on Atwood Avenue and Fifth Street to Hatch Corporation in the amount of \$259,412 plus HST.”

Carried

There have been some issues with the new filter system at the water treatment plant and there was some concern that new filter resin would need to be purchased. A contractor from the supplier Evoqua was on-site last week and noted that the resin wasn't cleaning correctly and felt that there wasn't enough pressure in the system to allow for this. The pressure was increased and some of the media was taken to see if other cleaning solutions would be appropriate (as last week they used a vinegar solution).

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

A meeting date will be set up for this committee.

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

Rainy River Future Development Financial Support Request

Motion #18-033 - Gord Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the payment of per capita funding for 2018-2019 to the Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC) in the amount of \$5,649.00 (which represents a \$7.00 per capita contribution based on a population of 807).”

Carried

Councillor Gord Armstrong noted that he had provided an article for council's review regarding Smooth Rock Falls.

Mayor Ewald noted that an economic development meeting with the three municipalities had been set up for March 21st at 11:00 a.m. Jeff O'Brien of FedNor will be there to discuss the group's application for an intern.

The Economic Development Committee met last week to discuss summer banners and signage.

The CAO was reminded of the MTO property near the bridge which had been previously discussed with MP Don Rusnak, however, nothing further had been heard in this regard.

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

The People for Parks group is setting up a meeting for the first part of April.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

A letter had been forwarded to the province regarding changes to the regulations with regard to training. The local fire department has also sent a letter. Their next meeting will be on April 25th.

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

The board's financial situation was discussed. It was noted that the Recreation Director contract expires on March 29th and the Recreation Board has indicated that it will not be renewed. The maintenance staff person is finished at the end of the week.

Moving forward the board may wish to develop a business plan. The CAO noted that the Rainy River Future Development Corporation has access to various business plan models that may be of assistance to the board. There was also some discussion of implementing a non-resident user fee.

Councillor Ashley Stamler left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

Board Resignation – Heather Pater

Motion #18-034 - Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

“To accept the resignation of Heather Pater as a Library Board Trustee for the Rainy River Public Library Board.”

Carried

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

The committee has a meeting coming up on April 25th.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

A meeting is taking place on Thursday, March 15th. There is a daycare committee that is working towards the transitional phase of moving the daycare centres into the schools.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

A meeting is taking place in May. The fire regulation changes have been forwarded to President Ken Perry. It was stressed that items such as this should be dealt with on a RRDMA level.

Communities Relations Liaison – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gord Armstrong

There was nothing to report at this time.

REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost

Mayor Ewald noted that she had spoken to Geoff Gillon and he noted that this committee should be up and running again in May.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

Chem-Free Graduation Partner/Sponsor Request

Motion #18-035 - Susan Carpenter – Ashley Stamler

“To donate \$100.00 to the 2018 Rainy River High School Chem-Free Graduation in the form of four \$25.00 gift certificates to be used within the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

Norwich Ontario Building Code Amendments Resolution

Motion #18-036 - Ashley Stamler – Susan Carpenter

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Norwich in requesting that the Province ensure that the intent of the legislation and regulations relative to the Ontario Building Code continues to be principally for the protection of the public, and occupant health and safety in relation to the built environment, and examine other avenues for implementation of other initiatives.”

Carried

Emergency Management Sector Meeting

Motion #18-037 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That CAO Veldron Vogan attends the Emergency Management Sector Meeting in Fort Frances on March 7, 2018 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

In Camera Session

Motion#18-037A – Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That Council move in camera at 8:50 p.m. to discuss legal matters.”

Carried

Motion#18-020B – Gordon Prost – Gord Armstrong

“That Council returns to regular session at 9:01 p.m.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #18-038 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:02 p.m.”

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer