

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, December 11, 2017 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. Also in attendance was Geoff Gillon from the Rainy River Future Development Corporation (RRFDC).

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 #17-162 - Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No declarations were made.

Delegations

Geoff Gillon - RRFDC

Mr. Gillon brought information regarding the projects which RRFDC has been working on and their plans for the future. They have discussed some of these projects with Rainy River and potential funding sources for new projects (including running fiber internet to community areas). Geoff Gillon was thanked for his presentation and that council looks forward to working with him in the future. Mr. Gillon left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council November 14, 2017

Corrections will be made as indicated.

Motion #17-163 - Gord Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 14, 2017 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

It was noted that the dates for the Acting Mayor will be from December 1, 2017 – December 3, 2018.

Financials

Financials (as of November 30, 2017)

A question arose regarding the fire department’s point system and why some firefighters receive more pay than others. The point system was described to council (indicating that it is based on participation at meetings and fire calls).

Motion #17-164 - Gord Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

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

Town General	\$146,433.49
Water	\$ 9,874.37
Sewer	\$ 28,666.56
Cemetery	\$ 62.19
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 0
RRHCC	\$ 646.58

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of October 2017 was reviewed. A question arose regarding the letter from Don Rusnak. It was noted that letter was to seek input into the federal budget. It was noted that these letters were available at the town office if Council was interested in further information.

Councillor Gord Armstrong excused himself from the meeting at 7:50 p.m. due to other commitments.

Committees

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

By-law 1665-17 Collection Policy

The first reading of By-law 1665-17 was given by Mayor Ewald.

Verbal Motion #17-164A – Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1665-17 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Amendments were made to the policy on pg. 47 and pg. 50.

Motion #17-165 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1665-17, being a by-law to establish a Collection Policy for the Town of Rainy River, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

By-law 1666-17 Collection Agency Agreement

The first reading of By-law 1666-17 was given by Councillor Larry Armstrong.

Verbal Motion #17-165A – Ashley Stamler – Susan Carpenter

“That By-law 1666-17 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #17-166 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1666-17, being a by-law to designate the signing officers for the Credit Bureaus of NWO Collections Inc. Agreement, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

Change of Signing Authority

Motion #17-167 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That Councillor Pat White be removed as a signing officer for the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

Councillor Pat White was thanked for her service as Deputy Mayor over the last two years.

Motion #17-168 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That Deputy Mayor Gord Armstrong be added as a signing officer for the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

AMCTO MLP #4 Course – Julie Tiboni

Motion #17-169 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That approval be granted for Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Julie Tiboni, to register for the AMCTO Municipal Law Program #4 Course, in the amount of \$355.00 plus taxes.”

Carried

Chariperson White noted that the CAO contract discussions have taken place and a report will be made to council In Camera at the end of the meeting.

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 annual water treatment plan management meeting will be scheduled for December 20th at 12:30 p.m.

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

By-law 1667-17 Miscellaneous User Fees By-law

The first reading of By-law 1667-17 was given by Councillor Gordon Prost.

Verbal Motion #17-169A – Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That By-law 1667-17 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #17-170 - Gord Armstrong – Pat White

“That By-law 1667-17, being a by-law to establish miscellaneous user fees, having been read the required number of times, be hereby approved.”

Carried

The CAO reviewed some of the highlights in the user fee by-law and many of the changes.

Property/By-law Chairperson Gord Prost noted that the committee is looking at a by-law for the keeping of chickens. This will be brought forward in the New Year.

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

There have been many compliments on the Christmas season banners. There had been issues getting them to fit correctly, however, the current banners look nice. Mayor Ewald noted that there had been nine floats in the parade and the tree lighting had been one of the best she has seen.

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

Councillor Larry Armstrong would like to see Diane McGee of MNR invited to meeting in January regarding the possible re-treesing of Hannam Park.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

It was noted that the fire board meeting had been changed to January 24th due to certain conflicts.

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

The recreation board will be meeting at 5:30 on December 18th to deal with some issues.

A snowmobile map has been circulated to the High School.

Library Board – Councillor Gordon Prost

There was nothing to report at this time.

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

The roof issues and rental agreement will be discussed at the meeting on January 24th.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

A budget is being brought forward for passing at the next meeting.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

RRDMA Annual General Meeting

Mayor Ewald and Councillors Pat White, Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost would like to attend the AGM. This will be finalized closer to the date of the meeting.

Motion #17-171 - Gord Armstrong – Pat White

“That any Council members wishing to attend the Rainy River District Municipal Association Annual General Meeting in Fort Frances on January 13, 2018 may do so with expenses paid as per policy.”

Carried

Mayor Ewald noted that she is on the RRDMA resolutions committee if there is anything that council wanted to bring forward. It was noted that in the earlier discussion with Geoff Gillon, council had noted the desire for passing lanes along Hwy. 11 between Fort Frances and Rainy River. A resolution will be drafted for a special meeting on December 20th.

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

We Own It Municipal Motion

Motion #17-172 - Pat White – Gord Armstrong

“**WHEREAS** public services are, by their very definition, open to all members of the public and therefore of benefit to all members of the public;

AND WHEREAS the management and oversight of privatized services are, by their very definition, private and therefore of benefit primarily to investors;

AND WHEREAS there is ample evidence that privatized public services provide lower quality services to fewer members of the public;

AND WHEREAS there is also ample evidence that privatized public services cost more because of their need to generate profit for wealthy investors;

AND WHEREAS proposals to privatize public services have a consistent track record of breaking promises to maintain or even improve quality while reducing costs;

AND WHEREAS a growing number of communities around the world are reaping significant benefit by in sourcing services that had been previously privatized or outsourced;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Rainy River recognizes that the public delivery of public services ensures more transparency and accountability to the public, democratic oversight and control of public service delivery by our community's elected representatives, and avoids the diversion of public funds into profits for private corporations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Rainy River supports a rigorous, credible and fully public and transparent review of the privatization or outsourcing proposal

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Rainy River review current privatized and outsourced services with a view to in sourcing them in order to lower costs and/or improve services.”

Carried

Recorded Vote:

Gord Armstrong	Absent
Larry Armstrong	Aye
Susan Carpenter	Aye
Deb Ewald	Aye
Gordon Prost	Aye
Ashley Stamler	Aye
Pat White	Nay

Councillor White had requested a recorded vote on this matter.

Gravel Watch Ontario – Aggregate Resources Information

This information was received by council.

Alzheimer Society – National Alzheimer Awareness Month

Motion #17-173 - Gordon Prost – Gord Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby proclaims January 2018 as “National Alzheimer Awareness Month” and that the Alzheimer Society flag be displayed at the municipal office in commemoration of this event.”

Carried

Provincial Offences Budget

Motion #17-174 - Pat White – Gordon Prost

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the POA 2018 Budget as attached.”

Carried

Eating Disorder Awareness Week Proclamation

Motion #17-175 - Susan Carpenter – Gordon Prost

“**WHEREAS** Eating Disorder Awareness Week will be from February 1 – 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS The National Eating Disorder Information Centre (NEDIC) is Canada’s only national organization dedicated to helping those with eating disorder, food and weight preoccupation and related issues. NEDIC provides information, education, resources and referrals to individuals with eating disorders, their families, friends and health care professionals; and

WHEREAS Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate among all psychiatric illnesses and can develop in anyone, regardless of age, ethno-racial background, socioeconomic status, gender or ability; and

WHEREAS Stigma, secrecy and stereotypes still surround eating disorders, causing many people who are suffering to refrain from seeking help; and

WHEREAS Open supportive dialogue can help break the shame and silence that affect nearly 1 million Canadians living with diagnosable eating disorders and the millions of others who are struggling with food and weight preoccupation; and

WHEREAS Eating Disorder Awareness Week seeks to raise awareness of eating disorders, shed light on dangerous and pervasive myths, and promote prevention. It is also a time of year for Canadians to learn about available resources and appropriate services for themselves and/or loved ones; and

WHEREAS Eating Disorder Awareness Week aims to teach Canadians that eating disorders are not a choice and that eating disorders are serious and dangerous mental illnesses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby proclaims the week of February 1st to February 7th 2018 as Eating Disorder Week in the Town of Rainy River.”

Carried

Tillsonburg Landfill Approval Authority Resolution

Motion #17-176 - Gordon Prost – Susan Carpenter

“The Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Town of Tillsonburg in calling upon the Government of Ontario, and all political parties, to formally grant municipalities the authority to approve landfill projects in or adjacent to their communities, prior to June 2018.”

Carried

911 Update

The CAO noted that she had attended a meeting in fort Frances recently. There is a possibility that new equipment will be needed for the fire departments as the province is potentially changing their call out system and we intend to use the same equipment so upgrades may be required.

In Camera Session

Motion #17-177 - Gord Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“That Council move into an in camera session at 8:53 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.”

Carried

Motion #17-178 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That Council returns to regular session at 9:01 p.m.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #17-179 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:02 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

Mayor

Original Signed

Chief Administrative Officer