

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 12, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Deputy Mayor Pat White and Councillors Larry Armstrong, Susan Carpenter, Gordon Prost, and Gord Armstrong. Mayor Deborah Ewald arrived at the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Absent was Councillor Ashley Stampler.

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

Opening of Meeting

Deputy Mayor Pat White opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a salute to the Queen.

Remembering Art Solomonian

Councillor Gord Armstrong suggested that the town place a notice in the Rainy River Current of his passing and the work he performed for the town.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Add Park Kiosk
Mill Forest Lots

Motion #17-076 - Gord Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations were made.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council May 8, 2017

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #17-077 - Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 8, 2017 as amended.”

Carried

Special Council May 15, 2017

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #17-078 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of May 15, 2017 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Economic Development Grant

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni was asked to send an email to MP Don Rusnak’s office regarding the EDO Grant. She will also forward a copy of the application which includes all the details and dates as well as the meeting with Mr. Belliveau.

Financials

Motion #17-079 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That approval be granted for the attached accounts payable for the month of May 2017 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$130,613.76
Water	\$ 29,751.31
Sewer	\$ 2,863.02
Cemetery	\$ 193.12
Cemetery Perpetual	\$
RRHCC	\$ 841.48

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of May 2017 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

Bylaw 1657-17 – Borrowing

The first reading of By-law 1657-17 was given by Deputy Mayor Pat White.

The date and names will need to be changed on the by-law.

Verbal Motion #17-079A – Gordon Prost – Gord Armstrong

“That Bylaw 1657-17 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #17-080 - Gordon Prost – Gord Armstrong

“That Bylaw 1657-17, being a by-law to establish authorized borrowing with Nexus Community Savings, a division of Alterna Savings and Credit Union Limited, to meet current expenditures, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Bylaw 1658-17 – Rescind Borrowing Bylaw 1645-16

The first reading of Bylaw 1658-17 was given by Deputy Mayor Pat White.

Verbal Motion #17-080A – Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That Bylaw 1658-17 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #17-081 - Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong

“That Bylaw 1658-17, being a bylaw to rescind Bylaw 1645-16 and the amendments thereto, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Budget

The finance committee has received preliminary budget numbers from CAO Veldron Vogan to review.

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

Orientation for student employees will be taking place soon.

Approximately half of the walkthrough inspections have been completed.

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

Road Closure Request for Canada Day

Motion #17-082 - Gordon Prost – Gord Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes the closure of River Avenue from the corner of Third Street to the corner of Fifth Street during the Canada Day Celebrations from the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 1, 2017. A barricade will be placed at the park entrance on Sixth Street.”

Carried

Councillor Larry Armstrong reported on the status of the Hannam Park pool repairs. The crew has tried different sandblasting methods without success. Foreman Bob Jenson has spoken to Asselin’s and they will come this week to sandblast the pool with a more powerful machine.

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

Appointment of Interim CBO

Motion #17-083 - Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby appoints Richard Hallam as interim Chief Building Official effective June 5, 2017 and rescinds all previous appointments.”

Carried

An AMBIS meeting will be taking place early in July.

It has been decided to hire summer students to run the park canteen.

The committee is working on the community improvement plan and is waiting for final wording on the fence by-law.

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

Discussion took place regarding the Canada Day Celebrations. An order has been placed for Canada flags, tattoos, cupcakes and balloons. Donations are still being collected for the yard sale which will take place at the park. The Best Start Hub will be hosting activities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

The hanging flower baskets will be arriving on June 15th.

Councillor Larry Armstrong noted that the park is shaping up and the new picnic tables have been put in place.

The next meeting of the People for Hannam Park Committee will be on Thursday.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

The next fire board meeting is taking place on July 19th.

Appointment of Alternate CEMC

Motion #17-084 - Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby appoints Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni as an alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC).”

Carried

Recreation Board/Curling Club – Mayor Deb Ewald with Councillor Susan Carpenter as alternate

It was reported that the building’s cleanliness has improved and that more activities are taking place.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

The board is meeting with the townships of Dawson and Lake of the Woods regarding their funding shares. Discussion has taken place for charging membership fees. The Library Board is considering publishing an article in The Westend Weekly and distributing handouts to the residents of Dawson and Lake of the Woods regarding this funding issue.

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

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni was asked to find out if the programmable thermostats were installed at the clinic yet.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

There was nothing to report at this time.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The RRDMA Executive General Meeting is scheduled for August. The general meeting is taking place in September. They will be bringing forward changes to their constitution.

Communities Relations Liaison – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gord Armstrong

Canada Day events were discussed.

REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost

Councillor Gord Armstrong and Geoff Gillon of the Rainy River Future Development Corporation will be meeting with Bill Langner tomorrow regarding Dawson's share of funding for the Rainy River Future Development Corporation.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

East Ferris – Tax Exempt Portion of Remuneration

Motion #17-085 - Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of East Ferris in supporting the letter from MP Cheryl Gallant regarding the Trudeau Liberals removing the tax-exempt portion of remuneration paid to local officials from their 2017 Federal Deficit Budget.”

Carried

North Frontenac – Hydro Reduction

Motion #17-086 - Susan Carpenter – Larry Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of North Frontenac in requesting that all delivery charges be removed from all Hydro One customer billings and that seasonal residents be included in the 25% Hydro rates reduction.”

Carried

Lakeshore – Agriculture Surplus Dwelling Severances

Motion #17-087 - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Lakeshore in requesting that the Province of Ontario ease restrictions of surplus dwelling severances in areas zoned agriculture, thereby permitting the seller of the farm to sever off an existing dwelling (i.e. farmhouse).”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #17-088 - Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:45 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer