

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong, Pat White, Ashley Stamler, Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost. Also in attendance was Editor Ken Johnston of the Rainy River Record, Heather Pater a member of the public and Heather Campbell, Laura Mills and Dianne McCormack of the Rainy River District School Board.

Councillor Susan Carpenter had sent her regrets for not being able to attend the meeting due to a work schedule conflict.

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 #15-153 - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflict declarations were made.

Delegations

Rainy River District School Board

The School Board representatives presented a PowerPoint report detailing the declining school enrollment and school age population with forecasts for future enrollments. It was noted that they had already done some facility consultations and are working to make school facilities viable for the future.

The School Board has passed a resolution at their November meeting to look at consolidating the Rainy River High School and Riverview Elementary School. There is also an opportunity for partnerships with other organizations such as the library, recreation centre and others. There is

also potential for sale of the existing high school building. The School Board is requesting a letter from the Town of Rainy River indicating interest in exploring partnership opportunities such as a community hub and what they are looking for in this possible collaboration.

It was noted that a new school is being considered for grades K – 12 with construction starting in three to five years. The School board representatives were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Council noted that the Northwestern Health Unit might be a good fit for this partnership as well.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council November 9, 2015

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #15-154 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 9, 2015 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

It was noted that the public works meeting had been moved to December 2nd. It was also noted that the cemetery fence costs were covered by town funds and the donations received by the town.

Financials

Motion #15-155 - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“That approval be granted for the attached financial statements (of November 30, 2015) along with the accounts payable for the month of November 2015 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$189,948.80
Water	\$ 23,286.62
Sewer	\$ 17,243.76
Cemetery	\$
Cemetery Perpetual	\$
RRHCC	\$ 1,591.61

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of November 2015 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 Larry Armstrong (Chair), Pat White and Susan Carpenter

Hiring of After School Program Personnel

Motion #15-156 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the hiring of staff for the After School Program from October 19, 2015 – June 23, 2016 as follows:

- Heather Cesarini (as Coordinator) at a rate of \$21.84 per hour including 4% vacation pay; and
- Lisa Lundgren (as Assistant) at a rate of \$19.76 per hour including 4% vacation pay.”

Carried

Accessibility Policy Approval

Motion #15-157 - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“That the Accessibility Policy of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River be approved as attached.”

Carried

Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Motion #15-158 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That Councillor Pat White acts as Deputy Mayor in the absence of Mayor Deborah Ewald beginning December 7, 2015 and ending December 2016.”

Carried

Signing Authority

Motion #15-159 - Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That Councillor Larry Armstrong be removed as a signing officer the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

Motion #15-160 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stampler

“That Deputy Mayor Pat White be added as a signing officer for the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

By-law – 1624-15 – Specific Purpose Borrowing

By-law 1624-15 was read by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

Motion #15-161 - Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

“That By-law 1624-15, to authorize the temporary borrowing of money for specific purpose, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Health and Safety – Councillors Susan Carpenter and Ashley Stamler

This committee continues to work on the health and safety policies. A meeting with staff is planned for the near future.

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

Snow Sweeper for Bobcat

Motion #15-162 - Gord Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“To approve the purchase of a street sweeping attachment for the Bobcat in the amount of \$2,000 after a trade in amount of \$4,500 for the rock truck.”

Carried

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

By-law 1625-15 – Miscellaneous User Fee By-law Review

The first reading of By-law 1625-15 was given by Mayor Ewald.

Verbal Motion #15-162A – Gordon Prost – Ashley Stamler

“That By-law 1625-15 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #15-163 - Gord Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That By-law 1625-15, to establish miscellaneous user fees for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1626-15 – Open Air Burning By-law

The first reading of By-law 1626-15 was given by Councillor Gordon Prost, Pat White, Gord Armstrong and Ashley Stamler.

Verbal Motion #15-163A – Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That By-law 1626-15 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #15-164 - Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

“That By-law 1626-15, to control and regulate open air burning in the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1627-15 – Snowmobile By-law

The first reading of By-law 1627-15 was given by Mayor Ewald.

Verbal Motion #15-164A – Pat White – Gordon Prost

“That By-law 1627-15 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #15-165 - Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

“That By-law 1627-15, to govern the operation of motorized snow vehicles within the jurisdiction of the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Economic Development/Tourism – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

There was nothing further to report at this time.

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

It was noted that there would be a Friends of the Park executive committee meeting on Tuesday, December 15th at three p.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

A meeting of the Fire Board has been scheduled in January.

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

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

It was noted that Mayor Ewald would be attending the Library Board meetings as an ex-officio member.

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

By-law 1628-15 – Rainy River Health Care Committee Agreement

The first reading of By-law 1628-15 was given by Mayor Ewald.

Verbal Motion #15-165A – Gord Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1628-15 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #15-166 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That By-law 1628-15, to approve signing officers for the Rainy River Health Care Committee Agreement, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The next DSSAB Board meeting will take place on Thursday and they will be working on their 2016 budget.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

A RRDMA executive meeting will be held this Wednesday.

RRDMA Annual General Meeting

Motion #15-167 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“That any council members attending the Rainy River District Municipal Association Annual General Meeting in Bergland on January 30, 2016 will have expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Councillor Gord Armstrong noted that he would not be able to attend this meeting as he will not be available that day.

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

The beaver costume has arrived.

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

Champlain Township – OPP Billing Model Resolution

Motion #15-168 - Gord Armstrong – Larry Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Champlain in their resolution to request that the Minister of community Safety and correctional Services (MCSCS) review and reconsider the new OPP billing model and implement a more equitable formula including an in-depth review of the current expenditures in order to reduce the cost per household.”

Carried

Military Service Recognition Book

Motion #15-169 - Pat White – 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

Head, Clara & Maria Townships – Dissolution of Local Emergency Response Board and Request for Services

Motion #15-170 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Townships of Head, Clara and Maria in requesting that the province take the steps to provide for the health, welfare and safety of the travelling public through municipalities across the province by making accommodation for the provision of auto-extrication services along the Trans-Canada Highways.”

Carried

Neebing – Police Services Act Resolution

Motion #15-171 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Neebing in urging all municipalities in Ontario, whether or not they have municipal police forces, to participate in the consultation process to amend the Police Services Act.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #15-172 - Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:25 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer