

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

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

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

Deleted **Motion #15-134** and By-law 1621-15 to rescind the property sale by-law.

Motion #15-131 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“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 September 14, 2015

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #15-132 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 14, 2015 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Locum House – the nursing issue seems to have been corrected with the hiring of some new staff. There have been no closures of the emergency room to-date.

Financials

At the November meeting Council would like to see a motion to indicate their desire that the financials be seen on a quarterly basis starting January 2016.

Motion #15-133 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That approval be granted for the attached financial statements (of September 30, 2015) along with the accounts payable for the month of September 2015 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$810,604.77
Water	\$ 43,831.62
Sewer	\$ 21,591.09
Cemetery	\$ 35.26
Cemetery Perpetual	\$
RRHCC	\$ 1,698.68

Carried

Councillor Susan Carpenter arrived at the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of September 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

There was nothing further to report at this time.

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

It was noted that the committee has set October 21 and 24, 2015 as free dumping days at the Rainy River landfill site for all residents of the Town of Rainy River, during the regular hours and days of operation. Regular tipping rates will apply for non-resident users.

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

Chair Gordon Prost noted that the open air burning by-law will be brought forward at the next meeting for approval and that an AMBIS meeting was taking place next week.

Economic Development/Tourism – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

Councillor Gord Armstrong noted that he is in correspondence with the town's legal counsel regarding the development of an economic development co-op.

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

By-law 1622-15 – Cemetery By-law

The first reading of By-law 1622-15 was given in the following order: Mayor Ewald, Councillors Pat White, Gordon Prost, Ashley Stamler, Larry Armstrong, Gord Armstrong and Susan Carpenter.

Verbal Motion #15-134A – Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1622-15 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

A couple of minor changes were made to the by-law.

By-law 1622-15 – Cemetery By-law

Motion #15-135 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That By-law 1622-15, to establish rules and regulations to be used in connection with Forest Lawn Cemetery, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

There was nothing further to report at this time.

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

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

A Library Board meeting will take place next week.

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

There was nothing further to report at this time.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The next Board meeting will take place on Thursday.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

Councillor Gordon Prost and Mayor Deb Ewald had attended the general meeting in September. A long presentation was made at that time by New Gold regarding the status of their project.

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

There was nothing further to report at this time.

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

Councillor Gordon Prost noted his attendance at the REDC meeting last week. He noted the group was continuing with the exercise to focus on what is needed in our area.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Other Business

Waste Reduction Week

Motion #15-136 - Gord Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“WHEREAS the generation of solid waste and the needless waste of water and energy resources are recognized as global environmental problems and,

WHEREAS provincial governments have an important role to play in promoting waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and other conservation measures and,

WHEREAS communities, businesses and organizations across Canada have committed to working together to raise awareness of these issues during **Waste Reduction Week in Canada**, and

NOW KNOW YE THAT we do by these present proclaim and declare that Oct. 19-25, 2015, inclusive, shall be known as Waste Reduction Week.”

Carried

June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism in Ontario

Motion #15-137 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby nominates Deb Wagner for the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism in Ontario.”

Carried

Ontario Lung Association Lung Month

Motion #15-138 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“WHEREAS, in the Town of Rainy River and throughout Ontario, one in five residents lives with lung disease; and

WHEREAS, lung disease is one of the most prevalent, deadly and costly chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rainy River supports all measures designed to advance and protect the health of its citizens and of Ontarians; and

WHEREAS, to increase awareness of lung health issues and to inform Ontarians about the importance of their lung health, the Ontario Lung Association has designated the month of November *Lung Month*,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Debbie Ewald, Mayor of the Town of Rainy River,

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM November, 2015 as "LUNG MONTH" in the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

ODRAP Agreement Extension

Motion #15-139 - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“WHEREAS THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RAINY RIVER signed an agreement with HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO, as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, in response to the flooding of June 2014, for an Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP) grant;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River is required to submit to the Ministry a final financial report detailing the expenditure of all grants received under this agreement by April 29, 2016;

NOW THEREFORE the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby requests an extension until October 15, 2016 for submission of the final ODRAP financial report.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #15-140 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:10 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer