

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

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

Absent was Councillor Pat White.

The minutes were recorded by CAO 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 1615-15 – to make a minor amendment to the NOHFC application for Fourth Street.

Add Request to attend the lottery licensing workshop in Thunder Bay.

Motion #15-124 - Gord Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council August 10, 2015

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #15-125 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 10, 2015 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

It was noted that the meeting regarding the co-op did not take place as there were not enough people in attendance.

Financials

Some discussion took place regarding the purpose of including the entire financial package in the agenda and if there were a way to reduce the amount of paper usage this was creating.

Motion #15-126 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That approval be granted for the attached financial statements (of August 31, 2015) along with the accounts payable for the month of August 2015 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

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| Town General | \$1,193,094.54 |
| 4008 Heritage Square | \$ 224.87 |
| Water | \$ 7,110.87 |
| Sewer | \$ 15,158.55 |
| Cemetery | \$ 35.81 |
| Cemetery Perpetual | \$ |
| RRHCC | \$ 26,139.67 |

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of August 2015 was reviewed. It was noted that these letters were available at the town office if Council was interested in further information.

Committees

Finance/Personnel – Councillors Larry Armstrong (Chair), Pat White and Susan Carpenter

AMCTO Zone 9 Fall Meeting

Motion #15-127 - Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong

“That CAO Veldron Vogan attend the AMCTO Zone 9 Fall Meeting and Conference in Thunder Bay on September 22 and 23, 2015 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

AMCTO Lottery Licensing Workshop

Motion #15-127A – Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter

“That CAO Veldron Vogan attend the AMCTO Lottery Licensing Workshop on Monday, September 21, 2015 at a cost of \$169.50 (taxes included), with expenses paid.”

Carried

Health and Safety – Councillors Susan Carpenter and Ashley Stamler

There was nothing further to report at this time.

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

By-law 1620-15 to Amend By-law 1615-15 (Fourth Street Revitalization)

The first reading of By-law 1620-15 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

Verbal Motion #15-127B – Gordon Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That By-law 1620-15 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #15-127C – Susan Carpenter – Gordon Prost

“That By-law 1620-15, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

A public works meeting will be taking place on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Council was asked to please forward any possible agenda items to the office prior to the meeting.

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

The property committee would like to set up a meeting on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. The main focus of this meeting will be to work on the fire by-law.

Economic Development/Tourism – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

The next committee meeting is set for September 30th at noon.

Beautification/Cemetery/Hannam Park – Councillors Ashley Stamler, Gord Armstrong and Larry Armstrong

The floor in the park kiosk is being painted. Extra cupboards will be obtained. At this point there had been no interest from anyone in running the canteen during the walleye tournament. It was suggested that this could be advertised on Facebook. This will be postponed, however, until all the renovation work is finalized.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

A Fire Board meeting will take place on September 16th at 7:00 p.m. regarding the operational guidelines.

Recreation Board/Curling Club – Councillors Ashley Stamler and Gord Armstrong

A Rec. Board meeting was held today at 6:00 p.m. The Board discussed some the upcoming events and the need for a new Rec. Director. It was noted that the town office has submitted an application to NOHFC for an internship position.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

Everything is running well at the library.

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

A meeting will take place on October 1st at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the future operations of this committee.

There have been potential instances of emergency room closures due to lack of nursing staff, but no closures have occurred to-date. Lori Maki of Riverside Healthcare will be contacted for further information in this regard.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The executive meeting will take place on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Their general meeting will take place on September 30th at the Emo Legion at 7:00 p.m.

Communities Relations Liaison/Chamber of Commerce – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong and Gord Armstrong

A meeting will take place on September 17th to discuss planning for the 2016 Railroad Daze. Discussion also took place regarding Canada's 150th birthday in 2017.

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

They are still waiting on advice from FedNor on what project would work best for this organization.

The next meeting of the REDC will take place on October 8th.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Other Business

Rainy River Walleye Tournament

Motion #15-128 - Gordon Prost – Gord Armstrong

“That approval be granted by the Town Council of the Town of Rainy River for the following items relating to the 2015 Rainy River Walleye Tournament:

- To waive building permit fees in regards to the Rainy River Walleye Tournament tent;
- To approve in-kind assistance from the town in setting up and taking down of the tent in park;
- Access to Town equipment (i.e. forklift) to assist in setting up of tent;
- Use of Town's picnic tables;
- Event insurance through the Town's Insurance (with the RRWT paying the premium);
- Assistance repairing docks (if required); and
- Moving of Rest Room Trailer and RRWT Storage Bus.”

Carried

ROMA – OCIF Resolution

Motion #15-129 - Gord Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) in requesting that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and

Housing make the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) funding 100% by allocation and consider a significant increase of the OCIF fund from \$100 million per year (as the infrastructure shortfall across the province is in the order of \$6 billion per year). We further request that, with this type of funding, there be an opportunity to leverage federal gas tax money in a more effective way to address the significant infrastructure funding gap that exists to give smaller municipalities a better tool to meet the needs of asset management and our deteriorating infrastructure.”

Carried

Adjournment

Mayor Ewald noted that the next Council meeting would take place on Tuesday, October 13th (as Monday is the Thanksgiving holiday).

Motion #15-130 - Ashley Stamler – Gordon Prost

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:32 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer