

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

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

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 **By-law 1669-18** – CWWF Transfer Payment Agreement
Motion #18-004B – CWWF Transfer Payment Agreement

Motion #18-001 - Ashley Stamler – 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 December 11, 2017

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #18-002 - Larry Armstrong – Gord Armstrong

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 11, 2017 as amended.”

Carried

Special Council December 20, 2017

Motion #18-003 - Gordon Prost – Ashley Stamler

“To approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of December 20, 2017 as presented.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Don Rusnak – Request for Input into the Federal Budget

It was not certain that any council members could attend this meeting; however, they would like to send a written submission to request signage for the new bridge coming in 2018.

They would also like to remind Mr. Rusnak of our transitional funding or send a copy of the original letter. It should be explained that this funding will be used for projects such as a recreation centre, water and sewer infrastructure (a picture will be sent) and for an economic development officer.

Financials

Financials (as of December 31, 2017)

Quick comments were made regarding the ‘budget vs. actual’ totals.

A question arose about what the Ontario Home Renewal Program was. It was noted that this was a loan program for home renovations. Currently there is one outstanding loan which stands as a lien against a property. This remaining loan is approximately 25 years old.

Motion #18-004 - Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That approval be granted for the attached financial statements (as of December 31, 2017) along with the accounts payable for the month of December 2017 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

Town General	\$179,250.86
Water	\$ 83,513.25
Sewer	\$ 1,374.01
Cemetery	\$ 0
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 598.16

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of December 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

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Employment Agreement Renewal

The committee is waiting for the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to come forward with a proposal for an Employment Agreement renewal for the period of December 1, 2017 – November 30, 2021.

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

The committee has not been actively meeting. It was noted, however, that the Recreation Board had taken care of a number of items on their list. A list of these items will be forwarded to the committee for information.

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

By-law 1669-18 CWWF Funding Agreement

The first reading of By-law 1669-18 was given by Mayor Ewald.

Verbal Motion #18-004A – Gordon Prost – Gord Armstrong

“That By-law 1669-18 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #18-004B – Susan Carpenter – Gord Armstrong

“That By-law 1669-18, being a by-law to designate the signing officers for the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (Ontario) Transfer Payment Agreement, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Some discussion took place regarding the timing of infrastructure projects and the possibility of doing the Atwood and Fifth Street projects at the same time in order to save mobilization/demobilization costs (assuming the Connecting Link funding comes in and the OCIF). The CAO was instructed to revise our existing engineer tenders and forward them to the appropriate agencies. Council would like to have an engineer selected prior to grant notifications.

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

CIP Programs for Building Permits and Property Sales

The committee has met to develop these programs. A draft has been brought forward and the committee requested that these be circulated to the rest of council.

Gasthaus Issue as Reported by CBO Rick Hallam

It was noted that this could be left until April to avoid any legal issues. It was noted that the water had been turned off.

AMBIS

Everything is moving forward with AMBIS.

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

The committee would like to meet regarding some signage on Thursday, February 1st.

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

Diane McGee will be contacted regarding the park

Possible partnerships with service groups and local residents were discussed.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

It was noted that there would be a fire board meeting on January 24th at 6:00 p.m. A new fire truck has arrived for the Lake of the Woods station. Further review of this will take place at that time.

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

It was noted that Dylan Talbot had started his job as the recreation maintenance person. The Recreation Board is also looking at some Union Gas funding for enhancements to their projects.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

The next library board meeting is on January 9th.

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

A meeting is scheduled for January 24th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss payments towards the locum house.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

Mayor Ewald noted that she (along with Ken Perry and Dan McCormick) will be attending the ROMA conference near the end of January.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

The annual meeting will be on January 13th. Council requested that those planning to attend have the agenda distributed to them.

Communities Relations Liaison – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gord Armstrong

Discussion took place as to whether council should keep this committee or make it more oriented towards the Fix-It Club. Nothing was decided 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

There was nothing to report at this time.

In Camera Session

There was nothing to report at this time.

Adjournment

Motion #18-005 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stampler

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

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer