

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

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

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 Figure Skating Sponsor Request
AMO Request for Municipal Submissions Regarding New Policing Bill
In Camera Session – Property Matters

Motion #18-008 - Pat White – Susan Carpenter

“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 January 8, 2018

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #18-009 - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 8, 2018 as amended.”

Carried

Special Council February 5, 2018

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #18-010 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of February 5, 2018 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Engineering Tenders

It was questioned whether or not engineering tenders had been sent out in anticipation of the Connecting Link and Fifth Street funding. The CAO noted that this hadn't been done yet.

Don Rusnak – Request for Input into the Federal Budget

A letter has been forwarded to Mr. Rusnak.

Financials

Financials (as of January 31, 2018)

Questions arose regarding Emcon and the maintenance of the Connecting Link. It was noted that Emcon does plowing and sanding along the Connecting Link through the municipality and bills us for that service.

The Stratton Equipment invoicing was for repairs to the plow truck.

It was questioned if the amount paid to Hallam Construction was the typical amount invoiced per month. The CAO confirmed that it was.

Motion #18-011 - Ashley Stamler – Pat White

“That approval be granted for the attached accounts payable for the month of January 2018 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$146,628.77
Water	\$ 17,293.64
Sewer	\$ 1,381.89
Cemetery	\$ 30.86

Cemetery Perpetual	\$	0
RRHCC	\$	334.27

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of January 2018 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 1670-18 to Approve CWWF Agreement Amendment Signing

The first reading of By-law 1670-18 was given by Councillor Pat White.

Verbal Motion #18-011A – Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1670-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #18-012 - Susan Carpenter – Pat White

“That By-law 1670-18, being a by-law to designate the signing officers for the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (Ontario) Transfer Payment Agreement Amendment No. 1, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1671-18 Interim Tax Levy

The first reading of By-law 1671-18 was given by Councillor Pat White.

Verbal Motion #18-012A – Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1671-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #18-013 - Ashley Stamler – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1671-18, being a by-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy and to provide

For the payment of taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1672-18 Credit and Debit Card Handling Policy

The first reading of By-law 1672-18 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

It was noted that American Express will be removed as an acceptable payment card.

Verbal Motion #18-013A – Gordon Prost – Ashley Stamler

“That By-law 1672-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #18-014 - Susan Carpenter – Ashley Stamler

“That By-law 1672-18, being a by-law to establish a Credit and Debit Card Handling Policy for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Councillor Pat White noted that the Personnel Committee had met with the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer regarding her employment agreement and acceptance. There will be some changes to the wording of the contract for vacation and sick days. The next meeting will be February 21st.

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

Alley Parking

A lengthy discussion took place regarding alley, general and snow parking. Nothing has been done yet but will be dealt with at the public works meeting on Wednesday.

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

CIP Programs for Building Permits and Property Sales

A CIP document has been developed and circulated to council.

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

A meeting is scheduled for February 21st at noon. They will be discussing summer banners and entrance signs.

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

It was noted that the ice fishing tournament that had taken place over the weekend had gone well.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

The committee met on January 24th and will be meeting again on April 26th.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

A meeting is taking place on Thursday, February 15th. One item on the agenda is negotiations with paramedics.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

There was nothing to report at this time.

Communities Relations Liaison – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gord Armstrong

There was nothing to report at this time.

REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost

There was nothing to report at this time. Mayor Deb Ewald will contact Geoff Gillon to determine if this committee is moving forward.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

OGRA Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process Reforms

Motion #18-015 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“**WHEREAS** a coalition of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) and the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario have successfully applied to have a review of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process conducted under Part IV (Section 61) of the *Environmental Bill of Rights Act, 1993* (EBR Act);

AND WHEREAS impact studies and public meetings required by the MCEA process often take two years or more to complete before construction can commence;

AND WHEREAS the MCEA requirements to evaluate alternatives are often not well aligned with prior or municipal land use planning decisions;

AND WHEREAS analysis by the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) has demonstrated that the time to complete an EA rose from 19 months to 26.7 months and costs went from an average of \$113,300 to \$386,500;

AND WHEREAS the Auditor General of Ontario has tabled recommendations for modernizing the MCEA process;

AND WHEREAS in spite of written commitments made by the Ministry of the Environment between 2013-2015, no action has been taken;

AND WHEREAS local projects that do not have the necessary approvals could lose out on the next intake of Build Canada funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Town of Rainy River requests that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change take immediate steps to expedite the response process for Part II Orders or Bump-Up requests, as part of the s.61 review to improve MCEA process times and reduce study costs;

AND FURTHER that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change support changes to better integrate and harmonize the MCEA process with processes defined under the *Planning Act*;

AND FURTHER that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change amend the scope of MCEA reports and studies to reduce duplication with existing public processes and decisions made under municipal Official Plans and provincial legislation.”

Carried

Lakeshore Flood Funding Allocations

Motion #18-016 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Lakeshore in urging the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to immediately allocate infrastructure funding dedicated to municipalities for storm water management and drainage improvements; and to prioritize funding allocations according to the recent propensity of specific regions to flood, with a specific focus on regions that have flooded multiple times, within a 1 year period.”

Carried

Safe Communities Support Request and Reports

Motion #18-017 - Susan Carpenter – 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 Safe Communities Rainy River District for 2017/2018, based on a population of 807.”

Carried

Too Far Too Fast Cannabis Concerns

Motion #18-018 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That the Council of the Town of Rainy River advise the Attorney General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Sarah Campbell, MPP – Kenora – Rainy River that Rainy River is not a willing host of a cannabis retail location in our community;

That upon legalization, the Town’s Employee Code of Conduct be updated to add cannabis as one of the substances that must not impair an employee at work.”

Carried

Lakeshore Marijuana Tax Revenue

Motion #18-019 - Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Lakeshore in urging the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to allocate a proportionate share of the new tax revenues generated from the sale of marijuana, to municipalities directly and to create a fund, similar to the Gas Tax Fund and the Clean Water and wastewater Fund, from the new tax revenues generated by the sale of marijuana, to provide funding to municipalities for infrastructure projects.”

Carried

Lakeshore Growth Projections and Estimates

Motion #18-020 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Lakeshore in urging the Government of Ontario to grant more autonomy to lower-tier municipalities, to adopt and rely upon their own growth projections and estimates, especially for financial planning purposes; and to create a mechanism, whereby lower-tier municipalities can more easily dispute growth projections and estimates of upper-tier municipalities; and to require upper-tier municipalities to update growth projections and estimates, when reality indicates that the previous projections and estimates are inaccurate and unreliable.”

Carried

Rainy River Figure Skating Club

Verbal Motion #18-020A – Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“To donate \$100 towards the figure skating club’s annual ice show.”

Carried

AMO Request for Municipal Submissions Regarding New Policing Bill

AMO has presented a submission regarding Bill 175 the Safer Ontario Act. All councils were encouraged to make a similar submission. The town office will prepare a draft document for circulation.

In Camera Session

Motion#18-020B – Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter

“That Council move in camera to discuss potential property acquisition or sale at 8:03 p.m.”

Carried

Motion#18-020C – Ashley Stamler – Pat White

“That Council moves back into regular session at 8:22 p.m.”

Carried

WTP Roof Repairs

Councillor Larry Armstrong declared a conflict regarding this matter.

Motion #18-020D – Susan Carpenter – Gordon Prost

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the WAC Construction Services Ltd. proposal to replace the roof at the Rainy River Water Treatment Plant at a cost of \$128,369.88 plus applicable taxes.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #18-021 - Gordon Prost – Pat White

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

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer