

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 10, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Acting Mayor Gord Armstrong and Councillors Larry Armstrong, Gordon Prost, Ashley Stamler and Pat White.

Absent were Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter.

The minutes were recorded by Chief Administrative Officer Veldron Vogan.

Opening of Meeting

Acting Mayor Gord Armstrong opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a salute to the Queen.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Add In Camera Session (at end of meeting)

Motion #18-114 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council August 13, 2018

Motion #18-115 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 13, 2018 as presented.”

Carried

Special Council August 28, 2018

Motion #18-116 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of August 28, 2018 as presented.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Financials

Financials (as of August 31, 2018)

Councillor White asked for some clarification regarding the library levy that was paid by the outlying municipalities. Councillor Gordon Prost noted that Dawson had paid their portion of the municipal levy with the provincial grant portion coming at a later time.

Discussion took place regarding the Makkinga payment. It was noted that this was the final payment for Sixth Street.

It was noted that the credit bureau payment was an amount that the municipality received over what the credit bureau had received as we are collecting a few of the accounts.

The WAC invoice was for the water plant roof, which is now all completed.

Motion #18-117 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

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

Town General	\$666,309.04
Water	\$ 11,828.96
Sewer	\$ 1,977.26
Cemetery	\$ 59.73
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 719.34

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of August 2018 was reviewed. It was noted that these letters were available at the town office if Council was interested in further information. There was one question regarding letter 18-259 from the Sheriff's Office. It was noted that this was regarding the MOM's Restaurant property at 303 Fourth Street that the town has recently taken over.

Committees

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

Safety walk-throughs are taking place this week.

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

Sanitation Site Caretaker Agreement

Motion #18-118 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves renewal of the Sanitation Site Caretaker Agreement with Dwight Hanson to be effective from July 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2021 at a rate of \$910.00/month.”

Carried

Garbage Collection Contract

There was some discussion regarding the garbage collection agreement. The motion was tabled and sent back to the committee.

Motion #18-119 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves renewal of the Garbage Collection Contract with Clarence Advent to be effective from October 1, 2018 and ending on September 30, 2022 at the following rates per annum:

October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020	\$44,412.00
October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022	\$45,612.00.”

Tabled

By-law 1690-18 RRWT Road Signage Request

The first reading of By-law 1690-18 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

Verbal Motion #18-119A – Gord Prost – Ashley Stamler

“That By-law 1690-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #18-120 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That By-law 1690-18, being a by-law to regulate traffic in the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

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

By-law 1691-18 Municipal Planning Services Contract with Robert Miller Signing Authority

The first reading of By-law 1691-18 was given by Councillor Gordon Prost.

Verbal Motion #18-120A – Ashley Stamler – Pat White

“That By-law 1691-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #18-121 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1691-18, being a by-law to authorize the municipality to enter into an agreement and to designate signing officers for the Municipal Planning Services Contract with Robert Miller, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

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

Sunset Country Travel Association Annual Per Capita Marketing Contribution

Councillor White noted that she is working on getting a new picture and wording for the Sunset Country Travel Association magazine.

Motion #18-122 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“To approve payment of the Annual Per Capita Marketing Contribution to the Sunset Country Travel Association in the amount of 27.5 cents per capita, based on a population of 807.”

Carried

Banner Purchase

This motion was withdrawn (as it repeated a motion that was passed in August).

Motion #18-123 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Probst

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the purchase of town banners in the amount of no more than \$5,000.00 (including tax).”

Withdrawn

By-law 1692-18 FedNor Economic Development Officer Contribution Agreement Signing Authority

The first reading of By-law 1692-18 was given by Councillor Pat White.

Verbal Motion #18-123A – Larry Armstrong – Gordon Probst

“That By-law 1692-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #18-124 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Probst

“That By-law 1692-18, being a by-law to authorize the municipality to enter into an agreement and to designate signing officers for the FedNor Economic Development officer Contribution Agreement, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

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

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

It was noted that the old fire van had been sold and picked up by Vaughn Murray. The next board meeting will be in October.

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

A meeting took place earlier today and there are two more board members. Former maintenance person Rick Bourre is willing to join the board and also to assist with some of the ice making operations. They will do a walk-through of the facility on Tuesday (as he is already familiar with the building). The board also approved asking Mr. Bourre to do some of the maintenance at the facility and to assist a new caretaker. A job description for the caretaker position will be drafted and advertised.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

There is an opening on the board but they decided to wait until December to fill this position.

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

Councillor White noted that the CBO had not been able to view the roof at the Rainy River House. The CAO will endeavor to have this issue repaired (including the damages in the garage). The issues with the stove have been fixed.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

There was nothing to report at this time.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The general meeting will be on September 26th at 7:00 p.m. in Rainy River.

REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost

Meetings of the board will be scheduled to do some vision casting. When this is completed they will then move forward.

Committee of Adjustment

Michael Caul Minor Variance

Motion #18-125 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the application as presented by Michael Caul for a Minor Variance at 120 Fourth Street to allow for a lot coverage greater than allowed under the Town of Rainy River Zoning by-law to construct an accessory building on the property.”

Carried

Other Business

By-law 1693-18 Compliance Audit Committee Terms of Reference

The first reading of By-law 1693-18 was given by Councillor Ashley Stamler.

Verbal Motion #18-125A – Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1693-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #18-126 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That By-law 1693-18, to appoint a Compliance Audit Committee, having been read the required number of times be hereby approved.”

Carried

Howick – Cemetery Care and Maintenance Fund Resolution

Motion #18-127 - Pat White – Ashley Stamler

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Howick in petitioning the Bereavement Authority of Ontario to amend Ontario Regulation 30/11 to allow borrowing of funds from the Care and Maintenance Trust Fund for capital improvements and purchases when other municipal cemetery funds are exhausted.”

Carried

North Frontenac – Volunteer Firefighter Funding Support Resolution

Motion #18-128 - Ashley Stamler – Pat White

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of North Frontenac in advocating that the New Provincial Government continue to support rural fire services and provide sufficient funding to cover additional costs associated with the certification initiative.”

Carried

Meeting Expenses – Mayor’s Meeting with Don Rusnak

Motion #18-129 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“That approval be granted for Mayor Deb Ewald’s attendance at the Mayor’s Meeting with MP Don Rusnak on August 16, 2018 in Emo, with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

TESL – ESL Week Proclamation

Motion #18-130 - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has welcomed many peoples from around the world who have chosen this province as the place to start a new life in Canada, now as much as any other time in its history, and many of these immigrants undertake to learn English in order to communicate with their fellow Ontarians, allowing them to start the process of building productive and rewarding lives in their new country;

AND WHEREAS this diverse and multifaceted group of learners of English as a Second Language can be found throughout all levels of society in Ontario, whether they are students in school, at any level, teachers, researchers, caregivers, volunteers and workers, business owners and employees, professionals and labourers, all benefit from instruction in English as a Second Language and use that new knowledge to contribute to this province on an ongoing basis;

AND WHEREAS our professional organization, TESL (Teachers of English as a Second Language) Ontario, hosts a conference each fall in downtown Toronto that features professional development in the form of workshops, keynote speakers and diverse presentations for teachers of English as a Second Language to develop, update and expand their knowledge base, skills and abilities to aid newcomers to our province in their efforts to acquire English language skills.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Deborah Ewald on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River Council, do hereby proclaim October 28th to November 3rd, 2018 as “English as a Second Language Week” in the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

Meeting Expenses

Motion #18-131 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“That approval be granted for Mayor Deb Ewald’s attendance at the announcement of the new OPP building on August 24, 2018 in Fort Frances, with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Municipal Treasurers’ Forum

Motion #18-132 - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“That CAO Veldron Vogan is authorized to attend the Northern Municipal Treasurers’ Forum in Thunder Bay on November 21 - 22, 2018, with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

By-law 1694-18 Emergency Management Plan Amendments

The first reading of By-law 1694-18 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

Verbal Motion #18-132A – Pat White – Gordon Prost

“That By-law 1694-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #18-133 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“That By-law 1694-18, being a by-law to amend By-law 1439-04 to establish an emergency management program for the protection of public safety, health, the environment, the critical infrastructure and property, and to promote economic stability and a disaster-resilient community, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

In Camera Session

Motion #18-133A - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“To move in camera to discuss legal matters at 7:55 p.m.”

Carried

Motion #18-133B - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“To move back into regular session at 8:02 p.m.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #18-134 - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:03 p.m.”

Carried



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer

