

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 11, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Gordon Prost, Larry Armstrong, Susan Carpenter, Pat White and Gord Armstrong.

Absent was Councillor Ashley Stamler who was attending volunteer fire department training.

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           Motion#16-141A – Mileage Expenses – FedNor Tour with Mike Belliveau  
                  Motion#16-147A & B – In Camera Session

**Motion #16-133** - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

**Carried**

**Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts were declared.

**Delegations**

No delegates were in attendance.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Regular Council September 12, 2016

**Motion #16-134** - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 12, 2016 as amended.”

**Carried**

Special Council September 14, 2016

**Motion #16-135 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong**

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of September 14, 2016 as presented.”

**Carried**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

It was noted that Brent Venables was no longer interested in the Sixth Avenue Property. By-law 1641-16 regarding the road allowance will be rescinded in December.

Bear Clan Patrol

A motion of support will be passed by council. Requests have been made regarding the number of office keys issued to this organization. Clinic custodian Betty Dobransky will be notified of this office use. James Eastman will be asked to meet with council prior to the final approval.

Celerity Tower

An agreement has not been received yet regarding the installation of this tower.

**Financials**

**Motion #16-136 - Pat White – Gordon Prost**

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

Town General	\$935,164.94
Water	\$ 37,351.25
Sewer	\$ 32,184.25
Cemetery	\$ 5,508.38
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 3,061.55
RRHCC	\$ 355.68

**Carried**

**Correspondence**

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of September 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**

Asset Management Plan

**Motion #16-137** - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the Asset Management Plan Services Proposal from Infrastructure Solutions in the amount of \$7,500 excluding HST.”

**Carried**

CAO Vacation Request

**Motion #16-138** - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the 2016-17 CAO Annual Vacation Request as presented.”

**Carried**

By-law 1643-16 – OCIF Formula Funding Contribution Signing Authority

The first reading of By-law 1643-16 was given by Councillor Pat White.

**Verbal Motion #16-138A** – Gord Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1643-16 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

**Motion #16-139** - Pat White – Gord Armstrong

“That By-law 1643-16 to designate the signing officers for the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Formula Funding Contribution Agreement, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

By-law 1644-16 – Council Code of Conduct

The first reading of By-law 1644-16 was given by Councillor Pat White.

**Verbal Motion #16-139A** – Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1644-16 be taken as read a second and third time.”

**Carried**

A copy of the Code of Conduct will be distributed to all council members.

**Motion #16-140 - Susan Carpenter – Pat White**

“That By-law 1644-16 to establish a Code of Conduct for Members of Council, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

**Carried**

**Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter**

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

The committee has reviewed the lease for the clinic and is recommending a 6% increase each year for a three year period. This will come forth at the next committee of the whole meeting.

The dentist is currently being charged \$50.00 per month for use of the dental suite. Council feels that it is important to have this service in the community.

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

Meeting Expenses – Path of the Paddle Information Session

**Motion #16-141 - Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong**

“That Councillor Gord Armstrong be authorized to attend the Path of the Paddle Community Information Session to be held in Emo on October 6, 2016, with expenses paid as per policy.”

**Carried**

It was noted that this is an extensive group. There is currently a route which goes from Thunder Bay to Dryden and Kenora. They would like the path to come south down along the Rainy River. It was suggested that the group attend the RRDMA in January to go over mapping, etc.

Meeting Expenses – FedNor Tour with Mike Belliveau

**Motion #16-141A – Pat White – Susan Carpenter**

“That Councillor Gord Armstrong’s mileage be paid, as per policy, with regard to a tour provided to Mike Belliveau of FedNor on September 28, 2016.”

### **Carried**

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

The boardwalk at the park still needs to be completed.

Pam Venables seemed happy with the canteen operation this year and indicated that she would consider doing this again. She was commended for her excellent work at the park and washrooms.

### **Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter**

The next meeting is set for October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. They will begin work on the capital budget for the next few years. They will also discuss putting the old fire truck up on cement pads.

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

After the discussion with council last week, Councillor Gord Armstrong obtained the Rec. Board incorporation papers to help answer the questions regarding Council/Rec. Board authority. The town office also provided him with other information regarding the roles and responsibilities of both the board and the staff members.

The CAO noted that the insurance company is performing a walkthrough of the building on Thursday morning. Questions arose about Ashley and Gord being regular board members and if this conflicts with being a council representative to the Rec. Board.

### **Library Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gordon Prost**

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

The flooring is still not done at the locum house.

### **DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald**

A meeting is scheduled for a week from Thursday.

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

There is currently no executive director since Glen Trefltn resigned. Peggy Johnson from Chapple will fill this position on a temporary basis until they can find a permanent staff member.

Rainy River will host the AGM on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

The Chamber will be removed from this committee as they do not appear to be active at this time.

The pumpkin festival was good and was well attended.

**REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost**

The strategic planning done in the spring was reviewed at their October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. They will meet again in November to develop a new three year plan. In the past three years there has been a lot of tile drainage and land clearing done amounting to over six million dollars in projects.

**Committee of Adjustment**

There was nothing to report at this time.

**Other Business**

Military Service Recognition Book

**Motion #16-142** - Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“To support the Manitoba/NW Ontario Command Legion “Military Service Recognition Book” project, by approving the purchase of a half page, full colour ad, in the amount of \$595.00 (including taxes).”

**Carried**

Belleville Supporting Agricultural Experts in their Fields Resolution

**Motion #16-143** - Gordon Prost – Gord Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Belleville in their resolution to support the efforts of the Member of Provincial Parliament for Huron-Bruce to eliminate barriers to employment opportunities for Certified Crop Advisors, and allow Ontario farmers the freedom to engage in business with the expert of their choice.”

**Carried**

Appointment of EM Program Committee Chair

**Motion #16-144** - Gord Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby appoints Mayor Deborah Ewald as the Emergency Management Program Committee Chair for the Town of Rainy River.”

**Carried**

Support of Bear Clan Patrol

**Motion #16-145** - Pat White – Gord Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports The Bear Clan Patrol activities within the community and authorizes use of Office #3 at the Rainy River Clinic for Bear Clan Patrol purposes.”

**Carried**

Madawaska Valley Parole System Changes Support Resolution

**Motion #16-146** - Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Madawaska Valley in their resolution to support changes to the parole system proposed in the Private Member’s Bill put forward by the Honourable John Takabuski, MPP for Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke, and submitted as Bill 21.”

**TABLED**

Public Review on Future of Canada Post Resolution

**Motion #16-147** - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“**Whereas** Canada Post announced drastic cutbacks to our public postal service in December 2013, including plans to end home mail delivery in our country.

**Whereas** there was a huge public outcry in response to the cutbacks and stiff opposition from most federal parties, including the Liberal Party, which promised to halt the delivery cuts and conduct a review of Canada Post, if elected.

**Whereas** the delivery cuts were halted and our Liberal government is currently conducting a Canada Post Review, which started earlier this year with an independent task force to identify options for the future of postal service in this country.

**Whereas** a parliamentary committee will hold e-consultations and meetings in various locations across the country on postal service and the options that have been identified by the task force and then make recommendations to the government on the future of Canada Post.

**Whereas** it will be crucial for the parliamentary committee to hear our views on key issues, including the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the

Canadian Postal Service Charter, adding postal banking, greening Canada Post, keeping decent post office jobs in our communities, preserving daily delivery, restoring home mail delivery, developing services that help older Canadians remain in their homes and providing services that assist people with disabilities,

**Therefore be it resolved** that The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River 1) Fill out the parliamentary committee's on line survey about Canada Post from September 26 to October 21 at [parl.gc.ca/OGGO-e](http://parl.gc.ca/OGGO-e) and encourage residents to do likewise 2) Attend the public consultations being held across the country.”

**Carried**

**In Camera Session**

**Motion #16-147A** - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby moves into in-camera to discuss a legal matter at 8:10 p.m.”

**Carried**

**Motion #16-147B** – Gord Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That Council hereby moves back into regular session at 8:19 p.m.”

**Carried**

**Adjournment**

**Motion #16-148** - Gord Armstrong – Pat White

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:20 p.m.”

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Deputy Clerk-Treasurer