

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Councillors Brent Helgeson, Larry Armstrong, Neil Ivall, Pat White and Martin Kreger. Also in attendance was press representative Anita Marcotte.

Absent were Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillor Andrew Hartnell.

The minutes were recorded by Chief Administrative Officer Veldron Vogan.

Opening of Meeting

As both the Mayor and Acting Mayor were unavailable to attend the meeting the CAO Veldron Vogan opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a salute to the Queen.

The first item of business was to appoint an Acting Chair for the purpose of the meeting.

Motion #20-000A – Neil Ivall – Larry Armstrong

“To appoint Pat White as Acting Mayor for the January 13, 2020 Regular Council meeting in the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.”

Carried

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Add By-law 1733-20 to Approve Signing of CACC Agreement

Motion #20-001 -Brent Helgeson – Neil Ivall

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Martin Kreger declared a conflict regarding the accounts payable and filed the applicable forms.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council December 9, 2019

Motion #20-002 -Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 9, 2019 as presented.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Financials

Financials (as of December 31, 2019)

Some of the financial items were discussed including the CBO coverage and shared services.

Motion #20-003 -Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson

“That approval be granted for the financial statements (as of December 31, 2019) along with the accounts payable for the month of December 2019 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$224,091.59
Water	\$ 58,907.27
Sewer	\$ 13,766.95
Cemetery	\$ 37.38
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 306.61

Carried

Committees

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

The committee will organize some meetings in the New Year.

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Neil Ivall

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

By-law 1731-20 – Misc. User Fee By-law Amendment

The first reading of By-law 1731-20 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

Verbal Motion #20-003A – Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1731-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #20-004 -Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1731-20, being a by-law to amend the miscellaneous user fee by-law, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

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

Procedural By-law

A draft of the procedural by-law has been circulated to council and the committee would appreciate any final comments in this regard. It will be brought forward for approval at the February council meeting.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20th. The steering committee has developed a cloud based information sharing opportunity.

By-law 1732-20 – Agreement Between Communities

The first reading of By-law 1732-20 was given by Acting Mayor Pat White.

Verbal Motion #20-004A – Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1732-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #20-005 -Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1732-20, being a by-law to authorize the municipality to enter into, and to designate signing officers for, the West End of the Rainy River District Economic Development Officer Agreement between Communities, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Martin Kreger

A fire board meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

By-law 1733-20 – CACC Agreement

The first reading of By-law 1733-20 was given by Acting Mayor Pat White.

Verbal Motion #20-005A – Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1733-20 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #20-005B – Brent Helgeson – Neil Ivall

“That By-law 1733-20, being a by-law to authorize the municipality to enter into, and to designate signing officers for, the Kenora Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CACC) Agreement, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

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

Curling programs are starting this Thursday.

The Recreation Centre finally has a full staff but will now need to work on adding a complement to their board. The New Year’s Eve party went well, hockey is going good, and a fishing derby is scheduled for February 22nd.

Library Board – Councillor Andrew Hartnell

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

A committee meeting is taking place tomorrow.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

There was some discussion regarding a fire call that had taken place at the Heritage House earlier in the day.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

RRDMA Annual General Meeting

Motion #20-006 -Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That Mayor Ewald and Councillor Pat White and CAO Veldron Vogan attend the Rainy River District Municipal Association Annual General Meeting in LaVallee on January 25, 2020 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

Tecumseh – 911 Misdials Resolution

Resolution #20-001 - Brent Helgeson – Neil Ivall

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Tecumseh in their resolution that the Municipal, Federal and Provincial governments and relevant associations, including but not limited to, the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB), the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), be requested to lobby the telecommunications industry and smart phone manufacturers to develop a solution to 911 Misdials.”

Carried

Central Frontenac – Building Services Transformation Resolution

Resolution #20-002 - Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Central Frontenac in their request that the Province of Ontario work with the current building sector groups that, for the past fifteen years, have been working to support the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and provide evidence based justification to municipalities that the creation of a new Delegated Administrative Authority is necessary prior to any legislative changes to the Building Code Act, with regards to building services delivery, are introduced in the Legislature nor have negative impact on municipalities.”

Carried

Dryden – NWHU Resolution

Resolution #20-003 - Brent Helgeson – Martin Kreger

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the City of Dryden in their request that the Board of the Northwestern Health Unit conduct a review of its own internal operations to determine where yearly offsetting savings can be achieved to ensure the funding reductions from the Province are not made up by simply increasing the levy to local taxpayers of the various municipalities within its service areas. The Provincial government has demanded a 4% decrease in internal costs for all ministries. Funding reductions by the Province must be offset by cost reductions and efficiency improvements within this organization.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #20-007 -Neil Ivall – Brent Helgeson

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:54 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed
Mayor

Original Signed
Chief Administrative Officer