

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

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

The minutes were recorded by CAO 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 Alzheimer Society Donation for Linda Johnston Dinner
 Confederation College 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Motion #17-001 - Larry 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 December 12, 2016

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #17-002 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 12, 2016 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Locum House – the flooring project had not yet started but it was noted that the sub-contractor had a death in the family. The clinic staff will be informed of the need to defrost the locum house fridge every six months to ensure that there are no further problems with water leaks.

Lights at Medical Centre – some lights are not working and will be repaired.

Financials

CUPE – they are waiting for a meeting to be arranged.

Motion #17-3 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“That approval be granted for the attached financial statements (of December 31, 2016) along with the accounts payable for the month of December 2016 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$414,142.57
Water	\$ 43,769.88
Sewer	\$ 44,752.32
Cemetery	\$ 34.18
Cemetery Perpetual	\$
RRHCC	\$ 370.15

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of December 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

AMCTO MLP #2 Course – Julie Tiboni

Motion #17-004 - Ashley Stamler – Gordon Prost

“That approval be granted for Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Julie Tiboni, to register for the AMCTO Municipal Law Program #2 Course, in the amount of \$350.00 plus taxes.”

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

The town crew was commended on their good job of snow removal. The lighted garland on the streetlights on Fourth Street also looked very good.

Recycling and landfill items are not being taken to the right places or properly dropped off.

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

The committee is waiting for word on the AMBIS contract. It is hoped that council will know by the end of January if Advisory Services wishes to extend their contract and at what cost.

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

A meeting is scheduled for February 1st at 3:00 p.m.

Council would like to contact Don Rusnak to determine when he will return to town. He had indicated the intention to return in January to meet at the school.

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

Hannam Park – a park meeting will be scheduled for the end of January or first part of February. The committee is considering pool repairs and upgrades (adding a splash park). Funding will need to be obtained for this project.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 18th.

It was noted that the north end of the garage is having trouble with the heating system. A work order will be issued in this regard.

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

The Rec. Board meeting scheduled earlier today was cancelled. Councillors Gord Armstrong and Ashley Stamler will be removed from the agenda members listing above and Mayor Deb Ewald added as the council representative for this committee.

Library Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gordon Prost

A board meeting is taking place on January 24th.

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

A meeting will be set up to discuss the lease on January 12th at noon.

It was noted that during the evening hours the clinic heat was set at 82 degrees. The committee will look into installing programmable thermostats.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

A meeting will take place on Thursday, January 19th.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

RRDMA Annual General Meeting

Motion #17-005 - Gordon Prost – Ashley Stamler

“That Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillors Gord Armstrong, Gordon Prost, Pat White, Ashley Stamler and Larry Armstrong attend the Rainy River District Municipal Association Annual General Meeting in Rainy River on January 28, 2017 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Communities Relations Liaison – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gord Armstrong

It was noted that the pumpkin festival group might be interested in organizing a winter festival. Mayor Ewald will speak to Val Leininger in this regard.

REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost

There was nothing to report at this time.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

McMurrich/Monteith Fire Department Infrastructure Funding Resolution

Motion #17-006 - Pat White – Gord Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of McMurrich/Monteith in their resolution to petition the Provincial Government to recognize the municipal fire service as critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Governments infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward.”

Carried

Termination of a State of Emergency

Motion #17-007 - Gord Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“The Town of Rainy River hereby terminates the state of Emergency, in accordance with the Emergency Management Act, that was declared on Friday, June 13, 2014 due to overland flooding, rising of the Rainy River and the potential for additional significant rain fall within The Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

By-law – 1648-17 – CACC Agreement Signing Authority

The first reading of By-law 1648-17 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

Verbal motion #17-007A – Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1648-17 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #17-008 - Gordon Prost – Gord Armstrong

“That By-law 1648-17, to designate signing officers for the CACC Agreement, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Alzheimer Society Donation for Linda Johnston Dinner

The town will donate a souvenir package for them (cookbook, t-shirt, etc.).

Confederation College 50th Anniversary Celebrations

An invitation letter was received regarding their open house event to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. This will take place Wednesday, January 11th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Fort Frances. Any members of council in Fort Frances on that date are welcome to attend.

Canada 150 Signage

It will be determined if grant money can be obtained for signage at the west end of town. The ideas generated by the Economic Development Committee for electronic sign boards will be amalgamated into this grant.

Adjournment

Motion #16-9 - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:50 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer