

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, April 8, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong, Neil Ivall, Martin Kreger, Andrew Hartnell and Pat White. Also in attendance were Jeff Savage and Jon Evans of BDO, Anita Marcotte of The Westend Weekly and member of the public Lance Lindal.

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 Procurement Memo from CAO – request to suspend the rules of procedures regarding advertising.  
Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Brief

Delete Library Board Delegation – they were unable to attend to discuss approval of their budget.

**Motion #19-042** - Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

**Carried**

**Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts were declared.

**Delegations**

BDO – Audit

Jon Evans provided information regarding the audit process. It was noted that they are hoping to get approval for the draft financials tonight. They also discussed the purpose of the interim audit and how it speeds up the process.

Jeff Savage provided an overview of management responsibility and walked council through the audit report. A discussion took place regarding reserves (specifically the hydro reserves). It was suggested that these reserves could be used to offset the large deficits in water and sewer as the funds were spent to complete these projects.

Investments were discussed. It was suggested that an investment policy be put in place.

They would like to see the landfill post closure report done every 10 years. This is our 10<sup>th</sup> year and they would like to see something completed.

It was noted that the audit went well in general.

**Verbal Motion #19-042A – Neil Ivall – Pat White**

“That the draft audited 2019 financials be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

After signing the appropriate documents the auditors left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Lance Lindal requested to speak quickly about the bricks in the sidewalk on Fourth Street. He also indicated that there is a storm sewer near the Rainy River Hardware store that is causing a sinkhole. With no further business Mr. Lindal left the meeting. A brief discussion took place regarding these issues.

Councillor Ivall noted that due to employment reasons he was required to leave the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Special Council February 28, 2019

**Motion #19-043 - Andrew Hartnell – Martin Kreger**

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of February 28, 2019 as presented.”

**Carried**

Regular Council March 11, 2019

**Motion #19-044 - Andrew Hartnell – Martin Kreger**

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 11, 2019 as presented.”

**Carried**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

It was noted that the NewGold parking agreement hadn't been revisited yet.

## **Financials**

### Financials (as of March 31, 2019)

There was a question regarding the two payments to Romyn. It was noted that one payment had been voided.

There was a question regarding the Fix-it Club. It was noted that they still had about \$2,000 left in their budget.

The cost of fuel was reviewed and whether it was necessary to buy the clear diesel or if we could operate the equipment on coloured diesel.

Martin Kreger declared a conflict regarding the remainder of the accounts as his company is in one of the payables. He did not participate in any further discussion in this regard.

### **Motion #19-045 - Andrew Hartnell – Pat White**

“That approval be granted for the financial statements (as of March 31, 2019) along with the accounts payable for the month of March 2019 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Town General       | \$145,236.02 |
| Water              | \$ 49,055.97 |
| Sewer              | \$ 943.71    |
| Cemetery           | \$ 29.86     |
| Cemetery Perpetual | \$ 0         |
| RRHCC              | \$ 1,360.68  |

## **Carried**

## **Correspondence**

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of March 2019 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 Neil Ivall**

#### Procurement Policy/Modernization Funding/Roof Repairs Memo

At the Committee of the Whole meeting the modernization funding was prioritized for the Town Office roof and the roof at the Recreation Centre. The administration and the CBO are

suggesting that Council suspend the rules of procedure to allow for invitational tenders (as these tender quantities will be over \$10,000 and our payment policy indicates that values of this amount should be advertised).

**Motion #19-045A** – Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River deems it necessary to complete the repairs to the Town Office (Old CN Station) roof and the Recreation Centre roof;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Town of Rainy River has received Modernization funding from the Province of Ontario to proceed with items which are of municipal importance;

**AND WHEREAS**, the timing of such roof repairs may be delayed if the advertising requirement of the current procurement by-law remains in place;

**AND WHEREAS**, a minimum of three area contractors shall be provided with invitational tenders;

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Rainy River suspends the rules of procedure with regard to advertisements for the tenders over \$10,000 for the roof replacement project for the Town Office and the Recreation Centre.”

**Carried**

**Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Neil Ivall**

By-law 1711-19 Equipment and Building Standards Policy

The first reading of by-law 1711-19 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

**Verbal Motion #19-045B** – Martin Kreger – Andrew Hartnell

“That By-law 1711-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #19-046** - Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1711-19, being a by-law to establish a policy for equipment and building standards for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

By-law 1712-19 Fire Extinguishers Policy

The first reading of by-law 1712-19 was given by Councillor Pat White.

**Verbal Motion #19-046A** – Larry Armstrong – Andrew Hartnell

“That By-law 1712-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #19-047** - Andrew Hartnell – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1712-19, being a by-law to establish a policy for fire extinguishers for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

By-law 1713-19 Health and Safety Training Policy

The first reading of by-law 1713-19 was given by Councillor Andrew Hartnell.

**Verbal Motion #19-047A** – Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1713-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #19-048** - Andrew Hartnell – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1713-19, being a by-law to establish a policy for health and safety training for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

By-law 1714-19 Joint Health and Safety Committees Policy and Structure Policy

The first reading of by-law 1714-19 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

**Verbal Motion #19-048A** – Larry Armstrong – Andrew Hartnell

“That By-law 1714-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #19-049** - Andrew Hartnell – Pat White

“That By-law 1714-19, being a by-law to establish a policy for joint health and safety committees’ policy and structure for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

By-law 1715-19 Joint Health and Safety Committees - Responsibilities Policy

The first reading of by-law 1715-19 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

**Verbal Motion #19-049A – Pat White – Andrew Hartnell**

“That By-law 1715-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #19-050 - Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong**

“That By-law 1715-19, being a by-law to establish a policy for joint health and safety committees’ responsibilities for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

By-law 1716-19 Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) Reporting Procedure Policy

The first reading of by-law 1716-19 was given by Councillor Pat White.

**Verbal Motion #19-050A – Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong**

“That By-law 1716-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #19-051 - Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong**

“That By-law 1716-19, being a by-law to establish a policy for Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) Reporting procedure for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

**Public Works/Water & Sewer/Recycling – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong (Chair), Brent Helgeson and Martin Kreger**

Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Brief

A draft infrastructure report was circulated to council. The CAO is seeking input on this (i.e. additions, deletions, etc.) as it will form the initial part of a report that will be given to the Minister of Infrastructure at the NOMA meeting at the end of April.

By-law 1717-19 - Backflow Prevention By-law

The first reading of by-law 1717-19 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Pat White, Larry Armstrong, Andrew Hartnell and Mayor Ewald again.

**Verbal Motion #19-051A** – Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1717-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #19-052** - Pat White – Andrew Hartnell

“That By-law 1717-19, being a by-law respecting the prevention of Backflow into the Municipal Drinking Water System of the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

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

AMBIS Committee – Councillor Pat White reported that she has set up a meeting with the CBO prior to the Committee of the Whole meetings to discuss any issues.

Insurance – Gillons will be providing quotes. Some additional information had been sought last week. We hope to have these soon.

By-law 1718-19 - Application Consolidation Parcels – Rothwell

The first reading of by-law 1718-19 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

**Verbal Motion #19-052A** – Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1718-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #19-053** - Andrew Hartnell – Pat White

“That By-law 1718-19, being a by-law to deem certain lands not to be within a registered plan of subdivision, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

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

The new banners are up. The committee is waiting until April 30<sup>th</sup> to finalize the Economic Development Officer position. New signs are currently in the works.

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

The People for Parks Committee would like to get together for a meeting – one will be set up shortly. They would also like to get together with the Northwestern Health Unit regarding the grants received.

The wooden train for the park area is almost completed and looks very nice.

**Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger**

A fire board meeting will be held on May 14, 2019. Mayor Ewald noted that she and Pat Giles had met with the Fire Chief regarding some issues and everything seems to be running smoothly.

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

The annual meeting for the Recreation Board will be at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. They have already discussed some of the roof repairs, as these are necessary to maintain the longevity of the building. They are currently working on some inventory and maintenance lists for the facility.

Curling Club – they are looking at the repairs that need to be done. Their season is now concluded.

**Library Board – Councillor Andrew Hartnell**

Budget

**Motion #19-054 -**

"That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the 2019 budget for The Rainy River Public Library, as attached."

**Tabled** (as they had not received the presentation from the library at this meeting)

Provincial Funding for Public Libraries Resolution

**Motion #19-055 - Pat White – Andrew Hartnell**

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls in their resolution to recognize the contribution of local libraries within their communities and to cease the 20-year budget freeze to local libraries in acknowledgement to the services they offer to all residents; and to urge the Province of Ontario



to reinstate adequate and appropriate funding for local libraries, increasing each year going forward in line with the consumer price index.”

### **Carried**

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

The Rainy River House lease has been signed.

### **DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald**

The community safety and wellbeing plan is in the hands of the DSSAB. It looks like they will take this on for us.

It was noted that there were still no security cameras installed at the Heritage House and that an incident had occurred there recently. Mayor Ewald noted the cameras are in the works and will be installed sooner than later.

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

The RRDMA Executive Meeting was held last week. Their Annual General Meeting will take place on May 15<sup>th</sup> in Emo. Their budget is being brought forward as presented.

The Rainy River District is scheduled to host the NOMA Annual General Meeting next year and there are some concerns whether we will have the capacity. This will be discussed at the Fort Frances council meeting. Thunder Bay seems an easier location for Ministers and other attendees to fly into. Mayor Ewald is on the NOMA Board and is participating in the OMPF funding discussions. The NOMA AGM is on April 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.

### NOMA Annual General Meeting and Conference

### **Motion #19-056 - Andrew Hartnell – Pat White**

“That Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Andrew Hartnell attend the NOMA Annual General Meeting and Conference in Thunder Bay on April 24 - 26, 2019 with expenses paid as per policy.”

### **Carried**

As noted earlier, NOMA is trying to get an audience with the Minister of Infrastructure to present him with a package regarding water and wastewater infrastructure.

### **Committee of Adjustment**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **Other Business**

South Frontenac – Review of Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding (OMPF) Resolution

**Motion #19-057** - Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of South Frontenac in their resolution that the Provincial Government review the OMPF funding that provides annual funding allotments to municipal governments to help offset operating and capital costs and advise the Premier, Ministers of Finance, Municipal Affairs and Housing and our local MPP of these concerns.”

**Carried**

Mattice-Val Côté/Kingsville – Declaration of Office Resolution

**Motion #19-058** - Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipalities of Mattice-Val Côté and Kingsville in their resolution that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and its Minister modify the wording of paragraph four of the Declaration of Office to make it more inclusive and representative of the times, and; that the Ministry consider replacing paragraph four of the Declaration of Office with the following working; “I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to my country, Canada, and to its three founding nations”.”

**Carried**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #19-059** - Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:50 p.m.”

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Deputy Clerk-Treasurer