

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

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

Absent was Councillor Gord Armstrong.

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

No additions or deletions were made to the agenda.

Motion #15-141 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Councillors Gordon Prost and Ashley Stamler declared conflicts with Motion #15-146 regarding the Christmas donations for the Library Board and Fire Department.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council October 13, 2015

Motion #15-142 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 13, 2015 as presented.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Financials

Councillor Larry Armstrong asked if the cemetery fence costs would be charged back to the cemetery account. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Julie Tiboni will seek further information in this regard.

Motion #15-143 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“That approval be granted for the attached financial statements (of October 31, 2015) along with the accounts payable for the month of October 2015 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$990,498.17
Water	\$ 7,158.71
Sewer	\$ 2,738.86
Cemetery	\$ 147.39
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 182.98
RRHCC	\$ 857.50

Carried

Motion #15-144 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby directs the town staff to present the financial statements for approval on a quarterly basis beginning January 1, 2016. The accounts payable statements will continue to be approved on a monthly basis”

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of October 2015 was reviewed. It was noted that these letters were available at the town office if Council was interested in further information.

Committees

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

Holiday Staff Appreciation

Motion #15-145 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will hereby issue a \$50 Gift Certificate to each permanent employee of the Town of Rainy River as a Christmas gift.”

Carried

Christmas Donations

Motion #15-146 - Susan Carpenter – Gordon Prost

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River will contribute \$150.00 towards each of the Rainy River Public Library Board, the West Rainy River District Fire Department and the Rainy River Recreation Board for their Holiday Celebrations.”

Carried

It was noted that going forward there should be three separate motions for these donations.

Holiday Hours

Motion #15-147 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That the Town Council shall allow municipal staff to close operations at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24, 2015.”

Carried

Health and Safety – Councillors Susan Carpenter and Ashley Stamler

There was nothing further to report at this time.

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

A Public Works Committee meeting will take place on November 25th at 11:30 a.m.

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

By-law 1623-15 – Deeming By-law

The first reading of By-law 1623-15 was given by Councillor Gordon Prost.

Verbal Motion #15-147A – Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1623-15 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #15-148 - Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1623-15, to deem certain lands not to be within a registered plan of subdivision, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Economic Development/Tourism – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

Times Printing 2016 Vacation Guide Map

Motion #15-149 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“To approve purchase of advertising in the Fort Frances Times 2016 Vacation Guide Map in the amount of \$350.00 plus tax.”

Carried

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

A Friends of the Park meeting will take place on November 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rainy River Activity Depot.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

A meeting of the Fire Board will take place on November 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Recreation Board/Curling Club – Councillors Ashley Stamler and Gord Armstrong

It was noted that Leslie Johnson, the new Rec. Director, was doing well.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

Fair Pricing of E-Books for Public Libraries

Motion #15-150 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“**WHEREAS:** public libraries provide residents with a community space where they can freely access a wide variety of information in both print and digital format;

WHEREAS: municipal governments are key funders of public libraries, appoint public library boards and work in partnership with public library boards to deliver library services that are responsive to community needs;

WHEREAS: electronic books (e-books) are becoming an increasingly preferred medium for library users to access content and information;

WHEREAS: major multi-national publishers are charging public libraries significantly higher costs to purchase e-books for their collections than they charge consumers;

WHEREAS: imposing unreasonably high costs on public libraries to purchase e-books is not an appropriate solution to the publishing industry's concerns regarding the evolution of digital technology, including piracy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River requests the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport work with the federal and the other provincial and territorial governments to find a solution that will allow public libraries to purchase e-books from publishers at a fair and reasonable price.

AND THAT: a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).”

Carried

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

There was nothing further to report at this time.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The next Board meeting will take place on November 19th.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The next executive meeting will take place November 18th in Fort Frances.

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

Beaver Costume Purchase

Motion #15-151 - Gordon Prost – Ashley Stamler

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the purchase of a SPOTSOUND Beaver Animal Plush Mascot costume in the amount of \$700.00 plus tax.”

Carried

Local Government Networking Group/REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Other Business

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Adjournment

Motion #15-135 - Gordon Prost – Ashley Stamler

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:26 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer