

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River was held on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers.

In attendance were: Mayor Deborah Ewald and Councillors Larry Armstrong, Pat White, Ashley Stamler, Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost. Also in attendance was Editor Ken Johnston of the Rainy River Record.

Councillor Susan Carpenter arrived at the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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

Add Fourth Street Letter from Carlos Cantera

Motion #16-067 - Pat White – Gord Armstrong

“That the agenda be accepted as amended.”

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

Delegations

No delegates were in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Regular Council May 9, 2016

Corrections will be made to the minutes as indicated.

Motion #16-068 - Gord Armstrong – Pat White

“To approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 9, 2016 as amended.”

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Financials

Councillor Larry Armstrong noted the cost savings achieved with the new street lights. The higher Hydro costs for the public works garage, however, were noted as well. The finance committee will look into this issue.

Motion #16-069 - Pat White – Gord Armstrong

“That approval be granted for the attached accounts payable for the month of May 2016 which have been paid in the following amounts:”

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| Town General | \$267,545.58 |
| Water | \$ 18,878.90 |
| Sewer | \$ 1,231.47 |
| Cemetery | \$ 253.68 |
| Cemetery Perpetual | \$ 26.00 |
| RRHCC | \$ 1,642.69 |

Carried

Correspondence

A list of incoming correspondence for the month of May 2016 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

Merchant Card System

Motion #16-070 - Gordon Prost – Pat White

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby enters into an agreement with Great Northern Pay for merchant card system services.”

Carried

Hiring of Summer Help

Motion #16-071 - Pat White – Gord Armstrong

“That the Town of Rainy River hires the following summer help for 2016:

Tourist Information/4008:

- Carter Chorney
- Kevin Cunningham
- Dakota Kreger

The rate of pay for all help is the current minimum wage unless a granting authority indicates a higher wage rate.”

Carried

Health and Safety – Councillors Larry Armstrong and Susan Carpenter

There was nothing further to report at this time.

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

Grader Purchase

Motion #16-072 - Gord Armstrong – Pat White

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby authorizes the purchase of a grader in the amount of \$40,000 with trade-in rebates of \$5,000.”

Carried

Fourth Street Letter from Carlos Cantera

The letter from Carlos Cantera regarding the Fourth Street Project was reviewed and approval was received from all of council for his request to have it published in the paper.

Entrance and Culvert Policy

The date of June 13, 2017 will be revisited on the hard copy of this policy.

Motion #16-073 - Pat White – Larry Armstrong

“That the Town Council of the Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby approves the Entrance and Culvert Policy as attached.”

Carried

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

By-law 1635-16 – Property Sale/Disposition Policy

The first reading of By-law 1635-16 was given by Councillor Gordon Prost.

A typo will be corrected in the by-law text as indicated.

Verbal Motion #16-073A – Gord Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That By-law 1635-16 be taken as read a second and third time.”

Carried

Motion #16-074 - Gordon Prost – Larry Armstrong

“That By-law 1635-16, to define a policy for the sale/disposition of Municipal Property, having been read the required number of times be hereby approved.”

Carried

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

A committee meeting is scheduled for June 20th at noon. A Westend Rainy River District Economic Development Officer meeting will take place on June 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

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

It was noted that the Hannam Park Committee was comprised of a great group of people. This committee had met on Monday. It was noted that Pam Venables is doing a great job looking after the park.

Fire Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Susan Carpenter

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Recreation Board/Curling Club – Councillors Ashley Stamler and Gord Armstrong with Councillor Susan Carpenter as alternate

The Board is reviewing their policy and procedures for their next meeting.

One of the dugouts at the baseball diamond had been removed after being blown over by the wind.

The Railroad Daze committee is doing some fundraising activities. A car wash event had raised \$360 for the mechanical bull.

Library Board – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gordon Prost

The library was closed on Saturday due to multiple power outages. It was noted that these outages are hard on their computers.

A Christmas dinner event was held this past Friday.

An interview took place with Northern Libraries Group regarding what libraries mean to people of the north.

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

Four students were hired to remove the pile of rocks and asphalt from the locum house yard. Half of their time was donated as volunteer hours.

DSSAB – Mayor Deborah Ewald

A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16th.

Rainy River District Municipal Association – Mayor Deborah Ewald

A general meeting was held last month. An executive meeting is scheduled for August 17th and a general meeting on September 21st. The municipalities have decided to step back from the Local Government Networking Group.

Communities Relations Liaison/Chamber of Commerce – Mayor Deb Ewald and Councillor Gord Armstrong

There was nothing further to report at this time.

REDC – Councillors Gord Armstrong and Gordon Prost

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Committee of Adjustment

There was nothing further to report at this time.

Other Business

Calvin – Rural Economic Development Program Resolution

Motion #16-075 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Municipality of Calvin in their resolution to request that the government of Ontario reconsider the suspension of and the integration of the Rural Economic Development Program into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund with the view to ensuring that the Rural Economic Development Program stays as an intricate funding program of the province that will support capacity building and foster economic growth in rural municipalities in Ontario.”

Carried

Tay Valley “No Wake” Restriction Resolution

Motion #16-076 - Larry Armstrong – Gordon Prost

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Tay Valley Township in their resolution to request that the Minister of Transport implement legislation that would provide authorities with the ability to enforce a “No Wake” restriction in Ontario’s navigable waters.”

Carried

Wellington North – Door-to-Door Sales Resolution

Motion #16-077 - Ashley Stamler – Gord Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Township of Wellington North in their resolution to urge the Provincial Government to ban all door-to-door sales in the home services sector (more specifically the sale or lease of HVAC equipment, water heaters, water filtration systems and other related home energy products and services by door-to-door sales agents) as soon as possible.”

Carried

Pumpkin Festival Donation Request

Motion #16-078 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River hereby supports the Rainy River Valley Giant Pumpkin Festival with the donation of copy services.”

Carried

Rainy River Walleye Tournament

Motion #16-079 - Larry Armstrong – Ashley Stamler

“That approval be granted by the Town Council of the Town of Rainy River for the following items relating to the 2016 Rainy River Walleye Tournament:

- To waive building permit fees in regards to the Rainy River Walleye Tournament tent;
- To approve in-kind assistance from the town in setting up and taking down of the tent in park;
- Access to Town equipment (i.e. forklift) to assist in setting up of tent;
- Use of Town’s picnic tables;
- Event insurance through the Town’s Insurance (with the RRWT paying the premium);
- Assistance repairing docks (if required); and
- Moving of Rest Room Trailer and RRWT Storage Bus.”

Carried

Adjournment

Motion #16-080 - Ashley Stamler – Larry Armstrong

“There being no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:31 p.m.”

Carried

Original Signed

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Mayor

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer