

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, February 8, 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 and Gordon Prost. Also in attendance was Editor Ken Johnston of the Rainy River Record.

Absent was Councillor Gord Armstrong.

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 #16-025A – In Camera Session

Add Motion #16-025B – In Camera Session

Motion #16-010 - Pat White – Susan Carpenter

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflict declarations were made.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council January 11, 2016

Motion #16-011 - Susan Carpenter – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 11, 2016 as presented.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

It was noted that the Friends of the Park meeting did not take place on the 12th.

Financials

Question arose regarding the ASP payment. The CAO clarified that this was for the After School Program for a dinner hosted by the students for their parents. The CAO also noted that the ASP is a fully funded program.

It was questioned whether the Canadian National invoices should have “Railway” added to the end of this title. This will be investigated.

Motion #16-012 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“That approval be granted for the attached accounts payable for the month of January 2016 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$239,430.53
Water	\$ 4,087.15
Sewer	\$ 696.47
Cemetery	\$ 35.80
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 45.50
RRHCC	\$ 997.93

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of January 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 – Councillors Pat White (Chair), Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

By-law 1630-16 – Interim Tax Levy

The first reading of By-law 1630-16 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

Verbal Motion #16-012A – Ashley Stamler – Gordon Prost

“That By-law 1630-16 be taken as having been read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #16-013 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That By-law 1630-16, to provide for an interim tax levy and to provide for the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest, having been read the required number of times be hereby approved.”

Carried

Insurance Renewal

Motion #16-014 - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby accepts the proposal for general insurance and risk management services as submitted by the Northwest Insurance Group (BFL Canada) in the amount of \$59,250.32 annually including taxes.”

Carried

Webinar for Municipal Clerks

Motion #16-015 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That approval be granted for Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Julie Tiboni, to register for the Fred Dean Municipal Coach Series Webinars, in the amount of \$299.00 plus taxes.”

Carried

Health and Safety – Councillors Susan Carpenter and Larry Armstrong

Safe Communities Financial Support Request

Motion #16-016 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“That the Town Council of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes payment of the \$.50 per capita fee as requested by the Rainy River Valley Safety Coalition for 2015/2016, based on a population of 842.”

Carried

It was noted that there had been a discussion about the new WHIMIS training at the last Health and Safety Committee meeting. This is the next item that they will be working on.

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

Municipal Water System Summary Report

Motion #16-017 - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River has received and reviewed the Municipal Water System Report for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 as prepared by Operator in Charge Leroy Hancharyk.”

Carried

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

It was noted that the committee was working on a by-law for surplus property sales.

Barrier Free Renovations – Municipal Office

Motion #16-018 - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby awards the municipal office Barrier Free Renovation contract to Ed Kaun & Sons Ltd. in the amount of \$77,562.28 plus taxes.”

Carried

Economic Development/Tourism – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

Rainy River Future Development Financial Support Request

Motion #16-019 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the payment of per capita funding for 2016-2017 to the Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC) in the amount of \$5,894.00 (which represents a \$7.00 per capita contribution based on a population of 842).”

Carried

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

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

Their next meeting is on March 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

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

Their next meeting is on Feb. 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

The Board is meeting Feb. 9th at 7:00 p.m.

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

A meeting will be taking place on February 24th at 7:00 p.m.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

Their next meeting will be on Feb. 18th at 6:30 p.m. Some discussion took place regarding whether or not they had resolved the 27th pay period issue. The DSSAB Board is taking care of this matter.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The AGM was well attended in Bergland. There are some motions that are being forwarded to NOMA.

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

A Chamber meeting is taking place on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Legion.

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

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Other Business

West Nipissing Re-classification of Winter Highway Classes Resolution

Motion #16-020 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of West Nipissing in urging the Ministry of Transportation to expedite its re-classification of all winter highway classes in Northern Ontario to ensure that each one receives the appropriate level of maintenance required during the winter months thus ensuring the safety and security of all northern travelers.”

Carried

Kingston Basic Income Guarantee Resolution

Motion #16-021 - Susan Carpenter – Pat White

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Kingston in endorsing a national discussion of a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians and to encourage the provincial and federal governments through their respective responsible Ministers, including the Ontario Minister of Health and the Ontario Deputy Minister in Charge of Poverty Reduction, to work together to consider, investigate and develop a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians.”

Carried

Killaloe-Hagarty-Richard Incentives for Rural Physicians Resolution

Motion #16-022 - Pat White – Susan Carpenter

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Killaloe-Hagarty and Richards, in an effort to retain and attract family physicians to rural Ontario municipalities, to request that the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care reinstate incentives for physicians to practice in rural areas of Ontario and that the Minister return to the table with Ontario’s doctors and work together through mediation-arbitration to reach a fair deal that protects the quality, patient-focused care Ontario’s families deserve.”

Carried

West Nipissing Amendment Travel Grant Resolution

Motion #16-023 - Susan Carpenter – Pat White

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of West Nipissing in urging the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to consider amending the qualifying criteria so that all roundtrips exceeding 100 km in total travelled distance be eligible for the Northern Health Travel Grant thus ensuring fair and equitable reimbursement for all Ontario residents who must travel outside of their community for specialized health care services.”

Carried

East Ferris Property Reports Requirement Resolution

Motion #16-024 - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of East Ferris in requesting that municipally issued property reports become a requirement of all real estate

transactions and that this process be regulated and enforced by the regulatory bodies that oversee lawyers and real estate agents in Ontario.”

Carried

2016 International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Forum

Motion #16-025 - Susan Carpenter – Ashley Stamler

“That approval be granted for Mayor Deb Ewald, to attend the 2016 International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Forum in International Falls Minnesota on March 9-10, 2016 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

In Camera Session

Motion #16-025 A – Susan Carpenter – Gordon Prost

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River move into an In-Camera Session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss legal matters.”

Carried

Motion #16-025B – Gordon Prost – Pat White

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River returns to regular Session at 8:08 p.m.

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #16-026 - Ashley Stamler – Susan Carpenter

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:08 p.m.”

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer