

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong, Susan Carpenter, Pat White, Ashley Stamler, Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost. Also in attendance was Editor Ken Johnston of the Rainy River Record.

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

Correction Noted that Motion #109 regarding water disbursements read \$113,009.89 and should read \$13,009.89. The circulated motion had been corrected.

Motion #16-106 - Pat White – Gord Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

Delegations

Angela Ferguson – Cannabis Projects

The delegate was not present at this time so Council proceeded with other agenda items.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council July 11, 2016

Motion #16-107 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 11, 2016 as presented.”

Carried

Special Council July 26, 2016

Motion #16-108 - Gord Armstrong – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of July 26, 2016 as presented.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Town Signs

A question arose regarding the new talking boards. The Chamber had not forwarded the quote in time for it to be tagged onto our NOHFC grant application last year.

Recycling

E-waste containers are currently located at the landfill site but training needs to take place before items can be accepted.

A battery recycling bin has been dropped off near the regular recycling bins.

Delegations

Angela Ferguson – Cannabis Projects

Ms. Ferguson arrived at the meeting at 7:05 p.m. She provided council with an update on their cannabis project within Rainy River and their intended next steps. In March of 2016 the government was given a directive to have new regulations in place in six months (August 26, 2016). Ms. Ferguson’s company is already grandfathered in, as they are a designated grower for those holding medical marijuana certificates. The new regulations will provide opportunities for a dispensary storefront for recognized medical marijuana users only. Part of the program would include mail outs of the product to northern communities. A lot of care goes into ensuring that those who shouldn’t have access to the product do not have access. They hope to have their storefront open in 60 days.

They also intend to bring a production facility into Rainy River by next spring. This will not be an end production facility but only for starter plants. They are working with the owner of the blue building on Sixth Street. It is possible to create 50 – 60 well-paying jobs from this industry. Ms. Ferguson was thanked for her update and left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Business Arising from the Minutes

A quote will be obtained from BDO for updating the fixed asset management plan.

Financials

Councillor Pat White questioned the payable to Busy Beaver Fuels. There was only one small invoice payable to them and may have been the only invoice we received from them during the time period.

Motion #16-109 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“That approval be granted for the attached accounts payable for the month of July 2016 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$149,634.58
Water	\$ 13,009.89
Sewer	\$ n/a
Cemetery	\$ 130.56
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ n/a
RRHCC	\$ 861.04

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of July 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

Correspondence Course

Motion #16-110 - Gord Armstrong – Pat White

“That approval be given for Julie Tiboni to register for the Municipal Law Unit 1 course through AMCTO at a cost of \$345.00 plus HST.”

Carried

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

Committee meetings will resume September 1st.

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

It was noted that e-waste recycling would be available shortly.

Councillor Gord Armstrong wanted to commend the town crew on the good job they did installing the culvert between the Trenchard and Langlais homes.

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

Septic Tank System Installation

Motion #16-111 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“The Town Council of the Town of Rainy River’s long term planning does not include the extension of the sanitary sewer system to Water Street;

And, certain properties along Water Street are not sufficient in size to allow for the installation of complete sewer septic systems;

Therefore, the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes the installation of a septic holding tank system at the property known as lots 1 & 2 on Water Street within the Town of Rainy River. This authorization is granted pending final approval from the Northwestern Health Unit or subsequent septic system approval authority.”

Carried

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

Work continues to obtain banners for Fourth Street.

An internship application has been submitted and FedNor representatives want to do a site visit in Rainy River.

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

A Hannam Park meeting is scheduled for August 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

The next fire board meeting is scheduled for September 14th.

Recreation Board/Curling Club – Councillors Ashley Stamler and Gord Armstrong with Councillor Susan Carpenter as alternate

A meeting took place last Wednesday. The Board will work towards setting up a committee structure with three committees: Personnel, Maintenance and Programming. It is hoped that this will help the organization of the board.

Library Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gordon Prost

A meeting is taking place on Thursday with the e-book consortium in Emo.

Verbal Motion #16-111A – Gord Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That Councillor Gordon Prost attend the library meeting in Emo with regard to the e-book consortium with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

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

There was nothing to report at this time.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The next meeting is planned for September 15th.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

A meeting is planned for September 24th in Alberton. It was noted that Brenda Jodoin would be replacing Linda Armstrong from Dawson Township as a RRDMA member. At this point there is not a new secretary-treasurer or executive director in place for RRDMA.

NWORC

Motion #16-112 - Susan Carpenter – Gordon Prost

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the attendance of two Council representatives at the annual Northwestern Ontario Regional Conference to be held September 21, 22, & 23, 2016 in Thunder Bay, with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Communities Relations Liaison/Chamber of Commerce – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gord Armstrong

There was nothing to report at this time.

REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost

A meeting is scheduled for the end of august.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

There was nothing to report at this time.

In Camera Session

No in camera session was held.

Adjournment

Motion #16-113 - Ashley Stamler – Susan Carpenter

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

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer