

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong, Brent Helgeson, Martin Kreger, Andrew Hartnell and Pat White.

Absent was Councillor Neil Ivall.

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 #19-025 - Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Kreger declared a conflict with regard to the accounts payable.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council January 14, 2019

Changes will be made to the minutes as indicated.

Motion #19-026 - Andrew Hartnell – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 11, 2019 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

Financials

Financials (as of February 28, 2019)

Motion #19-027 - Andrew Hartnell – Brent Helgeson

“That approval be granted for the accounts payable for the month of February 2019 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$157,249.88
Water	\$ 53,908.14
Sewer	\$ 1,523.41
Cemetery	\$ 29.86
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 758.03

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of February 2019 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 Neil Ivall

AMCTO Zone 9 Conference

Motion #19-028 - Andrew Hartnell – Pat White

“That CAO Veldron Vogan attends the AMCTO Zone 9 Spring Meeting and AGCO Lottery Licensing Workshop in Thunder Bay on April 29 - May 1, 2019 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Procedural By-law Workshop

Motion #19-029 - Pat White – Andrew Hartnell

“That CAO Veldron Vogan attends the AMCTO procedural by-law workshop in Thunder Bay on April 17, 2019 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Asset Management Session

Motion #19-030 - Pat White – Andrew Hartnell

“That CAO Veldron Vogan attends the AMCTO asset management session in Thunder Bay on May 14, 2019 with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Councillor White reported that she is hoping to meet with CAO Veldron Vogan next week to discuss policies.

Insurance tenders have been issued.

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Neil Ivall

By-law 1708-19 Occurrence Investigation Policy

The first reading of by-law 1708-19 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

Verbal Motion#19-030A – Martin Kreger – Pat White

“That By-law 1708-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #19-031 - Andrew Hartnell – Pat White

“That By-law 1708-19, being a by-law to establish an Occurrence Investigation Policy for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1709-19 Health and Safety Policy

The first reading of by-law 1709-19 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

Verbal Motion#19-031A – Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That By-law 1709-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #19-032 - Pat White – Andrew Hartnell

“That By-law 1709-19, being a by-law to establish a Health and Safety Policy for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

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

Municipal Water System Summary Report

Motion #19-033 - Pat White – Andrew Hartnell

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River has received and reviewed the Municipal Water System Report for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 as prepared by Overall Responsible Operator Bob Jenson.”

Carried

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

By-law 1710-19 Signing Authority for Site Plan Agreement with the Rainy River District School Board

The first reading of by-law 1710-19 was given by Mayor Deb Ewald.

Verbal Motion#19-033A – Larry Armstrong – Brent Helgeson

“That By-law 1710-19 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #19-034 - Pat White – Andrew Hartnell

“That By-law 1710-19, to authorize the execution of a Site Plan Agreement between the Rainy River District School Board (‘developer’) and the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River with respect to 1 Mill Avenue and 11 Mill Avenue in the Town of Rainy River (“subject lands”), having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Councillor White would like to receive a copy of the Rainy River District School Board site plan.

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

A meeting was held with the regional committee and Geoff Gillon. It was decided to leave the Economic Development Officer position open until April 30, 2019.

The local committee is working on town entrance signs and signage for the new bridge.

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 will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2019.

Patullo Tower

Motion #19-035 - Martin Kreger – Pat White

“That the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes payment to the Township of Morley in the amount of \$1,928.57 plus HST towards the purchase price of the Patullo Communications Tower.”

Carried

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

Carnival Sponsorship Request

Motion #19-036 - Martin Kreger – Pat White

“To approve sponsorship of the Rainy River Recreation Board’s Spring Carnival on March 16-17, 2019 in the amount of \$250.00.”

Carried

New Gold Parking

Motion #19-037 - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves entering into a lease agreement with New Gold Inc. for the parking lot located at 219 Government Road; commencing on October 1, 2018 and ending on September 30, 2021.”

Tabled – The town’s legal counsel will be consulted regarding liability for damages to vehicles parked on town property.

Library Board – Councillor Andrew Hartnell

Councillor Hartnell reported that there was a budget meeting Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The regular library board meeting will be held on March 26th.

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

Repairs to the Rainy River House will take place in the spring.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

Building condition audits are taking place and meeting schedules are being set up.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The next executive meeting will be scheduled for April 1st or 2nd. The next RRDMA general meeting will be in May.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

Fort Frances Resolute Resolution

Motion #19-038 - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Fort Frances in their resolution to demand that Resolute:

- A. Allow all bidders on the Mill the ability to engage in dialogue with government prior to submitting their bid so that they can reasonably prepare for a successful acquisition of the Mill;
- B. Allow sufficient time for bids on the Mill to be prepared and submitted;

- C. Inform Fort Frances, in confidence, of the identity of bidders so that Fort Frances may engage in discussions with them and provide information that is responsive to the bidders' plans for the Mill properties; and
- D. Comply with the terms of the SFL [Sustainable Forest Licence] and engage in a process to provide access to wood fibre in the Crossroute, reflecting such intention in any bid or tender package issued in respect of the sale of the Mill.

And to call on the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to use all measures within their authority:

- A. To ensure the Mill is open for business;
- B. To provide access to fibre in the Crossroute to potential operators of the Mill, in keeping with the text of the SFL; and
- C. To support outcomes for the Mill which create jobs and prosperity in Fort Frances and surrounding municipalities and First Nations.”

Carried

Railroad Daze Donation Request

Motion #19-039 - Larry Armstrong – Martin Kreger

“To approve a donation to the Railroad Daze celebrations on July 19-21, 2019 in the amount of \$1,000.00.”

Carried

Neebing ROMA Resolution

Motion #19-040 - Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“That the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Neebing in their resolution to request that AMCTO Zone 9 be divided into two different geographical zones; one for Northwestern Ontario and one for Northeastern Ontario and to request that the Rural Ontario Municipal Association limit the number of votes per municipality to one and allow municipal councils, by resolution, to give proxies to representatives of other municipalities attending the conference, to vote on their behalves.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #19-041 - Martin Kreger – Larry Armstrong

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:07 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

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Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer