

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, August 14, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, August 14, 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.

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

No additions or deletions were made to the agenda.

Motion #17-100 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations were made.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council July 10, 2017

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #17-101 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 10, 2017 as amended.”

Carried

Public Budget – July 10, 2017

Motion #17-102 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Public Budget meeting of July 10, 2017 as presented.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Fire Department

It was questioned whether the fire department was congratulated on the fireworks. Deputy Fire Chief Ashley Stamler noted that she had forwarded the message to the members of the department.

Mill Yard

It was noted that the mill yard had been cut and baled by Cheryl Morrison who indicated that she would continue doing this.

Financials

A question arose regarding the ASP fridge. It was noted that this was for the After School Program and that the fridge needed some repairs.

Motion #17-103 - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“That approval be granted for the attached accounts payable for the month of July 2017 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$197,245.87
Water	\$ 25,646.90
Sewer	\$ 3,957.12
Cemetery	\$ 343.25
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 1,332.41

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of July 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

Kilarney Amendments to Municipal Act Resolution

Motion #17-104 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“The Town of Rainy River hereby agrees with and supports the Municipality of Kilarney in their appeal to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to reconsider the proposed amendments to Municipal Act, 2001, Section 380 (8) and (9), dealing with the tax registration process, as set out in Bill 68 with regard to out of court payments reverting back to the Crown.”

Carried

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

The Sixth Street project is underway – they plan to start digging tomorrow.

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

It was noted that someone was burning in the back alley between First and Second Streets. This will be monitored as it appears to be garbage.

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

Sunset Country Travel Association Annual Per Capita Marketing Contribution

Motion #17-105 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“To approve payment of the Annual Per Capita Marketing Contribution to the Sunset Country Travel Association in the amount of 27.5 cents per capita.”

Carried

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

Councillor Larry Armstrong noted there will be an art festival in the park in the afternoon of August 27th. Plans are underway to bring in various artisans for this event.

Councillor Gord Armstrong noted that Premiere Kathleen Wynne was in Rainy River Friday evening as part of the Métis canoe trip. He had the opportunity to speak to her briefly regarding some issues in our community.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

There was a board meeting in July. The old vehicles will need to be sold under the Town of Rainy River. Dennis Jodoin was supposed to provide some price information. Councillor Stamler noted that this might take some time but she will attempt to get the information required to list the vehicles.

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

Railroad Daze went well for the committee.

Currently there is a major cleaning and overhaul of the arena and painting of the facility.

The board is short a few members and will be seeking additional people. The next meeting is on September 11th.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

No meetings have been held recently; however, as a result of the recent articles in the paper they have received more donations (especially from residents of the Lake of the Woods and Dawson townships).

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

The medical centre committee has met to propose that the lease amount calculated for April of 2017 be carried through until the end of 2019. They will also be given the option of taking over the cleaning contract. A note was made of the lack of transparency regarding their budget; however, they do not want to pursue this issue at this time.

The locum house committee had a meeting – everything is going well except for a few minor maintenance issues. As far as financials are concerned things are going well and there are no payments back to the communities as yet. Some other investment opportunities were discussed and will be pursued.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

DSSAB Board Review

Motion #17-106 - Susan Carpenter – Pat White

“The Town of Rainy River wishes to participate in the District Social Services Administration Board Review with Deputy Mayor Pat White and Chief Administrative Officer Veldron Vogan in attendance, with expenses paid as per policy. The date, time and location of the review session will be determined at a later date by the Ministry of Community and Social Services.”

Carried

Mayor Ewald noted that their next meeting will deal with some building condition audits. She also noted that Val Pizey will be missed on this committee.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

Species at Risk

Motion #17-107 - Larry Armstrong – Susan Carpenter

“With Respect to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) planning to post a draft Species at Risk (SAR) Guide to the Environmental Registry for 28 species;

AND the MNRF has failed to consult and work with affected stakeholders and forestry dependent communities on the development of the draft SAR guide;

AND THAT municipal leaders have consistently requested the MNRF complete and share with municipality’s socio-economic impact analysis on all policy impacting forestry;

AND THAT MNRF has conducted analysis for one prescription, caribou, and the analysis clearly demonstrates that mills will close;

AND THAT there has been no analysis of the cumulative socio-economic impact of all SAR rules contained within the guide (prescriptions) of multiple species;

AND THAT Ontario has world-class legislation, the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA), which provides balanced and sustainable forest management;

AND THAT the Endangered Species Act’s (ESA) mandate of the protection and recovery of individual species at risk conflicts with the multi-species and multi-value approach of the CFSA, threatening forest sustainability;

AND THAT the government in 2007 committed to realizing CFSA equivalency to the ESA, acknowledging that the under the CFSA, the forest sector must implement SAR rules (prescriptions);

AND THAT even under a Section 55 Rules in Regulation “exemption”, the forest sector must implement SAR rules (prescription);

AND THAT if the government continues to implement flawed ESA policy, mills will close, jobs will be lost, and forestry dependent communities will be decimated;

AND THAT the Town of Rainy River, in support of its hardworking citizens and the renewable forest sector, is prepared to work with government to avoid the unintended consequences of this ESA policy;

The Town of Rainy River calls upon the Government of Ontario to permanently delay the posting of the made-in-Ontario Species at Risk (SAR) Guide which contains prescriptions (rules) for 28 species by 2 years;

AND THAT with respect to caribou, the Government of Ontario immediately modify Ontario’s proposed caribou prescription by moving the caribou range north to reflect animal collaring data,

moving away from the national 35% disturbance threshold, and acknowledging that other factors are threatening caribou recruitment and survival;

AND THAT the Government of Ontario support its forest sector and the 175,000 hardworking men and women, directly and indirectly, who live in communities in every region of the province by asking the Government of Canada to postpone the October 5, 2017 deadline for completing plans and acknowledging recovery could require timeframes in excess of 50 to 100 years,

AND THAT the Government of Ontario leave no worker, region or family behind by ensuring provincial policy supports at a minimum, current forestry operations and does not reduce the forest sector and its employment to a seasonal activity,

AND THAT the Government of Ontario extend the current Section 55 Regulation (exemption), which currently expires on June 30, 2018, for another 5 years recognizing that the CFSA ensure that all forest management in Ontario provides for all 3 pillars of sustainable development – economic, social and environment.

AND THAT any necessary by-laws be presented to Council for ratification. “

Carried

It was noted that there is a meeting next Wednesday to start adjustments on the constitution and to decide on a new chairperson following the passing of Mayor Pizey.

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

Deep Geologic Repository Support Resolution

Motion #17-108 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the proposal by Ontario Power Generation to develop a Deep Geologic Repository at the Bruce Nuclear site.”

Carried

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Motion #17-109 - Larry Armstrong – Pat White

“**WHEREAS**, prostate cancer is the most common cancer to affect Canadian men; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 7 Canadian men will be diagnosed with the disease in his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 23,100 Canadian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, the survival rate for prostate cancer can be over 90% when detected early; and

WHEREAS, those with a family history of the disease, or those of African or Caribbean descent, are at a greater risk of developing prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS, Prostate Cancer Canada recommends that men get a PSA test in their 40s to establish their baseline;

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Deborah Ewald, of the Rainy River, do hereby proclaim **September 2017 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month** in Rainy River.”

Carried

In Camera Session

Verbal Motion #17-109A – Susan Carpenter – Ashley Stampler

“To move in camera at 7:50 p.m. to discuss legal matters”

Carried

Verbal Motion #17-109B – Gord Prost – Larry Armstrong

“To return to regular session at 8:19 p.m.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #17-110 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:20 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer