

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Monday, December 10, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Brent Helgeson, Larry Armstrong, Martin Kreger, Neil Ivall, Andrew Hartnell and Pat White. Also in attendance was press agent Anita Marcotte.

The minutes were recorded by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni.

**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 Personnel – Retirement Gift for Gord Armstrong

**Motion #18-161** - Pat White – Brent Helgeson

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

**Carried**

**Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

No declarations were made.

**Delegations**

No delegates were in attendance but the new promotional video for the town was viewed by the Town Council at this time. The council response to the video was positive.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Regular Council November 13, 2018

Changes will be made to the minutes as indicated.

**Motion #18-162** - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 13, 2018 as amended.”

**Carried**

Inaugural Council Meeting December 3, 2018

**Motion #18-163 - Pat White – Andrew Hartnell**

“To approve the minutes of the Inaugural Council meeting of December 3, 2018 as presented.”

**Carried**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**Financials**

Financials (as of November 30, 2018)

**Motion #18-164 - Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong**

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of November 2018 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$835,283.50
Water	\$ 41,130.48
Sewer	\$ 1,427.61
Cemetery	\$ 0
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 739.90

**Carried**

**Correspondence**

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of November 2018 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**

Councillor White noted that she is working with CAO Veldron Vogan on the Celerity Agreement. Personnel reviews will continue in January.

Discussion took place regarding a retirement gift for former Councillor Gord Armstrong. It was noted that all departing council members received a personalized mug but Gord has over 30 years of service on the town council. He has also been highly involved in the community and served as a representative of the town to other municipalities. Councillor White has spoken to Julie and Mayor Ewald with regards to the policy that is in place and the purchase of a personalized jacket is being considered. The Personnel Committee will revisit this idea.

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

The committee had nothing further to report at this time.

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

#### By-law 1698-18 Authorizing Speed Limits on Municipal Roads

The first reading of By-law 1698-18 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

#### **Verbal Motion #18-164A – Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger**

“That By-law 1698-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

#### **Carried**

#### **Motion #18-165 - Martin Kreger – Brent Helgeson**

“That By-law 1698-18, to authorize speed limits on municipal roads within the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

#### **Carried**

Julie will contact the OPP to see if the town can use their flashing speed sign.

Councillor Armstrong noted that the committee will set up some meetings once CAO Veldron Vogan returns.

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

Councillor White noted that starting in January 2019 the committee will be reviewing town by-laws, policies and procedures.

#### By-law 1699-18 Signing Authority for CBO Employment Agreement Addendum

The first reading of By-law 1699-18 was given by Councillor Pat White.

**Verbal Motion #18-165A – Neil Ivall – Andrew Hartnell**

“That By-law 1699-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #18-166 - Pat White – Brent Helgeson**

“That By-law 1699-18, to establish signing authority for the Addendum to the Employment Agreement made April 19, 2018 with Chief Building Official Henry Van Ael, 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**

Everyone was pleased with the new promotional video and is happy with the new banners that will go up in the spring.

The job ad for the Economic Development Officer is finished and has been forwarded to Geoff Gillon of the Rainy River Economic Development Corp.

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

Councillor Armstrong is eagerly waiting for the new concept plans for the park. Julie will contact Hailey Coleman (of the NWHU) in regards to the support letter she will need to apply for grants.

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

A Fire Board meeting will take place on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the municipal office.

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

The Extravaganza went well but there were only 14 vendors. The parade, cookie decorating and skating went well also. It was noted that there were many other events taking place on that same weekend.

The curling rink lease and agreement needs to be updated.

**Library Board – Councillor Andrew Hartnell**

A library board meeting will take place on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

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

The roof at Rainy River House has been temporarily fixed until spring.

## **DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald**

Currently the lame duck period is still in effect. The regular meeting is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup> and will be held every third Thursday of the month going forward. An orientation and budget meeting will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

The next RRDMA meeting will take place in Alberton on Thursday. The purpose of this meeting is to finalize the agenda for the Annual General Meeting.

## **Committee of Adjustment**

There was nothing to report at this time.

## **Other Business**

### By-law 1700-18 Miscellaneous User Fees

The first reading of By-law 1700-18 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

### **Verbal Motion #18-166A – Andrew Hartnell – Martin Kreger**

“That By-law 1700-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

### **Carried**

### **Motion #18-167 - Pat White – Brent Helgeson**

“That By-law 1700-18, to establish miscellaneous user fees, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

### **Carried**

### Alzheimer Society – National Alzheimer Awareness Month

### **Motion #18-168 - Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong**

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby proclaims January 2019 as “National Alzheimer Awareness Month” and that the Alzheimer Society flag be displayed at the municipal office in commemoration of this event.”

**Carried**

Mayor Ewald will attend an Alzheimer’s Month photo op on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

POA 2019 Budget Approval

**Motion #18-169** - Larry Armstrong – Andrew Hartnell

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the 2019 Provincial Offences budget.”

**Carried**

LaVallee – Unincorporated Representation on DSSAB Board

Council received this information.

Approval for Draft Site Plan Agreement Costs

**Motion #18-170** - Brent Helgeson – Andrew Hartnell

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hires Robert J. Miller to proceed with preparation of the Draft Site Plan Agreement for the Rainy River District School Board.”

**Carried**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #18-171** - Andrew Hartnell – Brent Helgeson

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:55 p.m.”

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer