

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, April 11, 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

No additions or deletions were made to the agenda.

Motion #16-045 - Gord Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council March 14, 2016

Corrections will be made to the minutes as indicated.

Motion #16-046 - Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 14, 2016 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Cross Border Conference – it was noted that no staff members were able to attend.

Financials

Questions arose regarding the expense for locks and levers. It was noted that these were for the new office doors as well as the park service building.

Motion #16-047 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That approval be granted for the attached financial statements (of March 31, 2016) along with the accounts payable for the month of March 2016 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$281,939.98
Water	\$ 40,923.59
Sewer	\$ 3,176.08
Cemetery	\$ 328.96
Cemetery Perpetual	\$
RRHCC	\$ 1,976.49

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of March 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

It was reported that the committee had met last Thursday to prepare for the budget. A reminder was issued to the other committees for the preparation of their budget list requests. Some of the auditor recommendations were also reviewed at this meeting and the committee is working on the development of a code of conduct for council and staff.

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

The committee continues to work on policy review. They are nearing completion of this project.

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

There was nothing further to report at this time.

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

The committee will be meeting soon.

Economic Development/Tourism – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Gord Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

A committee meeting was held on Friday. Discussion took place regarding new signage for the community. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 22nd.

A meeting is also scheduled for April 25th with Dawson and Lake of the Woods to work on the Economic Development Officer internship program. This meeting will be held at the RRAD at 3:00 p.m.

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

A meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m. with the Hannam Park Committee as a follow up to their delegation at the recent Committee of the Whole meeting.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

The next Board meeting is June 15th. It was noted that Brent Helgeson is now the Public Information Officer.

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

A meeting of the Rec. Board will take place today. No members of council were aware of this meeting.

Library Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gordon Prost

A Board meeting will take place next week.

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

A locum house meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. The focus of this meeting will be the rental lease.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

Their next meeting is April 21st following the asset management meeting.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

An executive meeting will take place on April 20th in Alberton.

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

2016 Trade Show

Motion #16-048 - Ashley Stamler – Pat White

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the purchase of a double booth at the 2016 Trade Show in the amount of \$100.00 (including electrical access).”

Carried

Railroad Daze Web Site

Motion #16-049 - Pat White – Gord Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the payment of fees to a maximum of \$150 for the Railroad Daze website.”

Carried

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

A meeting will take place on April 19th regarding the strategic plan.

Councillor Gord Armstrong will be meeting with Couchiching’s new chief on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. to discuss going forward with the LGNG. Following this meeting he will attend the sport and tourism meeting facilitated by the Rainy River Future Development Corp.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Other Business

Letter of Support – Public Transportation for NW Ontario

Motion #16-050 - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will draft a letter of support for the public transportation initiative for Northwestern Ontario.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #16-051 - Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:16 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer