

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

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

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

Add Bylaw 1662-17

Motion #17-093 - Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations were made.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council June 12, 2017

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #17-094 - Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 12, 2017 as amended.”

Carried

Special Council July 4, 2017

Motion #17-095 - Gord Armstrong – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of July 4, 2017 as presented.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Economic Development Grant

It was questioned whether or not Bill Langner of Dawson Township had met with the Rainy River Future Development Corporation. It was noted that this meeting had been cancelled and had not been rescheduled yet.

Clinic – Programming Thermostats

This issue has been clarified with staff.

Financials

A question arose regarding the charge to “miscellaneous”. It was noted that this was for fireworks. It was clarified that the invoice for the Township of Dawson was for payment of property taxes for the lagoon.

Motion #17-096 - Gordon Prost – Ashley Stamler

“That approval be granted for the attached financial statements (of June 30, 2017) along with the accounts payable for the month of June 2017 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$143,082.09
Water	\$ 51,373.36
Sewer	\$ 4,037.16
Cemetery	\$
Cemetery Perpetual	\$
RRHCC	\$ 375.83

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of June 2017 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

2017 Budget

Motion #17-097 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

"That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the 2017 budgets for Town General, water, sewer and cemetery departments, as attached."

Carried

Bylaw 1662-17 – Tax Rates

The first reading of Bylaw 1662-17 was given by Councillor Pat White.

Verbal Motion #17-097A – Gordon Prost – Ashley Stamler

"That Bylaw 1662-17 be taken as read a second and third time."

Carried

Motion #097B – Pat White – Gordon Prost

"That Bylaw 1662-17, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of the levies for the year, for the adoption of tax rates and to provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2017, and rescind Bylaw 1661-17, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved."

Carried

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

Councillor Larry Armstrong noted that the committee has not been meeting over the summer. Health and Safety members have been focused on training summer staff.

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

Ongoing with their regular work.

Railroad Daze Road Closure

Motion #17-098 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

"The Town Council of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes the closure of the south block of Fourth Street (River Avenue intersection) during the Railroad Daze celebrations from the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2017."

Carried

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

Councillor Gordon Prost indicated that AMBIS is still working towards a CBO contract.

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

Mayor Ewald noted that the banners had been ordered and that she had contacted Don Rusnak's office regarding our FedNor grant for an Economic Development Officer. There has been no response to-date to this request.

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

The cemetery is looking good but they would like to see something done about the long grass along the side of the road coming into town.

The pool has temporarily been fixed and has been working well. The full repairs will be completed in September.

The garage sale in Hannam Park went very well. They expect proceeds of approximately \$1,000. It was also reported that the fireworks were very well received. Congratulations are to be given to the Fire Department.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

The next fire board meeting is taking place on July 12th at 7:00 p.m. in Bergland. It was questioned what was happening with selling the old vehicles. Councillor Stamler indicated that she was waiting for Dennis Jodoin to prepare some of the specifics for a proper advertisement. They will try to reconstruct the cart on display in front of the building.

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

The next meeting will take place on July 31st. It was noted that the June meeting did not have a quorum.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

The library board met last week for their last meeting before their summer break. They have met with the townships of Lake of the Woods and Dawson but received very little positive response to their funding requests. Councillor Prost noted that many of the residents of these municipalities that are aware of this funding gap have been making donations towards the library.

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

A locum house meeting has been set up for a later date.

A meeting regarding the clinic will take place in July.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The next meeting is on July 20th. They are doing building condition audits in order to decide whether or not to build new facilities or to renovate the current ones.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

An executive meeting is scheduled for August 16th. They will review their constitution specifically in regards to their annual meeting in January.

Communities Relations Liaison – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gord Armstrong

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

Some discussion took place about keeping the weeds down around the trees on Fourth Street. Options will be considered in this regard.

Adjournment

Motion #17-099 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:40 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer