

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, April 9, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, April 9, 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 Motion #18-044A AMBIS Community Partnership Agreement Signing

**Motion #18-039** - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

**Carried**

**Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

No declarations were made.

**Delegations**

No delegates were in attendance.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Regular Council March 12, 2018

**Motion #18-040** - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 12, 2018 as amended.”

**Carried**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

## OPP Organizational Chart

Council questioned if the OPP Organizational Chart had been forwarded. The detachment commander will be contacted to ask that this document be forwarded at the earliest convenience.

## **Financials**

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

A question arose about the purpose of the bill paid to McKitrick's. The CAO noted that it was from the tax sale which had recently taken place.

The payment of WSIB costs for the fire department and B & B was discussed along with the 'no reporting' fee. It was explained that something was missed in 2017 and we were assessed a penalty for this.

The high bill for power at the garage was questioned. It was noted that this bill was for the colder months and that the power was actually less than what the natural gas costs had been at the facility in previous years.

The payment for Beaver Mills was for After School Program costs and the detailed list was preferable for transparency of items purchased.

It was also noted that two properties had been put into tax sale along with one from a previous tax sale that had been cancelled and re-issued.

### **Motion #18-041 - Pat White – Gordon Prost**

“That approval be granted for the attached financial statements (as of March 31, 2018) along with the accounts payable for the month of March 2018 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$141,375.92
Water	\$ 35,102.93
Sewer	\$ 26,881.76
Cemetery	\$ 7,171.00
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 1,107.42

## **Carried**

## **Correspondence**

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of March 2018 was reviewed. It was noted that these letters were available at the town office if Council was interested in further information.

It was noted that the confirmation of the Connecting Link funding was included in this list.

## **Committees**

### **Finance/Personnel – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Pat White (Chair), Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter**

#### NOMA Annual General Meeting and Conference

#### **Motion #18-042 - Gordon Prost – Ashley Stamler**

“That Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gord Armstrong attend the NOMA Annual General Meeting and Conference in Kenora on Wednesday, May 2 to Friday, May 4, 2018 with expenses paid as per policy.”

#### **Carried**

#### BGIS Vacancy vs. Charitable Rebate of Taxes

#### **Motion #18-043 - Ashley Stamler – Gordon Prost**

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby amends Motion #18-030 to read ‘Vacancy’ instead of ‘Charitable’ Rebate of Property Taxes in regards to the application as submitted by 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**

Dianna McGhee had forwarded information and recommendations regarding trees. An application will be made to the CN Eco Connections grant again.

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

#### By-law 1675-18 Appointment of CBO

The first reading of By-law 1675-18 was given by Councillor Gordon Prost.

#### **Verbal Motion #18-043A – Gord Armstrong – Susan Carpenter**

“That By-law 1675-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #18-044** - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“That By-law 1675-18, to appoint Henry Van Ael as Chief Building Official for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, is hereby approved.”

**Carried**

AMBIS Community Partnership Agreement Signing

**Motion #18-044A** – Susan Carpenter – Gordon Prost

“That the Town Council hereby approves signing the agreement with AMBIS Committee members for the provision of CBO Services.”

**Carried**

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

A committee meeting will be held on Wednesday at noon. Councillor Carpenter noted that she would not be able to attend due to work commitments.

Councillor Gord Armstrong noted the article he had brought forward regarding Smooth Rock Falls. The committee would like to see an article done about Rainy River, once some background work has been completed to make our economic development more of a positive story.

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

The tree planting has already been discussed. Another meeting will be set up as soon as possible with the People for Hannam Park committee. Flower baskets are in the process of being ordered.

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

Their next meeting will be on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

It was questioned why the fundraising dinner had been cancelled. It has only been postponed, as there are a number of other events going on at the same time and it was difficult to get

volunteers. It was suggested that a meeting take place between council and the recreation board to move forward with a plan of action.

There is nothing to report for the curling rink at this time.

### **Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost**

Board Appointment – Bob McGreevy

**Motion #18-045** - Gord Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“That Bob McGreevy be appointed as a Library Board Trustee for the Rainy River Public Library Board effective May 1, 2018.”

**Carried**

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

The committee has a meeting coming up on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

### **DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald**

Everything has been quiet with DSSAB, but some discussion has taken place regarding the daycare at the school. Some issues which the daycare has identified, along with the building official, as to the facilities being provided to both the daycare and the early years grades within the school.

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

An executive meeting will take place on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Discussion took place regarding per diems for NOMA board members. As part of the discussion Councillor Gord Armstrong noted that he was invited to attend.

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **Committee of Adjustment**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **Other Business**

Hamilton – Offering School Property to Municipalities Resolution

**Motion #18-046** - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Hamilton in requesting that when school boards make decisions to close schools that they have to offer the building to the local municipality for a dollar.”

**Carried**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #18-047 - Gord Armstrong – Pat White**

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:55 p.m.”

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer