

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong, Neil Ivall, Martin Kreger, Andrew Hartnell, Brent Helgeson and Pat White. Also in attendance were Anita Marcotte of The Westend Weekly and members of the public Corrie and Janice Wiersema.

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

Add Anita Marcotte regarding Motion #19-074.

Motion #19-060 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“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 April 8, 2019

Changes will be made to the agenda as indicated.

Motion #19-061 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 8, 2019 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Financials

Financials (as of April 30, 2019)

Julie will ask Veldron about compensation in regards to insurance cancellation.

Motion #19-062 - Pat White – Neil Ivall

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of April 2019 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$221,579.29
Water	\$ 15,113.04
Sewer	\$ 991.05
Cemetery	\$ 29.86
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 494.42

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of April 2019 was reviewed. It was noted that these letters were available at the town office if Council was interested in further information.

Julie will add the correspondence from Frank Berg and Larry Stamler to the Public Works Committee agenda.

Committees

Finance/Personnel – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Pat White (Chair), Larry Armstrong and Neil Ivall

Insurance Renewal

Councillor White reported that a discussion had taken place regarding insurance after the presentation was given to members of council.

Motion #19-063 - Andrew Hartnell – Pat White

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby accepts the proposal for general insurance, risk management and cyber insurance services as submitted by the Gillons Insurance Brokers in the amount of \$88,382.44 annually including taxes.”

Carried

By-law 1719-19 – New Gold Parking

Councillor White will have Veldron add a site plan to the lease.

Councillor Ivall read the lease to Council. Julie will notify New Gold of a couple of errors in the lease that need to be changed.

The first reading of By-law 1719-19 was given by Mayor Ewald.

Verbal Motion #19-063A – Brent Helgeson – Pat White

“That By-law 1719-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #19-064 - Pat White – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1719-19, being a by-law to establish signing authority for the parking lease agreement with New Gold Inc., having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

The Finance Committee is meeting next week. It was reported that CAO Veldron Vogan feels that the budget review is going well.

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Neil Ivall

By-law 1720-19 WSIB Distribution of Costs Policy

The first reading of by-law 1720-19 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

Verbal Motion #19-064A – Pat White – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1720-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #19-065 - Brent Helgeson – Pat White

“That By-law 1720-19, being a by-law to establish a policy for distribution of Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) costs for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1721-19 WSIB Third Party Involvement Policy

The first reading of by-law 1721-19 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

Verbal Motion #19-065A – Neil Ivall – Andrew Hartnell

“That By-law 1721-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #19-066 - Pat White – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1721-19, being a by-law to establish a policy for Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) Third Party Involvement for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Public Works/Water & Sewer/Recycling – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong (Chair), Brent Helgeson and Martin Kreger

It was reported that there has been problems on Second Street with water and sewer line breaks.

Fifth Street Project – complaints have been made regarding the dust. This was discussed at a meeting with the contractors on Friday.

Property/By-laws/AMBIS – Councillors Pat White (Chair), Andrew Hartnell and Brent Helgeson

Councillor White is meeting with the CBO prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting in regards to arising property issues.

Economic Development/Tourism – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Pat White, Andrew Hartnell and Martin Kreger

Mayor Ewald reported that town entrance signs are being constructed and that one student grant had been received for the travel centre.

Applications for the EDO have been shortlisted. Councillors Andrew Hartnell, Bill Langner and April Chojko-Bolec, along with Geoff Gillon of the Rainy River Future Development Corporation, will be conducting the interviews by teleconference on May 22, 2019.

Beautification/Cemetery/Hannam Park – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong and Martin Kreger

It was noted that hanging flower baskets and trees were available for purchase.

The committee is waiting on a partnership with the Northwestern Health Unit regarding the new park layout. The People for Parks group is planning activities such as the July 1st yard sale and an Art in the Park event for August. It was noted that new members had been added to the People for Parks Committee.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger

A fire board meeting will be held on May 14, 2019 at the fire hall.

Recreation Board/Curling Club – Councillors Brent Helgeson and Andrew Hartnell

Councillor Hartnell indicated the need for people to join the Recreation Board.

The Curling Club is looking at purchasing new benches.

The soccer program is going well.

Library Board – Councillor Andrew Hartnell

Budget

Councillor Hartnell reported that budget cuts for libraries had been announced by the provincial government.

Motion #19-067 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

"That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the 2019 budget for The Rainy River Public Library, as attached."

Carried

Rainy River House/Medical Centre – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Neil Ivall

Julie and contractor Greg Lundgren walked through the Rainy River House to look at the repair issues. Mr. Lundgren will provide the committee with a quote for these repairs.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

DSSAB 2019 AGM

Motion #19-068 - Larry Armstrong – Andrew Hartnell

“That Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Pat White attend the DSSAB Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in Fort Frances, with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

RRDMA General Meeting

Motion #19-069 - Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong

“That Mayor Deb Ewald attend the RRDMA General Meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Emo, with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

Chem-Free Graduation Partner/Sponsor Request

Motion #19-070 - Larry Armstrong – Andrew Hartnell

“To donate \$100.00 to the 2019 Rainy River High School Chem-Free Graduation in the form of four \$25.00 gift certificates to be used within the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

Senior and Elected Officials Workshop

Motion #19-071 - Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong

“That Mayor Deb Ewald attends the Senior and Elected Officials Workshop on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in Fort Frances, with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Railroad Daze Road Closure

Motion #19-072 - Larry Armstrong – Andrew Hartnell

“The Town Council of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes the closure of the south block of Fourth Street (south entrance of the hospital to the marina) during the Railroad Daze celebrations from the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the north block of Fourth Street (from Atwood Avenue to Broadway Avenue) from the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, 2019.”

Carried

Minto – Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding (OMPF) Resolution

Motion #19-073 - Andrew Hartnell – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Minto in their resolution to express grave concern with the potential reduction and/or loss of the OMPF allotment in future years and to petition the Provincial government to complete the OMPF review in an expeditious manner as future financial consideration ensures municipal sustainability.”

Carried

Borderland Pride – Pride Week Proclamation

Motion #19-074 - Brent Helgeson – Neil Ivall

“WHEREAS:

1. Borderland Pride is the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, and two-spirit (“LGBTQ2”) Pride organization for the Borderland region, which is comprised of the Rainy River District Koochiching County, and the southern part of Treaty 3 territory;
2. Pride events across Canada and the United States and around the world promote diversity and inclusion and take a positive stance against discrimination and violence towards LGBTQ2 people;
3. Pride is necessary to show community support and belonging for LGBTQ2 individuals and families, and LGBTQ2-identifying youth in particular;
4. Acknowledging and participating in Pride underscores and affirms our respect for the dignity, equality, and visibility of LGBTQ2 people and families;
5. The diversity of sexual orientation and gender identity represents a positive contribution to society and is a matter in which to take pride and celebrate;

6. The same community values of diversity and inclusion should be shared in common by all people, and know no border;
7. Pride Week was successfully observed and celebrated in the Borderland region for the first time in July 2018; and
8. The month of June is internationally recognized as Pride Month and Borderland Pride has identified the dates of June 2 to 9, 2019 as Pride Week;

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

9. I, Mayor Deborah Ewald do hereby proclaim the week of June 2 through 9, 2019 to be Pride Week in the Town of Rainy River;
10. The Town of Rainy River will publicly display a Pride flag in a prominent location throughout Pride Week; and
11. All citizens are encouraged to take part in Pride Week activities, and to reflect and work together on equality, acceptance, and inclusion for all people throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 13th day of May, 2019.

Mayor Deborah Ewald”

Carried

Anita Marcotte asked some questions regarding the Town Council’s support of the above noted event. Council responded that they supported all events equally.

Brantford – Single-Use Plastic Straws Resolution

A recorded vote was called for this resolution.

Motion #19-075 - Andrew Hartnell – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports in principle the City of Brantford in their resolution against the use of single-use plastic straws and their negative impact on the environment.”

Carried

Recorded Vote:

Larry Armstrong	Nay
Deb Ewald	Aye
Brent Helgeson	Nay
Andrew Hartnell	Aye

Neil Ivall	Aye
Martin Kreger	Nay
Pat White	Aye

LaSalle – Vaping (e-cigarettes) Advertising Resolution

Motion #19-076 - Andrew Hartnell – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of LaSalle in their resolution to restrict e-cigarette advertising in public places and urging further restrictions in the Tobacco and Vaping Products Act to reduce the impact of vaping product advertising and promotion on youth.”

Carried

Brockton – Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding (OMPF) Resolution

Motion #19-077 - Andrew Hartnell – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Brockton in their resolution to request that the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario move forward with accepting applications for funding agreed to by the Governments of Canada and Province on Ontario under the “Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program” to help address the Recreation and Culture Capital Infrastructure defect that currently exists across Canada.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #19-078 - Andrew Hartnell – Brent Helgeson

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:11 p.m.”

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer