

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2016

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

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong, Susan Carpenter, Pat White, Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost. Also in attendance was Editor Ken Johnston of the Rainy River Record.

Absent was Councillor Ashley Stamler.

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

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

Delete By-law 1639-16 to amend tax due date (as the impending postal strike did not take place). Motion #16-091 regarding this by-law will be withdrawn.

Motion #16-086 - Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“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 June 13, 2016

Corrections will be made to the minutes as indicated.

Motion #16-087 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 13, 2016 as amended.”

Carried

Special Council June 21, 2016

Motion #16-088 - Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of June 21, 2016 as presented.”

Carried

Public Meeting June 21, 2016

Motion #16-089 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Public meeting of June 21, 2016 as presented.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Financials

Motion #16-090 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That approval be granted for the attached financial statements (of June 30, 2016) along with the accounts payable for the month of June 2016 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$560,809.30
Water	\$ 62,297.62
Sewer	\$ 83,300.73
Cemetery	\$ 2,104.60
Cemetery Perpetual	\$
RRHCC	\$ 1,440.64

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of June 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

By-law 1639-16 – Tax Billing Due Date

Motion #16-091 -

“That By-law 1639-16, to amend By-law 1638-16 regarding the tax bill due date, having been read the required number of times be hereby approved.”

Withdrawn

MTO Bus Services Meeting

Motion #16-092 - Pat White – Gord Armstrong

“That Mayor Deborah Ewald, or alternate, be authorized to attend the Ministry of Transportation in-person engagement session to provide input to the province on modernizing intercommunity bus services to be held in Kenora on July 19, 2016, with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

There was nothing further to report at this time.

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

Railroad Daze Road Closure

Motion #16-093 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes the closure of the south block of Fourth Street (River Avenue intersection) during the Railroad Daze celebrations from the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, 2016.”

Carried

Electronic Waste Recycling

Motion #16-094 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes Mayor Deb Ewald and CAO Veldron Vogan to sign the agreement with Ontario Electronic Stewardship for electronic waste recycling services.”

Carried

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

MMAH Planning Act Training Session

Motion #16-095 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That CAO Veldron Vogan attends the MMAH Planning Act Training session in Dryden on July 21, 2016 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

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

The travel centre students are planning a scavenger hunt and historical train tour for Railroad Daze.

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

It was reported that there had been a good turnout for tonight’s pulled pork fundraiser for Hannam Park.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

There was nothing further to report at this time.

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

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Library Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gordon Prost

Board Resignation – Linda Armstrong/ Board Application – Norina Sopotiuick

Motion #16-096 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“To accept the resignation of Linda Armstrong as a Library Board Trustee for the Rainy River Public Library Board.”

Carried

Motion #16-097 - Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That Norina Sopotiuuck be appointed as a Library Board Trustee for the Rainy River Public Library Board.”

Carried

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

The committee is working on a few items but there was nothing to report at this time regarding the locum house or medical centre.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The next meeting is planned for a week from Thursday.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

An executive meeting is planned for next month.

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

Councillor Gord Armstrong has spoken to Richard Trenchard of the Chamber of Commerce about the electronic talking boards but the grant opportunity has passed.

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

TESL English as a Second Language Week

Motion #16-098 - Pat White – Susan Carpenter

“Ontario has been the destination of choice for many immigrants who have added to the diversity of the province by bringing their culture, customs and language, even as they endeavour to acquire the ability to communicate in English.

The community of English as a Second Language learners is represented in all aspects of society. They are students in elementary and secondary schools, universities, colleges, public and private schools, adult education students pursuing literacy and basic skills, participants in workplace-training programs, researchers and subjects, volunteers and workers, employees and business owners, labourers and professionals, neighbours and friends.

The professional organization Teachers of English as a Second Language (TESL) Ontario hosts a conference in Toronto each year consisting of workshops, research symposia and a technology fair to maintain and expand the skills and abilities of its members.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Deborah Ewald on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River Council, do hereby proclaim November 20 to 26, 2016 as “English as a Second Language Week” in the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

Tay Valley Lyme Disease Resolution

Motion #16-099 - Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Tay Valley Township in their resolution to request the Province of Ontario to increase funding for research aimed to enhance the testing for Lyme disease and to request the Government of Canada increase funding for research aimed to enhance the testing for Lyme disease and determine better treatment for long term outcomes of Lyme disease.”

Carried

In Camera Session

Motion #16-100 - Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter

“That Council move into an in camera session at 7:25 p.m. for property matters.”

Carried

Motion #16-101 - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That Council returns to regular session at 8:20 p.m.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #16-102 - Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong

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

Carried

Original Signed

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Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer