

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, May 9, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

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

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 #16-056A – Hannam Park Concession  
          Motion #16-056B – Public Works Summer Student  
          Fort McMurray (under Other Business)

**Motion #16-052** - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“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 April 11, 2016

Corrections will be made to the minutes as indicated.

**Motion #16-053** - Ashley Stamler – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 11, 2016 as amended.”

**Carried**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**Financials**

Questions arose regarding the invoices for Nothart and JTJ. It was explained that these invoices were for work done at the water treatment plant to remedy the THM issue.

A question also arose regarding the advance payment to the Recreation Board of their December levy. It was noted that it has become standard practice for the Rec. Board to borrow from their end of year levy in order to cover expenses at this time of year when their revenues are typically lower.

**Motion #16-054 - Pat White – Ashley Stamler**

“That approval be granted for the attached financial statements (of April 30, 2016) along with the accounts payable for the month of April 2016 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$198,269.00
Water	\$ 18,888.62
Sewer	\$ 1,412.80
Cemetery	\$ 33.53
Cemetery Perpetual	\$
RRHCC	\$ 1,008.27

**Carried**

**Correspondence**

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of April 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**

Tangible Capital Assets Policy

The Tangible Capital Assets Policy was adjusted as per the auditor’s suggestion.

**Motion #16-055 - Ashley Stamler – Pat White**

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby amends the Tangible Capital Assets Policy.”

**Carried**

It was noted that this committee continues to work on the budget.

**Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter**

Policy Review

**Motion #16-056 - Gordon Prost – Pat White**

“That the following Health and Safety Policy be hereby approved as attached:

- Lock-out/Block-out.”

**Carried**

Council has received an inspection report on the facilities walk through which took place on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Works/Water & Sewer/Recycling – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong (Chair), Gordon Prost and Ashley Stamler**

Hannam Park Concession Agreement

**Motion #16-056A – Pat White – Larry Armstrong**

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves entering into a lease agreement with Pam Venables for the operation of the Hannam Park marina concession area, campgrounds, swimming pool and washroom facilities; ending on October 2, 2016.”

**Carried**

Hiring – Public Works Summer Student

**Motion #16-056B – Gordon Prost – Pat White**

“That the Town of Rainy River hires Jeff Dyck for the public works summer student position for 2016 (to start as soon as possible).”

**Carried**

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

By-law 1633-16 – Record Retention

By-law 1633-16 was given first reading by Councillor Gordon Prost.

**Verbal Motion #16-056C – Gord Armstrong – Susan Carpenter**

“That By-law 1633-16 be taken as having been read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #16-057 - Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost**

“That By-law 1633-16, to establish schedules of retention and disposition for all records maintained by the Town of Rainy River, 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 a meeting had been held with community members on April 25<sup>th</sup> with a follow up meeting set for May 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was the development of a strategic plan for proceeding with the economic development officer internship and to finalize the funding application to FedNor.

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

A Hannam Park Committee meeting is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Invitations have been forwarded to those who had shown previous interest in this committee and issued electronically through Facebook.

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

The next Fire Board meeting is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

A Recreation Board meeting had been scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> but was cancelled. No new meeting date has been set.

**Library Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gordon Prost**

By-law 1634-16 – Miscellaneous User Fees Amendment

By-law 1634-16 was given first reading by Mayor Ewald.

**Verbal Motion #16-057A – Larry Armstrong – Gord Prost**

“That By-law 1634-16 be taken as having been read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #16-058 - Gordon Prost – Gord Armstrong**

“That By-law 1634-16, to amend By-law 1625-16 to establish miscellaneous user fees, having been read the required number of times be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

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

A lease renewal document for the locum house is being circulated.

**DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald**

A board meeting will take place on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and their annual general meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m. at The Rendezvous.

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

Rainy River District Municipal Association General Meeting

**Motion #16-059 - Susan Carpenter – Gordon Prost**

“That Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost attend the Rainy River District Municipal Association General Meeting in Devlin on May 18, 2016 with expenses paid as per policy.”

**Carried**

It was noted that this was not an annual general meeting for the RRDMA– just a general meeting. This meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. in Devlin.

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

The trade show is set for May 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Local Government Networking Group/REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost**

### Emergency Management Training

**Motion #16-060** - Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter

“That Mayor Deb Ewald, Councillors Ashley Stamler, Gordon Prost and Pat White and CAO Veldron Vogan attend the Joint Emergency Management Training in Chapple on May 12, 2016 with expenses paid as per policy. An invitation for attendance will also be extended to the volunteer fire department and the town crew.”

### **Carried**

Councillor Gord Armstrong noted that there is an LGNG executive meeting scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup> to develop an agenda for the district-wide meeting which will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup>. This executive committee is comprised of the RRDMA president and secretary, a couple representatives from Couchiching First Nation and Councillor Gord Armstrong.

### **Committee of Adjustment**

There was nothing further to report at this time.

### **Other Business**

### Dutton Dunwich Strong Breeze Wind Project Resolution

**Motion #16-061** - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich in their resolution to request that the “Municipal Support Resolution” becomes a mandatory requirement in the IESO process; that any points for Aboriginal participation in a given power project be limited to the First Nation who has a comprehensive claim on the land where the project will be built; and that any announcement of the successful bidders includes an explanation of the points awarded to each bid.”

### **Carried**

### Seniors’ Month Proclamation

**Motion #16-062** - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River here hereby proclaims June 2016 as **Seniors’ Month** in the Town of Rainy River and encourages all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.”

**Carried**

Rainy River First Nations Annual Fish Fry

**Motion #16-063** - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost attend the Rainy River First Nations Fish Fry at the Rainy River First Nations Powwow Grounds on May 20, 2016 with expenses paid as per policy.”

**Carried**

**Fort McMurray Relief Fund**

Some discussion took place regarding the hardship the people in Fort McMurray are facing due to the destruction caused by the forest fires.

**Verbal Motion #16-063A** – Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That \$1,000 be donated towards the AMO Fort McMurray recovery fund.”

**Carried**

**In Camera Session**

**Motion #16-064** - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That Council move into an in camera session at 7:40 p.m. for personnel matters.”

**Carried**

**Motion #16-065** - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That Council returns to regular session at 7:59 p.m.”

**Carried**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #16-066** - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:02 p.m.”

**Carried**

*Original Signed*

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer