

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 9, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Andrew Hartnell, Larry Armstrong, Pat White and Martin Kreger. Also in attendance was press representative Nancy Gamache.

Absent were Councillors Neil Ival and 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 Motion #19-154A Regarding the Contractor Certificates

Motion #19-153 - Martin Kreger – Pat White

“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 November 12, 2019

Motion #19-154 - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 12, 2019 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Contractor Christmas Gift

Motion #19-154A – Andrew Hartnell – Pat White

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will hereby issue a \$25 gift certificate to each regular contractor as a Christmas gift.”

Carried

Financials

Financials (as of November 30, 2019)

A couple of questions were asked about a couple of small payments. These will be looked into and reported back to Council.

Motion #19-155 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of November 2019 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$686,730.30
Water	\$ 58,178.80
Sewer	\$ 76,083.04
Cemetery	\$ 4,036.83
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 5,590.88

Carried

Committees

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

By-law 1729-19 – Realtax Recovery Specialists

The first reading of By-law 1729-19 was given by Councillor Pat White.

Verbal Motion #19-155A – Larry Armstrong – Andrew Hartnell

“That By-law 1729-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #19-156 - Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1729-19, being a by-law to establish signing authority for the tax registrations and tax sales service agreement with Realtax Recovery Specialists, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

New Computer System Tenders

Motion #19-157 - Martin Kreger – Pat White

“That the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River authorizes the purchase of a new computer system for the municipal office, including installation, from Lowery’s (Fort Frances) in the amount of \$6,043.00 plus applicable taxes.”

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

A brief discussion took place regarding snow machines and 4-wheelers – they will need to be reminded that there are by-laws that need to be observed and not to drive on private property.

It was also noted that winter parking regulations are in effect.

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

The Committee is working on the Procedural By-law.

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

Everything seems to be working well. The steering committee is meeting with the EDO every two weeks – he seems to be off to a good start and will be attending a conference in January in Sioux Narrows.

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

It was noted that the Christmas decorations looked great on Fourth Street.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger

A fire board meeting is scheduled for January 17th.

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

A recreation board meeting will take place tomorrow.

They are starting to put the ice in for the curling rink. They are still trying to hire a bartender.

Library Board – Councillor Andrew Hartnell

The library board meeting was short as it was also their Christmas dinner.

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

The next committee meeting is January 14th. Remedial work has taken place to the Rainy River House; however, the repairs have not been completely completed.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

A DSSAB meeting is scheduled for next Thursday to negotiate with non-union staff.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The RRDMA Executive Meeting is on Thursday.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

POA 2020 Budget Approval

Motion #19-158 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the 2020 Provincial Offences budget.”

Carried

Alzheimer Society – National Alzheimer Awareness Month

Motion #19-159 - Pat White – Martin Kreger

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby proclaims January 2020 as “National Alzheimer Awareness Month” and that the Alzheimer Society flag be displayed at the municipal office in commemoration of this event.”

Carried

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Motion #19-160 - Martin Kreger – Pat White

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves a letter of support for the J & J Store in their endeavour to realize an agency LCBO store and lottery sales.”

Carried

By-law 1730-19 – Appointment of Deputy Mayor

The first reading of By-law 1730-19 was given by Mayor Ewald.

Verbal Motion #19-160A – Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1730-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #19-161 - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1730-19, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Mayor for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Change of Signing Authority

Motion #19-162 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That Deputy Mayor Andrew Hartnell be added as a signing officer for the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #19-163 - Andrew Hartnell – Martin Kreger

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:45 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer